**BRACKNELL BRIDGE LEAGUE**

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday

26th July 2018 at 14, Luckley Wood

Present: Bill Barclay (BB) Joyce Baldock (JB) Ian Adnams (IA) Alan Brown (AB) Dave Green (DG) Dave Lee (DL)

1. **Apologies** –were received from David Pinder.
2. **Minutes of the meeting dated 17th May 2018–** were accepted and signed as correct.
3. **Matters arising** – none.
4. **Chairman’s report** – after some discussion of potential candidates to take over as Chair it was agreed that BB remain in the chair for a trial period until the AGM (albeit from a distance).
5. **Secretary’s report** – nothing to report.
6. **Treasurer’s report and draft accounts** – some team payments were still outstanding to date, apart from that everything is fine.
7. **League Fixtures Secretary’s report** –entry numbers are much the same as last year and the league structure looked likely to remain the same. AB suggested increasing the number of leagues to 4 thus giving less matches to accommodate but all others were in favour of keeping it as it is. Ascot has kindly agreed in principle to accommodate Lily for their home matches. Teams will be encouraged to accommodate matches if their opponents are struggling for a home venue – IA to notify club contacts.The League rules needed to be updated to reflect the decision taken at the February meeting to permit individuals to play for different clubs, provided that they were in different divisions (subject to a limit on the number of matches any individual could play).  In addition, the ability for Team Captains to agree to play matches on any day and at any time was to be emphasised and the rules relating to reporting results needed to reflect the use of the EBU LMS.  DG agreed to make the necessary amendments and circulate them to the Committee forcomment. Onceagreed, they would be passed to the Webmaster for inclusion on the Web Site, and this needed to be done before the start of the season.
8. **Pivot secretary’s report –** suggested dates for each round are 11/11, 6/1, 3/3 & 14/4. The first round draw is Lilly vs B/F Williams, B/F Anthony vs Ascot Franklin B, Ascot Franklin Cvs B/F Lac, Finchampstead vs Aerospace, Ascot Calcutt vs Yateley. B/F Harman, Woodley and B/F Sheppard all have byes. All were asked to check the Pivot rules to ensure they still meet requirements. IA to stress that any team struggling to meet the deadline must contact the Pivot Secretary, and also to confirm that it is the winning team's responsibility to upload the results. IA asked that the League and Pivot be set into LMS before he contacted the Clubs.

**9. Annual Calendar** – in view of the League following the same format year on year BB had produced an annual schedule of tasks, all were asked to take it away and study it, adding any further information as necessary. Following on from the suggestion at the AGM that other clubs may like the opportunity to host the EOSP a 3 week deadline will be included with the invitation which will also stress the need to have enough equipment and car parking accommodate 16+ tables – IA to notify club contacts. BB was thanked for this initiative.

**10. Handicap analysis** –DP is happy to generate the handicaps for the Pivot Cup.

**11. League Invigoration –** any last minute team entries will be accommodated as far as is reasonably possible.

**12. Any other business –** an incident occurred at the EOSP where a Director was called and their ruling (although correct) was disagreed with. The Directors decision at the table is final and any disagreement must be the subject of an ensuing appeal. It was suggested that an announcement to this effect be made at the start of the next EOSP. DG proposed a huge ‘thank you’ to BB for everything he has done for the BBL Committee to date – unanimously supported.

**13. Date of next meeting if any business to discuss -** Thursday 25th October 2018, venue tba.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 3.25pm.