

**WIMBLEDON BRIDGE CLUB  
COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES**

**Held on Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 4pm**

**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> </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> <li>• Online competitive ladder: Held over</li> </ul>	Calum Gad Calum
<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. 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 AGM is planned for Wednesday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. It will be conducted via Zoom. More details will be sent out with the agenda for the AGM on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>.</li> <li>• The reopening sub-Committee has prepared a detailed Members' Risk Assessment in anticipation of the Club reopening in September. An Employee &amp; Volunteer Risk Assessment also needs to be undertaken and protocols written for members, employees and volunteers before we can go ahead with reopening. However, with recent developments it is unclear whether we could even go ahead reopening (we need to see regulations which will be published next week) and with the Government clampdown on socialising and the escalating cases of the virus it was felt that it was not advisable to even think about a limited reopening at this time. The risk assessments will be re-visited when government guidance allows us to consider reopening.</li> <li>• JM will survey members again by the end of September about starting WBC online morning/evening sessions in the autumn.</li> <li>• The Committee noted a telephone conversation received by CS from Gordon Rainsford re UMS payments.</li> </ul>	June  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>• Four teachers are continuing to teach some students on behalf of WBC. These classes are expected to run until Christmas and their student membership is extended until the end of the year. Many of these students are now participating in online WBC sessions. The membership of any recent students no longer receiving tuition will end on Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and they will be asked to join WBC as full members.</li> <li>• Currently WBC uses BBO for its online sessions. At the moment BBO is meeting WBC's needs adequately but there are a number of other platforms available. Gad has done some research into some of these other platforms, such as StepBridge, RSVP Bridge, LoveBridge, Bridge Club Live or RealBridge Ltd. SO to approach a WBC member for help in evaluating the various online platform options.</li> </ul>	Sheena
<b>7.</b>	<b>STAFFING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee noted that Gad has not taken any holiday whilst the Club has been dealing with CV 19. He has been running the online games with support from CS, six days a week. The Committee agreed that more people should be asked to help facilitate the online sessions. DE agreed to give back-up Committee support.</li> </ul>	Denny
<b>8.</b>	<b>POLICIES &amp; PRACTICES UPDATE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire Emergency Plan: held over</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan: held over</li> </ul>					
9.	<b>FINANCE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Numbers at the online sessions have dropped to averages of 12 tables for duplicate sessions and 7 tables for gentle duplicate.</li> <li>The 20/21 budget is being revised to take account of the new numbers.</li> </ul>					
10.	<b>MATTERS RAISED BY THE COMMITTEE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CS reminded the Committee that, for personal reasons, he will not be standing for election to the Committee at the forthcoming AGM.</li> </ul>					
11.	<b>CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee agreed that there were no matters which 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="284 651 895 723"> <tr> <td>J Wentworth</td> <td>Full</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J. William-Firmston</td> <td>Full</td> </tr> </table>	J Wentworth	Full	J. William-Firmston	Full	
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13.	<b>AOB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DE will respond on behalf of the Committee to an email received from a member.</li> </ul>	Denny				
14.	<b>DATE(S) OF NEXT MEETINGS</b> Oct 14 <sup>th</sup> , 10am at the Club					

The meeting closed at 1730.