

5. **Charity event 2016** – photo and resumé of the evening sent to Courier, but not printed.

Charity event 2017 – Suggested date Tuesday 2nd May 2017 check with Waterside Hotel. **VS** Suggested charity – Lyme Disease – name of charity to follow. **AD**.

6. **18th Congress** -At present 24 pairs -only 12 tables. Need 15/16 minimum. Last entry Friday 26th August. Not enough people from Nairn or Elgin.

Ness to do boards. **AD/VS** Tim will collect boards from Elgin on Thursday hopefully from Bill Richardson **TW**. Ronnie McQueen will deliver Caledonian/Inverness tables etc. Ness will make up shortfall. Bridge mates will borrow from Elgin (same as Caledonian)No Novice entries as yet. **VS** to supervise if Novice event takes place.

Prizes – trophies to be rounded up. **SB** to help with prize giving. Discussion re ideas for prizes other than money. End result – Money preferred for Prizes **AW**

Sponsorship – SB has pens from Don Greig for this year. **AD** has stock for next year too. **JJ** worked hard trying to get local whisky companies to provide prizes/sponsorship without success. **SB** suggested all clubs could contribute £30-£50 each to provide miniatures. **HC** will contact Lifescan. **AD** will make enquiries re Bombay Gin for next year. Discussion re AIBC funds to be used for miniatures – Entry fees cover Hotel, Directors fees, and 1/3 goes to prizes. There is usually a surplus.

Entry to Hotel 4.30. Display Boards **TW**. David Ward will not be involved this year, except for accommodating Gordon Hay (director) over the weekend.

7. **Education** – Primary schools Mini Bridge competition in Elgin -23 tables. Grantown proposing to teach Mini bridge to Spey Valley. Next time may need to have Inverness Event as well as Elgin. More volunteers needed to supervise in schools for this term. Demand from schools high.

U3A – 4 groups 2 Basic, one large group intermediate and one more advanced. Demand for afternoon bridge group? Ness to investigate **AD/SB**.

8. **Moray League** – East of District breaking away to form local league. 2nd and 3rd divisions will be most affected. **TW** to encourage Cairngorm and Nairn to join Moray league. With less distance to travel, may get more teams in from other local clubs in district. More flexibility in teams?

'Look Outward Rather Than Inward'

9. **AOCB** New 'Highland District' website. – Bridge Webs. Easier to coordinate results. Duncan and Catherine will investigate for Ness

10. **Date of next Meeting** Tuesday 1st Nov 2016 at Ness Club

11. Thanks to Susan for hosting meeting.

Calling all Clubs

Following the Open Meeting of the AIBC several issues came up which needs the input of the Individual Inverness Bridge clubs. So in the current atmosphere of Referenda....

1. Isla Thom has been doing sterling work over the last 5-6 years forwarding the club results to the Courier every week, and for that we thank her profusely. However, she finds that the results are often late getting to her or are in the wrong format and that the Courier may not print them every week.

So the question to put to your membership please is

i) Do you want to continue seeing the results published in the Courier every week

ii) If yes, someone needs to volunteer to collate the results and send them to the Courier. Isla is willing to pass on her expertise.

2) We need A PUBLICITY OFFICER!!

3) Also someone from each club willing to write up events – social evenings- to suggest that bridge is fun!, competitions, bridge classes etc within their club, and