

**WIMBLEDON BRIDGE CLUB  
COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES**

**Held on Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 10am via Zoom**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Gad Chadha

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>WELCOME &amp; APOLOGIES</b> - Brigitte King	
<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> </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>• Normal duplicate sessions run Monday to Saturday at 1.15pm. There are gentle (supervised) duplicate sessions being run on Tues, Thurs and Sat at 10.15am. The Sunday morning session and the two evening sessions have been suspended for the time being. Members are encouraged to try these sessions and Gad and others are available to help members get started on these online sessions.</li> <li>• Gad conducts a hand discussion session on a Saturday afternoon using hands from the morning's gentle session.</li> <li>• CS will investigate the setting up of a competitive ladder for online sessions.</li> <li>• The AGM is planned for Wednesday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.</li> <li>• The Committee recognises that the Constitution requires the physical presence of a quorate of 30 members at the AGM. This would be difficult to accommodate within current government guidelines and even more difficult should more than 30 members wish to be present. The Committee agreed that in current circumstances it is best to plan for the AGM to be held entirely online, via Zoom. A notice about the AGM will be sent out in the next month.</li> <li>• The Constitution as it stands at the moment does not directly cater for the current fluid situation in which we find ourselves and the Committee feels that any changes deemed necessary to accommodate such extraordinary circumstances should not be proposed whilst guidance is constantly changing. Therefore the Committee does not intend to propose at the AGM any such changes to the Constitution at this time.</li> <li>• The re-opening sub-Committee of JM, SG and BK has met several times in the last month. Shirley Pritchard and Ann Lindsay have been co-opted onto the sub-Committee. The Committee agreed to approve a subscription to Survey Monkey to assist in surveying members about their attitudes to the Club re-opening for face to face bridge. So far there have been more than 200 responses to the survey, which is an encouraging response.</li> <li>• JM will approach Richmond Bridge Club to share ideas with them about re-opening.</li> <li>• It is intended to have a couple of free trial events at the Club soon. These probably will not be duplicate sessions. Members probably will not move from table to table. Boards will not be shared. The Club will take all reasonable steps to comply with government guidelines. From these sessions the Re-opening sub-Committee intend to gauge interest, determine difficulties, gain feedback and may then try some more serious bridge with team events and duplicate sessions.</li> </ul>	Calum  Sheena       June
<b>4b.</b>	<b>COMMITTEE WORKINGS – Other</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advertising and Business Development: Held over</li> </ul>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>WORK GROUPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charitable Status Working Group (CSWG): Deferred</li> </ul>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>MANAGER'S REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>STAFFING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As has been previously reported, the Club's income is significantly lower than previous years and the Committee feels that there is little prospect of this changing for some time. In the circumstances the Committee had to consider what savings</li> </ul>	

	<p>could be made at the Club including whether any of the employees' jobs were likely to be significantly reduced or even be surplus to requirements at this time. Following meetings and a consultation process three employees will be leaving the Club by reason of redundancy.</p> <p>Clearly this is extremely unfortunate for the individuals concerned but was difficult to avoid given the absence of any clarity concerning the Club's operation for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>The Committee would like to thank these three individuals for their hard work and contribution to the running of the Club.</p>							
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>POLICIES &amp; PRACTICES UPDATE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire Emergency Plan: held over</li> <li>• Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan: held over</li> </ul>							
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>FINANCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers at the online sessions have dropped by about 20% in July. DE will revise the 20/21 budget in light of this. It is possible that numbers will increase again following the holiday season. Members are again encouraged to play online if they are not already doing so.</li> </ul>	Denny						
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>MATTERS RAISED BY THE COMMITTEE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>							
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee agreed that there were no matters which should be recorded as confidential.</li> </ul>							
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>NEW MEMBERS</b></p> <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 1088 895 1196"> <tr> <td>Imogen Davies</td> <td>Under 25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Conor Murphy</td> <td>Under 25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jon Sheppard</td> <td>Full</td> </tr> </table>	Imogen Davies	Under 25	Conor Murphy	Under 25	Jon Sheppard	Full	
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<b>13.</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A complaint was received from a Club member about the behaviour of an opponent during an online game. This was upheld by the Conduct Committee who passed it, as per the constitution, to the Disciplinary Committee. The complaint was partially upheld by the Disciplinary Committee and a ban was imposed on Dr Easter David from playing in any Club session for two weeks from Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 2020.</li> <li>• The Committee thanks Geoff Chapman for chairing the Disciplinary Committee.</li> <li>• Members are reminded to watch their comments and tone in the 'Chat' function of BBO.</li> </ul>							
<b>14.</b>	<p><b>DATE(S) OF NEXT MEETINGS</b></p> <p>Sep 11<sup>th</sup>, 4pm.</p>							

The meeting closed at 1130.