



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL 2014**

**Present:**

David Parkinson (DNP) Chair  
Ian Cotton (IanC)  
Judy McKeown (JM)  
Hilary Powell (HP) Secretary

Dave Harper (DH) Vice Chair  
Vernon Hughes (VH)  
David Powell (DJP) Treasurer  
Val Smith (VS)

|   | Item  | Action  |
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| 1 | <b>Apologies for Absence</b><br>None  |   |
| 2 | <b>Minutes of the last Meeting</b><br>The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 26 February 2014 were taken as read and agreed.  |   |
| 3 | <p><b>Matters Arising from previous meeting</b><br/>The committee considers the lighting in SGC is now adequate and the new carpet has been laid.</p> <p>DNP has spoken to Mike Rafferty about the arrangements for the Mitchell Salver competition next year, in order to be sure that improvements will be introduced. It has been confirmed that, as there were more teams than expected, the competitions will be run over 3 weekends next year (Corbett Cup and Plate, Mitchell Salver, Corbett Cup and Plate finals).</p> <p>As there was little interest expressed in the proposed fishing event this will not be progressed.</p> <p>HP is to discuss the use of Pianola software with Jan.</p> <p>Bank mandate forms are in the process of being completed.</p> <p>David Lightfoot has kindly offered to review the BNBC constitution, in relation to membership rules. It is intended that changes will be proposed at the next AGM.</p> <p>There are three people who have pending membership applications – these will be held over to the new year.</p> <p>A change to the Ladder rules is to be introduced in 2015 bringing in a rule that everyone participating in the Ladder can only win a prize if they have played a certain number of times, on normal club</p> | <p>HP</p> <p>DH/DNP/<br/>DP</p> <p>HP</p> <p>DP</p> |



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|          | <p>evenings, by the last date in the Ladder competition. This number will be given consideration, by the committee, and decided in the Autumn. It will also be considered whether to increase the number of evenings for the Ladder to cover the whole year.</p> <p>The first Cut In Teams evening has been scheduled for June 9 2014.</p> <p>DNP is to arrange a match with Croydon BC for a team of 8.</p>  | DNP  |
| <b>4</b> | <p><b>Financial Position</b></p> <p>DP gave a financial report. The balance at the end of March was £5470. It was agreed to increase the amount ring-fenced for IT equipment from £2000 to £3000. DP is to discuss with Barclays whether this can be placed in a savings account.</p> <p>The committee discussed ways of using this balance for the benefit of members and the following will be implemented – more lavish Christmas party and improved prizes for club competitions.</p> <p>It is probable that the cost for renting SGC will increase in the new SGC year (July) and therefore it is not considered viable to reduce the subscriptions. Also funds may be required to support a second bridge evening depending on how that progresses.</p> <p>HP /IC are to check how many tables the club owns.</p> <p>DP/DNP are to hold discussions with the club manager at SGC about the rental arrangements and possible replacement of SGC bridge tables.</p> <p>It was agreed that a new laptop would be purchased. This would be used for scoring on Thursday evenings if the proposal for a second evening goes ahead. It will also be used as a back-up for the existing laptop which is several years old – still working fine but could fail at any time.</p> | <p>DP</p> <p>HP/IC</p> <p>DP/DNP</p> <p>HP</p> |
| <b>5</b> | <p><b>Website Design – use of members area</b></p> <p>HP outlined the proposals to bring the Bridgewebs (club website) members' area into general usage. This was agreed and HP will discuss this with Jan Titcombe who has kindly offered to set this up.</p>  | HP   |
| <b>6</b> | <p><b>Weekend away</b></p> <p>VS presented her investigations of potential hotels for the proposed weekend away in March 2015.</p> <p>VS is to go back to one of the preferred hotels to renegotiate the cost of single rooms and DNP is to check that if there are any clashes with</p>  | VS/DNP   |



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|   | <p>the proposed date for competitions and other events organised by other clubs.</p> <p>The following arrangements were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preferred date is 20-22 March 2015</li><li>• Non-playing partners would be welcome</li><li>• There would be a limit of 16 tables (i.e. 64 playing guests)</li><li>• The event would be self-directed</li><li>• Steve Burton has offered to run a seminar on the Saturday morning and this offer will be gratefully accepted</li><li>• The event will be offered to club members for about 4-6 weeks and will then be opened up to others</li></ul> <p>Thanks are due to Val for all her work on investigating arrangements for the weekend away.</p> |       |
| 7 | <p><b>Swiss Teams</b></p> <p>The next Swiss Teams competition is scheduled for Saturday 4 October 2014, arrangements as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- the booking has been confirmed with SGC</li><li>- Mike Rafferty and Liz Blande have agreed to run the event</li><li>- As with previous Swiss Teams events, the event will be open to club members for the first 4-6 weeks and then will be opened to anyone</li><li>- HP to investigate use of bridge pads for scoring during the event</li><li>- HP is to advertise on the website</li><li>- a new prize will be given for the best all-member team.</li><li>- HP will discuss menu with golf club caterers</li></ul>                              | HP/DP |
| 8 | <p><b>Thursday evening play</b></p> <p>DNP and DP spoke to the SGC club manager who said that the proposals for a second bridge evening will be discussed by the SGC committee this week. Depending on a successful outcome, arrangements will be put in place for a 3 month trial and a sub-committee will be convened to make arrangements for this.</p>   | DNP   |
| 9 | <p><b>Public Holidays</b></p> <p>In response to concerns raised by club members, DNP will liaise with the manager of SGC to ask if the public holiday closures may be changed if there is no golf club event planned. A later start time could also be a possibility.</p>  | DNP   |



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| <p><b>10</b></p> | <p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>VS asked for consideration whether it is possible to use other scoring processes than arrow switches for club competitions. Arrow switches are considered unfair and complaints have been received from some members about these. DP will change the Ladder competition in 2015 so that the competition will be run with two winners scoring 15 down to 1 point for N/S and E/W.</p> <p>DH advised that he and Miranda are attending directors' courses with completion expected in August. DP is to reimburse them on the cost of the purchase of their red books.</p> | <p>DP/All</p> <p>DP</p> |
| <p><b>11</b></p> | <p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16 July 2014, at Dave Parkinson's house.</p>   |                         |