WIMBLEDON BRIDGE CLUB

Held on Wednesday Apr 8th, 2020, 10am via Zoom

PRESENT: Graham Balin; Juliet Blows; Denny Endicott; Sandra Grossman; Brigitte King; June Middleton; Sheena Osborn; Calum Stewart

APOLOGIES:

	TENDANCE: Gad Chadha	ACTION
1.	WELCOME & APOLOGIES	
2.	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	
	These were agreed and approved. They will be signed in due course.	
3.	MATTERS ARISING (not addressed elsewhere in the minutes)	
	Cashless payment system: Held over	Calum
	Dealing Machine: Held over	Gad
4.	NEWS OF MEMBERS	
	The Committee was sad to hear of the recent death of Ronald Bragman.	
5a.	COMMITTEE WORKINGS – Covid 19	
	The ESC (Emergency Sub-Committee, CS, DE and GC) has been meeting	
	regularly and providing updates to the Committee. The Committee is very	
	grateful for the considerable amount of work being undertaken by the ESC in	
	very difficult circumstances.	
	The current focus of the ESC is in two areas – staff deployment and facilitating	
	online bridge.	
	WBC is keen to encourage our members to participate in bridge online. WBC	
	uses BridgeBaseOnline (BBO) to play daily duplicate sessions. Instructions	
	for joining BBO and accessing the sessions are given on the WBC website.	
	The plan is that there will be special sessions on a Sunday morning, gentle or	
	social sessions on a Tuesday and Thursday morning and normal duplicate	
	sessions at other times. More details of the timetable and description of these	
	sessions is also on the WBC website. The sessions are already proving	
	popular and numbers are increasing. GC is spending time each day facilitating	
	these games for members, helping out with problems on accessing the games	
	and then supporting members as they play.	
	The BBO site has experienced traffic volume problems several times in the	
	evenings as it struggles to cope with the volume of traffic, especially when the	
	USA games come online. If evening sessions continue to be problematic then	
	WBC may play daytime sessions only.	
	There is a cost to the Club of running these sessions including a fee per player	
	having to be paid to a third party who actually facilitates the sessions. At the	
	moment the Club is not charging players (although other Clubs are charging	/6
	their players). The majority of the Committee agreed that donations should be	Juliet/Grahan
	sought from WBC members to help offset the cost to the Club. GB and JB will	
	write an email to be sent out to all members.	
	• In using BBO, WBC members are encouraged to give their 'real' name in their	
	profile online (under the 'account' heading). Members are also asked to give	
	brief details of their conventions in their profiles. These suggestions will help	
	the sessions run smoothly and bring some human dimension to the	
	experience.	
	• The Club has been in regular contact with 25/30 members who might	Gad
	potentially need help with shopping etc. Although none of these members has	Gau
	yet required practical help all have appreciated the call and the offer of	
	support. Some have started to join the BBO sessions. GC will circulate this list	
	to the Committee to see if others should be added to it for regular contact from	
	WBC. The Committee thanks GC for this initiative.	
	There has been no rent waiver forthcoming from the landlord.	
	There is some teaching going on via Zoom and students have been	
	participating in BBO Tuesday and Thursday sessions.	

5b.	COMMITTEE WORKINGS - Other	
	Advertising and Business Development: Held over	
6.	WORK GROUPS	
	Charitable Status Working Group (CSWG): Deferred until mid 2020.	
7.	MANAGER'S REPORT	
	• Members are encouraged to pay their membership fees (£40pa for a full	
	member) by electronic transfer (preferably standing order).	
	CS will chase up 2020/2021 outstanding subscriptions.	Calum
8.	COMPETITIONS	
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9.	POLICIES & PRACTICES UPDATE	
	Fire Emergency Plan: held over	
	Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan: held over	
10.	FINANCE	
	• The intention is that the year-end accounts are completed by the May meeting.	Denny
	 The budget for 20/21 will be presented at the May meeting. 	Denny
11.	MATTERS RAISED BY THE COMMITTEE	
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12.	EVENTS	
	 Sunday, April 19th: An Evening with Sally Brock (international bridge player) - 	
	Postponed	
	• Friday, May 8th, 2pm (VE Bank Holiday): WBC Individual Championship -	
	Postponed	
	Wednesday, June 17th, 7pm: AGM – may have to be postponed	
13.	CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS	
	The Committee agreed which matters should be recorded as confidential.	
14.	NEW MEMBERS	
4.5	Held over	
15.	AOB	
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16.	DATE(S) OF NEXT MEETINGS	
	May 13ւհ, June 10ւհ, AGM: June 17ւհ	

The meeting closed at 1115.