



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE
Wednesday 5 October 2017

Present:

Dave Harper (DH) Chair
David Powell (DJP) Treasurer
Ian Cotton (IC)
Dave Parkinson (DNP)

Val Smith (VS) Vice Chair
Hilary Powell (HP) Secretary
Bob Middleditch (BM)
Jenny Watson (JW)

	Item	Action
1	Apologies for Absence None.	
2	Minutes of the last Meeting The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5 July 2017 were agreed.	
3	Matters Arising from previous meeting <p>HP advised that a request for a change to the Bridgemate software has been logged with the suppliers for a future upgrade – this is to make it possible to see which table number entered each result.</p> <p>The Bridgemate app may already have this facility (to see tables numbers for each result) and HP is to investigate how this app works.</p> <p>It was suggested that the club should seek to negotiate a rental agreement when SGC next suggest a rent increase.</p> <p>The EBU has confirmed that players can no longer be exempted from NGS scoring for team events and confirmed that pairs are scored as pairs and not as teams in these events (consequently a stronger pair is not penalised in any way if they are playing with a weaker pair). Additionally there was no interest shown in the suggestion to hold Cross Imp events on some evenings. It was therefore agreed to continue with two Cut-in teams events each year.</p> <p>The EBU also confirmed that it will still be possible for a host to be excluded from NGS provided that the decision is made at the start of the evening.</p> <p>£184 was raised in August for the Grenfell Tower appeal and was sent to ECATs. They were very grateful and sent an email of thanks to the club.</p> <p>VS approached some members to see if they would be willing to become directors and will continue to look for some new volunteers.</p>	<p>HP</p> <p>DJP</p> <p>VS</p>



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	DNP has volunteered to become a scorer for the club and will ask for other volunteers.	DNP
4	Financial Position DJP advised the club balance will be about £3250 at the end of the financial year (September). With the agreed increase in table money to £2.50, it is expected that the finances will be retained at this level. DJP advised that 5 members will not be rejoining and membership is currently around 105. HP is to look into costs for servicing the dealing machine. Although Ewa Hardwick is not rejoining the club (she is moving away), she has agreed to remain as the auditor. The committee expressed their gratitude for this.	HP
5	Swiss Teams Discussions have been held with Farnborough Bridge Club to ensure that a Swiss Teams event will not clash with their plans. DJP is to check the availability of the clubhouse and also Liz Blande and Mike Rafferty on the following dates – 10, 17 March, 14 April and 29 September.	DJP
6	Competitions Update DNP confirmed that the club will not be entering a team in the NICKO competition this year due to the expected travel distances. It was agreed that two teams would be entered for the Mitchell Salver competition with the club playing for entry and sandwiches. DP to help DNP with team selection. The club will be holding a heat for the Larsky competition on 27 November. Any pair scoring 50% or higher will be eligible to play in one of four semi-finals. DNP will provide details of how this competition works.	DNP/ DJP DNP
7	Preparations for AGM HP will send a draft AGM notice to committee members for review. It is not intended to raise any additional items on the agenda unless requested by members. All existing members are willing to stand for re-election and in addition committee members will ask for other committee nominations. The committee agreed to continue with all the same competitions and events for 2018 and HP will update the calendar.	HP HP



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8	<p>AOB</p> <p>HP will put up a list for the Christmas party to be held on 18 December.</p> <p>DJP will talk to the manager of Shortlands Golf Club to check the availability of the clubhouse on the following dates in 2018/19: Mondays: 2 Apr, 7, 28 May, 27 August, 19 November Thursdays 27 December 2018 and 3 January 2019</p>	<p>HP</p> <p>DJP</p>
9	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3 January at 15:15, at Dave Harper's house, 27 Queens Court, Shirley, CR0 7XG.</p>	