

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ST LEONARDS BRIDGE CLUB HELD ON 29 JUNE 2016 AT HORNTYE

PRESENT: Andy, Pat, Mike, Bruce, Sue, Elaine, Carole

APOLOGIES: Eddie and Chris

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – Having been previously circulated were taken as read.

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Andy reported that the rules had been drafted and would shortly be available for the Committee to see.

As wi fi was now available at Horntye, we do not need the dongle which should now be cancelled.

Friday evenings – Pat had undertaken to try to improve the numbers attending on Fridays. Hopefully this Friday should now see 4 or more tables. Pat will continue to promote Fridays over the coming weeks.

### MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT

Bruce reported that the summer party went well and there were many compliments.

The Club pairs championship was well attended and Bruce and Lesley won this event.

Mel Young has applied to join the Club and we are awaiting his application form.

Bruce then circulated a copy of suggested events and prizes for the Committee's consideration. After explanation, it was agreed that members take this and read it and comment at the next committee meeting.

### LESSONS

Bruce gave a presentation explaining his ideas for recruitment and lessons for beginners to begin in October 2016. Bruce said he would conduct the lessons at no cost to the Club. The Committee agreed to a start up fund of £30 being allocated to Bruce for poster printing. The lessons would cost £100 to students. Five students would break even on room hire.

The Chairman thanked Bruce for his hard work in putting this course into place.

### PIANOLA

Karen then gave a presentation on Pianola which she and Bruce had looked into. Karen had concluded that this would incur possible further costs for us with little benefit to the Club. A luxury.

The Committee all thanked Karen for the amount of time and effort she had obviously put into this.

Bruce said that he would be happy to enlarge upon the use of our present Bridgeweb system for the benefit of all members. This site was not being used to its maximum potential by individual club members and he was happy to give sessions to those wishing to improve their knowledge. It was agreed that members be informed of the updating of the website and its capabilities. Members details could be entered onto the website and possibly a 'Partner Wanted' system introduced.

It was agreed not to adopt the Pianola system.

The Chairman thanked Karen and Bruce.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Sue said a club member had asked if bidding cards could be cleaned as this happens in other clubs. The Chairman said that if we bought good quality cards they would wipe clean. He said he would look into this matter to find the best way forward.

Carole felt that the road around the building was not in good order. The Chairman said Horntyte had filled potholes in the road but as the filling was loose it had begun to disperse. He agreed to talk to Horntyte about the road.

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 7 September at 11 am at Horntyte.

Chairman