

# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ST LEONARDS BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016

PRESENT: All committee members

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Agreed

No matters arising

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris handed out a bank reconciliation sheet. This month we have to pay out £135 for club insurance and affiliation fee of £35.

The Chairman said there would be further expenditure on club notice boards but that lesson costs are likely to break even.

Eddie suggested that a white board would be a good idea for day to day messaging. Agreed. There would eventually be 2 corked notice boards on our club honours boards.

## MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT

Bruce proposed that we hold more events including Swiss teams. The Committee would review this.

Mike reported that the club team came 7<sup>th</sup> in the Interclub Teams event.

## SUGGESTIONS BOOK

Members have been informed about this book and also the Visitors' book.

## CLUB LEVELS OF PLAY

The Chairman has spoken to members attending recent afternoon sessions. Some members were not happy with the strong club but were happy with the remainder of level 2 to apply to afternoon sessions. A vote was taken and it was agreed that afternoons would be level 2 without artificial level 1 openings and would be level 4 for evening play.

## SWISS TEAMS

Chris reported that food from Marks and Spencers would be used for our next Swiss teams event. After the event she would report back on whether this would continue.

She also said the venue would be free of charge for our Swiss teams events during 2016 due to an agreement with Horntye allowing elections usage.

## END OF YEAR CUPS

At the AGM Molly had asked if it was necessary to engrave our trophies. Discussion followed regarding whether it would be better to issue certificates and free sessions to improvers in future. This matter was referred to the next committee meeting giving committee members time to think about possibilities.

## FRIDAY EVENINGS

Numbers on Friday evenings were low. A discussion took place about the possibilities for increasing the numbers. Suggestions were Swiss pairs, Swiss teams and inter club teams. Members from other clubs could help to boost numbers. Interclub events would not necessarily all be held at Horntye.

Pat said we had only had one Friday evening since the AGM which was not enough to make a judgement on numbers.

Eddie offered to produce a flyer advertising events on a Friday evening if the committee agreed.

Chris said prizes could be introduced for Friday evenings if the numbers warranted this.

It was agreed that the Chairman speak to other chairmen of surrounding clubs to see if interest in Friday evenings was likely.

## PROGRESSION FOR BEGINNERS

Some beginners had indicated that they would like to join our sessions at the end of April. After discussion it was agreed that they could be invited to partner an existing member on Wednesday afternoon sessions. The Chairman to talk to current Wednesday afternoon players to assess their opinion on this and report back to the Committee.

## BEGINNERS LESSONS

Bruce had attended a teaching course and now to fulfil requirements needed to teach within a year.

Eddie produced a leaflet produced by another club that had advertised teaching sessions in a very professional way. Also produced was a copy of a leaflet advertising learning bridge over a weekend. Our teaching programme is still current at the moment.

## BEST BEHAVIOUR AT BRIDGE AND ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

The Chairman said that the club rules and zero tolerance policy needed to be looked at and revised if necessary

Mike said if we applied zero tolerance strictly it would make for a difficult atmosphere at club sessions. He also felt that the wearing of shorts should not be banned.

After discussion a sub committee was formed to look into this consisting of the Chairman, Chris, Mike and Carole.

The Chairman agreed to supply a copy of the club constitution to all committee members.

## DISCIPLINARY

A disciplinary matter was under review and this would be discussed in the near future.

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAMS OF 4

It was agreed that this be held on Friday evening 22 July 2016.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mike said he would like to see the Minutes in order to agree them.

Bruce suggested that our web page could be improved. He had several suggestions he could put forward. It was agreed to ask Karen to look into improving the web page. Also suggested was a partner wanted page accessible to members only.

Bruce suggested a Procedures Manual be produced for events that we organise on a regular basis. It was agreed that as each event occurred this should be compiled.

Bruce said that our equipment box was always a mess. The Chairman agreed to look into either replacing or revamping this.

Chris reported that we should display our certificate of insurance in the club room. Also that a copy of this be given to Horntye. She gave a copy to the Chairman.

Our bidding boxes have deteriorated and now needed repairs and replacements. The Chairman suggested producing our own 'Pass' cards and would look into this possibility. He would also revamp other cards in the boxes as necessary.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 18 May 2016 at Horntye at 11 am.