

# Waltham Forest Bridge Club

COMMITTEE MEETING 01/02/2015

Present were Colin, Cathy, Peter Rogers and Peter Hatton

1. **Banking** - Cathy wants to look into the possibility of changing the bank we use to the Co-op or Nationwide due to problems with Barclays. It was agreed that Cathy should be given a free-hand to do this.

2. **Rent** - The rent for our room at The Quakers is to rise 10%. This will be for at least 18 months. Again we discussed putting up the table money and decided that it would go up to £4.00 from August 2015. Visitors will need to pay £5.00. Club subs to remain the same.

3. **Constitution** - The Draft Constitution was looked at. 6.3 and 7.1 to be amended. We also saw the need to make Peter Hatton the club Vice Chairman and Peter Rogers to be the Secretary so as to concur with the Constitution. The Constitution was agreed. A copy will be put on our notice board so as to adhere with the 21 days notice requirement, and then a vote taken at a Special General Meeting in May which we should try to keep to 15-20 minutes.

4. **Membership** - Good news as Janet and Jill have become members. Decision was taken that if a new person wished to join we would expect a minimum standard of bridge; and to judge this one of the Committee will play with the newbie to test the standard before club membership is allowed.

5. **Promoting WFBC** - Colin suggested that we look at the EBU website as to how best to promote the club. Colin is to arrange another Simple Systems evening with the help of Anne Catchpole. Colin to try to arrange a new date for The Basil Carpenter Trophy.

6. **Website** - Colin and his friend Sue continue to try to look at ways to improve and keep our website up-to-date. Club Member names and telephone numbers can be accessed using a password or email.

7. **Competitions** - It was agreed that for reasons of practicality Colin should be given free rein to pick our teams for both The Fletcher Trophy and The Helier. There was disagreement around whether or not Benji Hackenbrock should represent the club in competition, as although he has recently joined the club his attendance is at a low level. This to be discussed further at the next committee meeting.

## A.O.B.

Adam has left The Committee. Colin suggested that Steven Coulter might want to become a Committee Member and he is to follow this up.