WIMBLEDON BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES Held on Wednesday October 14th, 2020, 9am

PRESENT: Graham Balin; Denny Endicott; Sandra Grossman; Hal Hazine; Brigitte King; Ann Lindsay; June Middleton; Sheena Osborn; Calum Stewart (as retiring Chair and then non-voting observer) **APOLOGIES**: Juliet Blows; **IN ATTENDANCE**: Gad Chadha

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WELCOME & APOLOGIES	
MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	
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 Election of Committee Officers: BK proposed and JM seconded the nomination of SO as Secretary. GB proposed and HH seconded the nomination of DE as Treasurer. GB proposed and AL seconded the nomination of HH as Committee Chair. These nominations were unanimously approved. BK agreed to monitor the Chair's email account and ensure that emails are dealt with appropriately. GB agreed to be the Conduct Committee Chair. The Committee discussed for some time the payment of UMS fees to the EBU. There have been a number of emails and phone calls with the EBU over the past few months (see previous minutes). Matters came to a head on Oct 1st when the EBU informed WBC that the Club would be expelled from the EBU if the UMS fees were not paid. The matter was discussed at the recent AGM. DE gave several reasons as to why he now believed that WBC should remain affiliated to the EBU and that, therefore, we should offer to pay a fixed monthly fee to the EBU to cover UMS fees. These were: the WBC Constitution states that WBC should be affiliated to the EBU. If we were not affiliated we might well lose the more able members of the Club who want to have their results counting for NGS rankings and masterpoints. There are more important issues than UMS fees facing the Club at the moment. CS and DE to decide this week what the monthly payment from October to April should be. GC will then make the offer to the EBU. Ny change to our EBU affiliation would require a 2/3 majority at an AGM/EGM. Views will be sought on this through the survey JM is organising, as promised at the AGM. 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. The Committee agreed that the situation would be reviewed at the end of the month. If numbers continue to be below 5 tables the session will 	Brigitte Gad
• GC will approach Merton Council to check the viability of members being allowed	Gad
 GC will also ask Merton if the Club could be used for face to face teaching. A Teams' event is to be held towards the end of October. Two teams will be playing at the Club. GC and AL agreed to check the risk assessment in light of the latest guidelines to ensure that the teams could meet safely at the Club. JM reminded GC that an employee risk assessment still needed to be written. [Freedom to play at the Club will need to be revisited given the latest Tier 2 restrictions.] JM suggested that Clubs such as Mayfield and Lavender Bridge Club (where some of our members also play) and which do not have an online presence should be invited to play at WBC. 	Gad
	 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING These were agreed and approved. MATTERS ARISING (not addressed elsewhere in the minutes) Cashless payment system: Held over Dealing Machine: Held over Online competitive ladder: CS agreed to organise this. COMMITTEE WORKINGS – Covid 19 Election of Committee Officers: BK proposed and JM seconded the nomination of DE as Treasurer. GB proposed and AL seconded the nomination of HH as Committee Chair. These nominations were unanimously approved. BK agreed to monitor the Chair's email account and ensure that emails are dealt with appropriately. GB agreed to be the Conduct Committee Chair. The committee discussed for some time the payment of UMS fees to the EBU. There have been a number of emails and phone calls with the EBU over the past few months (see previous minutes). Matters came to a head on Oct 1st when the EBU informed WBC that the Club would be expelled from the EBU if the UMS fees were not paid. The matter was discussed at the recent AGM. DE gave several reasons as to why he now believed that WBC should remain affiliated to the EBU and that, therefore, we should offer to pay a fixed monthly fee to the EBU in to exerve UMS fees. These were: the WBC Constitution states that WBC should be members of the Club who want to have their results counting for NGS rankings and masterpoints. There are more important issues than UMS fees facing the Club at the moment. CS and DE to decide this week what the monthy payment from October to April should be. GC will then make the offer to the EBU. Any change to our EBU affiliation would require a 2/3 majority at an AGM/EGM. Views will be sought on this through the survey JM is organising, as promised at the AGM. Normal 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 session. The numbers at the Saturd

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	 AL, GB and JM will survey members about the timing of the online sessions, the magnitude of the table manage and the relationship with the FBL conservative in 	Ann, Crohom
	magnitude of the table money and the relationship with the EBU, especially in	Graham, June
46	regard to submission of results for NGS rankings and masterpoints. COMMITTEE WORKINGS – Other	Julie
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-	Advertising and Business Development: Held over	
5.	WORK GROUPS	
•	Charitable Status Working Group (CSWG): Deferred	
6.	MANAGER'S REPORT	
	 GC has been talking to external organisations who might be able to sponsor events at WBC. He has come to an arrangement with First for Bridge that they will sponsor the WBC Teams event in late October. They will advertise the Club in their company newsletter. 	
	• 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. These platforms	
7.	will be monitored to determine the best way forward for WBC.	
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8.	POLICIES & PRACTICES UPDATE	
	Fire Emergency Plan: held over	
	Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan: held over	
9.	FINANCE	
	• Numbers at the online sessions have stabilised to averages of 12/13 tables for	
	duplicate sessions and 7 tables for gentle duplicate.	
	• The 20/21 budget is being revised to take account of the new numbers.	
	There is a projected loss of £20,000 for 20/21.	
10.	MATTERS RAISED BY THE COMMITTEE	
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11.	CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS	
	• The Committee agreed that there were no matters which should be recorded as	
	confidential.	
12.	NEW MEMBERS	
	 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. 	
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13.	 A member had asked at the AGM about the status of the ladders which had finished A member had asked at the AGM about the status of the ladders which had finished 	Sheena
	prematurely in March because of CV 19. The Committee agreed to count the leaders at the time of lockdown as the winners of the ladders, provided their eligibility for the ladder had been confirmed, (a task subsequently undertaken by Shirley). SO will write to the member.	
	 Thanks were expressed by the whole Committee to Calum for his sixteen months as Chair of the Committee, noting especially his hard work at the Club over the past seven months where he has been an almost permanent fixture, facilitating the WBC online presence. 	
14.	DATE(S) OF NEXT MEETINGS	
	Nov 11 th , 10am, venue tbd	

The meeting closed at 1115.