



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE **MONDAY 6 MAY 2013**

Present:

Ivan Collins (IvanC) Chairman
 Ian Cotton (IanC)
 Dave Harper (DH)
 Vernon Hughes (VH)

David Parkinson (DNP)
 David Powell (DP) Treasurer
 Hilary Powell (HP) Secretary
 Val Smith (VS)

	Item	Action
1	Apologies for Absence None	
2	Minutes of the last Meeting The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 February 2013 were taken as read and agreed.	
3	Matters Arising from previous meeting DNP/HP to create a new website page to hold information on local competitions and master points. The directors' handbook that is filed with the travellers and score cards is missing, HP is to ask if any of the directors know where it is. VS is to be reimbursed for the handbook she has purchased for the directors' training course. DP is to purchase 4 new directors' red books. Redecoration is planned in Shortlands Golf Club during the 3 rd or 4 th week of July. HP to advise if it will be necessary for the club to be closed on one of these dates. It was agreed to continue to use the monitor provided by DH, but Ivan will investigate whether BNBC can use the SGC television screen. DP is to update the Roger Horton Knockout Trophy results each month, during the tournament. The membership cap of 100 members has been reached and some additional applications have been received. These people will be added to a waiting list and will be able to join in October at the start of the club year. DP is to advise the members who are on the waiting list of their status.	DNP HP DP DP HP IvanC DP DP



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	DNP advised that BNBC will enter a team in the Mitchell Salver competition next year.	DNP
4	<p>Financial Position</p> <p>DP gave a financial report. It is expected that the club will have a balance of around £4000 at the end of the club year. It was agreed that £2000 should be ringfenced for the purchase of replacement IT equipment.</p> <p>The club now owns enough items to accommodate 20 tables. Some further bridgepads are to be purchased to take the total up to 20. These are to be rotated periodically.</p> <p>VS advised that it would be beneficial to transfer to using Scorebridge rather than BridgeScore in due course to take advantage of increased functionality.</p>	<p>DP</p> <p>DP/HP</p> <p>HP</p>
5	<p>Preparation for Swiss Teams Event</p> <p>SGC has been booked for the Swiss Teams event to be held on Saturday 5 October. Mike Rafferty and Liz Blande have agreed to direct the event. Food needs to be arranged and the final ticket price needs to be set. It was agreed that the prizes should, as a minimum, cover the entry costs. It will be decided at a later date whether to contribute any of the profit to charity.</p> <p>HP is to determine if the bridgepads can be used for scoring the event and to determine the licence costs for this in Scorebridge.</p> <p>DP/DNP are to investigate the feasibility of whether to run the event as a blue point event.</p>	<p>DP/DNP</p> <p>DP</p> <p>HP</p> <p>DP/DNP</p>
6	<p>AOB</p> <p>IC and HP are liaising with SGC about the decision to prevent the club meeting on bank holidays and are trying to set up a meeting with the SGC Council.</p> <p>It was agreed that it is essential for directors and scorers to liaise about the bridge movement and to minimise the times when errors are made and hands have to be marked as "Not Played".</p> <p>It is appreciated that there are a considerable number of players of a high playing ability and VS asked the committee to consider whether it would be appropriate to have a limit on the numbers of systems played at BNBC. Mostly the committee were in favour of the status quo but BNBC is intended to be a friendly club encouraging players of mixed ability and it is the desire to keep it that way. It was agreed to</p>	<p>IvanC/HP</p> <p>HP</p>



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	<p>add to the agenda for the AGM to get the views of all members.</p> <p>The use of convention cards is to be encouraged and HP is to prepare a generic convention card for use at BNBC (adapted from the one in use at Farnborough BC).</p> <p>It was agreed that a psyche book would be provided in line with EBU guidelines.</p> <p>A discussion was held on the situation whereby, when there are more than 13 tables, a considerable number of boards are not played and pairs do not play against several pairs. This is becoming a regular occurrence at BNBC. VS advised that there is a bridge movement called "Web layouts" documented on the EBU website which accommodates this situation by the use of two sets of boards. It is obviously more complicated for the directors to manage the two sets of boards and for the dealer to have to prepare two sets of boards catering for any numbers of tables up to 20 (Set 1- 33 boards, set 2 – 24 boards). It was agreed that this would be investigated and that a trial would be done at a suitable opportunity when the appropriate movement was available on the computer scoring system.</p> <p>At some time the committee may ask for a volunteer to take a turn at doing the dealing for the club.</p> <p>Pauline is willing to continue maintaining the host and director lists and VH agreed to confirm hosts dates against the schedule.</p> <p>A discussion was held on whether there should be a limit on the number of times an individual uses the host system which is intended to help new members get started in the club. IC is to monitor this.</p> <p>DH offered to arrange a fishing and bridge event in Framfield.</p>	<p>HP/IvanC</p> <p>HP</p> <p>VS/HP</p> <p>VH</p> <p>IvanC</p> <p>DH/IvanC</p>
7	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be on Monday 22 or 29 July 2013 depending on closure for redecoration at SGC or Wednesday 31 July 19:30 at Ivan's house.</p>	