

**WIMBLEDON BRIDGE CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES**

Held on Wednesday Mar 11th, 2020, from 2.45pm

PRESENT: Graham Balin; Juliet Blows; Denny Endicott; Brigitte King; Sheena Osborn; Calum Stewart

APOLOGIES: Sandra Grossman; June Middleton;

IN ATTENDANCE: Gad Chadha

		ACTION
1.	WELCOME & APOLOGIES	
2.	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING These were agreed, approved and signed.	
3.	MATTERS ARISING (not addressed elsewhere in the minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cashless payment system: CS informed the Committee that the aim was that a cashless payment system would be purchased before the end of the month. The intention is that cash payments will still be permitted. • Dealing Machine: Two quotes for the purchase of a new dealing machine have been obtained. A third quote is awaited. It is anticipated that the new machine will be bought before the end of the month. 	<p>Calum</p> <p>Gad</p>
4a.	COMMITTEE WORKINGS – Covid 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a lengthy discussion about Covid-19 and the Club, recognising in particular that many of the Club’s members are elderly and are more “At Risk” than the general population. • Any members that felt concerned should not come to the Club. • The Committee agreed that the Club should continue to follow PHE and Government guidelines. The Club’s website is updated as new information is made available. Members are encouraged to follow NHS advice. • Members will be asked to wash their hands on arrival at the Club. • Members should inform the Club if they are unwell or show any symptoms and stay away from the Club. • If any member is diagnosed as having contracted Covid -19 they should inform the Club so that WBC can take advice and appropriate action. • The Committee did not feel that it was appropriate to close the Club but would do so immediately if advice changes, DE, CE and Gad were appointed as an emergency sub-committee to monitor the situation with the authority of the Committee to act quickly on its behalf, including the power to close the Club at short notice if required. The sub-committee would then implement closure and follow-up action. • In the current circumstances the Committee decided to cancel the blue pointed event due to be held on 22 March, the proposed holiday abroad (25th – 31st May) and the new Sunday afternoon sessions planned for April 5th and May 3rd. 	
4b.	COMMITTEE WORKINGS - Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertising and Business Development: The current development plan is attached to these minutes (as it was last month) and the Committee welcomes comments and suggestions from all WBC members concerning the plan. 	<p>Denny, June, Gad</p>
5.	WORK GROUPS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charitable Status Working Group (CSWG): Deferred until mid 2020. 	
6.	MANAGER’S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a reduction in the number of students attending the teaching classes because of Covid-19. Seminars and refresher sessions continue to go well and are well attended. • Gad reported that the catering team had received a 5 award (the highest achievable) for food hygiene following an unannounced visit from Merton to conduct an inspection on behalf of the Food Standards Agency of the kitchen on Mar 11th. Congratulations to Ellen and her team. • It is intended to improve the CCTV monitoring at the Club in the first half of the year. • Parking: A manual voucher system is still in place until Merton Council’s electronic system is working. Vouchers are available in the Office. Parking is only in Residents’ parking spaces 	<p>Gad</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members are reminded that the limited parking at the rear of the premises is reserved for staff, teachers, directors and hosts who are on duty at that session. Following the charity event in aid of the Polka Theatre WBC received some publicity on the Polka Theatre website, posting a photograph of Gad presenting a cheque for over £1600 in aid of their appeal. 	
15.	DATE(S) OF NEXT MEETINGS April 8 th , May 13 th	

The meeting closed at 1700.