

**WIMBLEDON BRIDGE CLUB  
COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES**

**Held on Wednesday June 10, 2020, 10am via Zoom**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Gad Chadha

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>WELCOME &amp; APOLOGIES</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These were agreed and approved. They will be signed in due course.</li> <li>• Committee minutes are posted, in accordance with the Constitution, on the Club website and on the Club noticeboard. The Committee hopes that, in these days of lockdown, members will be checking out the many bridge opportunities detailed on the Club website.</li> </ul>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING (not addressed elsewhere in the minutes)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cashless payment system: Held over</li> <li>• Dealing Machine: Held over</li> </ul>	Calum Gad
<b>4a.</b>	<b>COMMITTEE WORKINGS – Covid 19</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee is encouraged by the numbers of members participating in the daily BBO sessions. Numbers have held up despite the introduction of a £3 charge per session at the start of June, necessitated by the need to help meet the Club's monthly commitments. There are usually about 20 tables at the normal sessions and 5-10 tables at the gentle duplicate sessions. Overall table numbers are similar to those when we are able to meet face-to-face but income is considerably reduced.</li> <li>• Normal duplicate sessions run every day at 1.15pm. There are gentle (supervised) duplicate sessions being run on Tues, Thurs and Sat at 10.15am. Members are encouraged to try these sessions and Gad and others are available to help members get started on these online sessions.</li> <li>• The timetabling of the sessions is constantly reviewed. More sessions may be added in time.</li> <li>• BBO does not function with half tables but a double BBO robot pair can now be used to make up numbers. We hope always to have a host available so that every member should be able to play at any session.</li> <li>• Online players are reminded that it would help if they 'arrived' to play fifteen minutes in advance and ensured that they were logged in at the start of the play. If members are not logged in at the start of play both that member and his/her partner will be automatically excluded by BBO from playing.</li> <li>• A couple of smaller clubs have asked to play in WBC online sessions as these clubs are not themselves providing an online presence. WBC has allowed those club members to play but, in fact, very few have taken up the invitation.</li> <li>• At the moment, except in the circumstances mentioned above, only WBC members are allowed to play in the online WBC sessions. The Committee decided to allow visitors to play for a maximum of three sessions for free before requiring those visitors to either become monthly WBC members or pay £5 per session.</li> <li>• Last month GB wrote, on behalf of the Committee to the EBU stating why we were unwilling to pay the Universal Membership Subscription (UMS) on behalf of those members playing in the online sessions. In it we stated that whereas we would like to support the EBU our priority at this time has to be to our members and to the sustainability of the Club. Following a standard response from the EBU the Committee agreed, by a majority decision, to send a reply which reiterated our position. If finances allow WBC may make a donation to EBU at some point in the future. Members are encouraged to donate to the EBU if they can.</li> <li>• As recorded in May's minutes, the Committee has postponed, for up to three months, the AGM, planned for June 17<sup>th</sup>. CS presented his draft Annual Report to the Committee. This was discussed and agreed and will be sent out, with the Annual Accounts, to all members shortly.</li> <li>• The landlords of the Club have again refused a rent waiver.</li> </ul>	Graham  Calum

4b.	<b>COMMITTEE WORKINGS - Other</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advertising and Business Development: Held over</li> </ul>											
5.	<b>WORK GROUPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charitable Status Working Group (CSWG): Deferred until later in 2020.</li> </ul>											
6.	<b>MANAGER'S REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In conjunction with the teachers Gad has planned a programme of beginner, intermediate and refresher classes for members which will commence in mid-June. Details are on the website. There is also a programme of six seminars available to members given by Barnet Shenkin, an international bridge player and author.</li> </ul>											
7.	<b>COMPETITIONS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>											
8.	<b>POLICIES &amp; PRACTICES UPDATE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fire Emergency Plan: held over</li> <li>Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan: held over</li> </ul>											
9.	<b>FINANCE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The end of year accounts have been signed off by the Independent Examiner and will be sent out with the Annual report to all members.</li> </ul>	Calum										
10.	<b>MATTERS RAISED BY THE COMMITTEE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>											
11.	<b>CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee agreed which matters should be recorded as confidential.</li> </ul>											
12.	<b>NEW MEMBERS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A number of players have asked to become members of WBC to play online bridge and have paid their membership subscription. The Committee agreed to accept them as members pending receipt of their fully completed formal application forms.</li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="284 999 836 1178"> <tr> <td>Oliver Cairns</td> <td>Full</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Karin Cavill</td> <td>Full</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June Retter</td> <td>Full</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Louisa Russell</td> <td>Full</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Diana Von Halle</td> <td>Full</td> </tr> </table>	Oliver Cairns	Full	Karin Cavill	Full	June Retter	Full	Louisa Russell	Full	Diana Von Halle	Full	
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13.	<b>AOB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The WBC was made aware, by the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) that someone wanted to make a donation to WBC through CAF. WBC would be delighted to receive this donation but the rules of CAF would require a change to WBC's Constitution in order to be able to receive this gift. Our Constitution states that, in the event of the Club being wound up, assets would be shared out amongst Club members. CAF would require assets to be distributed to other charities. The Committee agreed that they would not pursue this change to the Constitution.</li> <li>The Committee noted the resignation, last month, of Anne Blue who has been dealing the Club's duplicate boards for the last ten years. We thank her for her hard work at the Club and wish her well in her new job opportunity nearer to home.</li> <li>A formal complaint has been received and is being considered by the relevant subcommittee. We would remind all members that the normal levels of courtesy still apply when using the 'chat' function of online bridge.</li> </ul>											
14.	<b>DATE(S) OF NEXT MEETINGS</b> July 8 <sup>th</sup>											

The meeting closed at 1150.