**BRACKNELL BRIDGE LEAGUE**

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday

25th April 2019 at 75, Brackendale Road

Present: Joyce Baldock (JB) Ian Adnams (IA) Alan Brown (AB) Dave Green (DG) Dave Lee (DL) David Pinder (DP)

1. **Nomination of Chair for the meeting -** DL agreed to take the Chair
2. **Apologies** –were received from Bill Barclay.
3. **Minutes of the meeting dated 26th July 2018–** were accepted and signed as correct.
4. **Matters arising** – DL queried the status of the Lilly team and DG confirmed that they are now a bona fide Ascot team. DL reiterated the need to announce at the opening of the EOSP that the directors decision is final at the table, although an appeal may be made later if required.
5. **Chairman’s report** – Some issues had been raised by the Camberley Chairman (Val Foster) who felt that attendance at their Thursday club night was at a disadvantage because of the way the League scheduled matches and the timing of EOSP. BB had responded to this prior to his resignation by explaining that Clubs chose their own team nights but the Captains were free to alter them with agreement from both parties. BB had also added that the committee would discuss changes to the EOSP night and Item 14 on the agenda had been included to address this.
6. **Secretary’s report** – nothing to report.
7. **Treasurer’s report and draft accounts** – JB tabled the final accounts which show a small loss of £22.06, this incurred because the EBU are now charging for the Handicap. She felt there was no need to change the fee structure as there was enough of a surplus in the account to sustain it.
8. **League Fixtures Secretary’s report** –All matches were completed in a reasonably timely manner. Some teams had failed to list their players and had to be sent reminders. He proposed including a note to the Captains next season explaining the procedure for altering match dates themselves on the system.
9. **Pivot secretary’s report –** 13 teams entered this year with no drop outs, so the more liberal view taken with the completion dates appears to have been successful. The final had been played the previous evening between Woodley & Finchampstead, with Finchampstead emerging the winners. Some Captains had not been entering their players onto the system and whilst there are no master points and little incentive for the losers to do this we cannot perform an accurate audit of the Handicap system without it – this to be stressed when sending out next seasons invitations.
10. **EOSP Checklist –** DL distributed copies of the checklist and everything is in place for the event.
11. **League reinvigoration –** DP suggested that Trevor Hobson of Surrey is addressing the issue if increasing interest in teams in the county leagues and may be a useful contact.
12. **Replacement of Chairperson –** DL had agreed to undertake the role, proposed by JB, unanimously accepted.
13. **Outcome of trial allowing players to turn out for different teams in the same season –** there had been a transgression during the season for which DG apologised. DP proposed that the new ruling, whilst not perfect, was an improvement on helping Clubs to fulfil their schedules and should be adopted which was agreed by all. The meeting recognised that the rules relating to the change needed to be clear – DG offered to examine the rules as they stood and draft any changes, which would be discussed at the next meeting.
14. **Rotation of EOSP event –** itwas agreed that this shouldbe accommodated if at all possible**.** B/F feel able to host the event so they will be approached with a view to running it on a Monday next year, with the further possibility of Bradshaws/Ascot on a Tuesday, Yateley on a Wednesday and Finchampstead on a Thursday. DL agreed to update Val Foster on the issue.
15. **A.O.B.** – all the present committee are prepared to stand for another term, it was agreed that size of the committee was still adequate despite the loss of BB and there was no need to recruit a new member. AB explained that he was having severe hearing problems now and if this cannot be resolved he would not feel able to continue, should this happen then it may be necessary to co-opt a new member.
16. **Date of next meeting –** will be Thursday July 18th. Venue tba.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.58pm.