

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ST LEONARDS BRIDGE CLUB HELD AT HORNTYE ON WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2016

PRESENT: All committee members

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Having been previously circulated were taken as read

MATTERS ARISING

Notice boards were now in place. Eddie said we were able to display trophies also if we wished.

Swiss Teams – we attracted 8 teams for this event. Many cakes were left over and it was decided to produce home made cakes for our next Swiss teams event. We would again buy sandwiches from Marks and Spencers.

Swiss Pairs – This was not as well attended as we had hoped as we only had 4 tables.

Our Wednesday group of beginners was to be offered free membership of the Club. There were 6 in the group.

Equipment box – still to be sorted

Insurance certificate now on the wall in bridge room and Horntye had been given a copy.

Bidding boxes – still to be renovated. The Chairman hoped to do this in the near future.

Interclub competition – the Chairman had not yet spoken to other clubs about this.

The engraving of the trophies was discussed, together with the issuing of certificates for winners of events. It was agreed to give 3 free sessions to winners of all categories and issue a certificate as well. Photographs would be taken and displayed in the Club. Eddie agreed to look into the format for this display. Trophies would not be engraved. The cost was assessed as similar to that of engraving trophies.

Bruce explained his ideas for beginners lessons and suggested ways in which the lessons could be advertised. He produced a sample flyer for the committee to see. Various ways were discussed as to the marketing of a beginners group, including a stand in Priory Meadow, newspaper advertising, visits to well populated places and displaying posters. He would be looking to move this idea forward and the committee would put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The sub-committee to look into revising the club rules had met and would be meeting again in the near future. This project would then be placed before the committee with a view to having this ratified at the next AGM.

The Chairman would contact Karen who is now in charge of our website in order that agreed minutes could be shown on the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris reported that lessons had now been completed. A slight loss of £110 had been made, this was within the allocated budget.

She congratulated the Chairman on the success of these lessons.

She reported that April had seen high expenses, ie insurance, affiliation fees and the dealing machine being serviced. It had also been necessary to buy a new computer at a cost of £229.

MATCH SECRETARY

The basic pairs event had been held. The club had been well represented at this event and Paul Janes and Sue Clarke from the club were winners. The next event will take place in Hastings.

EASTBOURNE SUMMER MEETING

Eddie reported that on the afternoon of Thursday 25 August there was a session which would cost half the normal entry price. Also if the club were able to field up to 10 pairs, this could be done at a cost of £90. It was agreed to ask members if they would like to take part in this event on behalf of the club. The individual cost would be £4.50 per person. If there were sufficient interest then the club would pay the cost which would be recouped from those attending. Eddie offered to produce a notice on which interested pairs could add their names. It was suggested that committee members encourage pairs to enter this competition.

PIANOLA SOFTWARE

The use of this was discussed. It is offered free of charge for 12 months and thereafter costs are £15 per month. After discussion, the Chairman suggested we ask for short presentations to be made on the varying software for the committee to see at its next meeting. Karen would be asked to make a presentation and give her opinion on bridge software. The Chairman would ask a knowledgeable person to talk about our current software.

DISCIPLINARY MATTER

The sub-committee had met and discussed this situation. It had been agreed under rule 10 to tell the member involved to resign from the club. This member will be informed of the decision.

SUGGESTIONS BOOK

No entries this year so far.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Summer Party – to be held on Saturday 25 June. Kathy and Chris would organise the catering for this event.

Long-standing Members – Mike suggested some recognition be given to members who had been at the club for many years when they retired from bridge or moved away. However, only one member of the committee was in favour of a gift due to the cost involved. It was agreed that each leaving member would be considered individually and appropriate action taken.

Chris said that she would prepare a balance sheet at the end of June to identify any deficit over the past months. Also to look into ways of avoiding a deficit in the future.

Wednesday afternoon and Friday evening sessions – still poorly attended. No decision about this at the moment but it was possible that Wednesday afternoon sessions would be converted to a teaching session, which could take place at a time to suit the beginners group should one be formed.

Bollards – this was discussed as the bollards were being lowered for vehicles carrying less mobile persons to a club session. However, unless they were put back up immediately cars had been blocking the entrance to this driveway. Mike agreed to co-ordinate the lowering of the bollards if members with difficulties would contact him prior to their session. It was also discussed whether Horntye could help out if a member of their staff was available to assist. Chairman to discuss with Horntye. Details of this arrangement would be posted on the website, together with Mike's telephone number.

Cheques – Chris asked if anyone would volunteer to be added to the list of signatories as we had lost one signatory. The Chairman and Carole offered to be on the list so we now have 4 people. Eddie and Chris being the other 2.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 29 June at 11 am at Horntye

Chairman

