

# Amersham Bridge Club

## Minutes

### Meeting via Zoom

Monday September 18th 2023 at 5 pm.

Present: Simon Husband (SH) (Chairman) Sue Brown (SB) (Secretary)

Cath Topcliffe (CT) (Treasurer) Nick Crabtree (NC), Dick Davey (DD), Mark Wilce (MW)

#### 1. Meetings and Minutes

a) Minutes of the last meeting. Approved as a true record

b) Matters arising.

5 b). Play with Experts. Plenty of experts in the club but not all play on a regular basis. It was agreed that DD and SH together set up an expert list. SH suggested an initial session be on RealBridge **Action SH/DD**

6. Tables. Agreed there was no need to further pursue ownership. There are now plenty of tables following the recent purchase of 4 from the EBU (see Item 7 below.)

7) Readmission Rules. Application form now on the website.

c) To continue 3 monthly meetings. Agreed

2. Membership update. SB confirmed 62 members in total including 2 who have used the recently instated application process.

3. Finance Update. CT reported a balance of approximately £3,000 in the current account.

a) NIKO entry CT/SH. DD reported that there wasn't any limit to the number of teams the club could field. After discussion it was agreed by a majority vote that teams entering could be funded by 50% of the entry fee. SB will contact those members who have expressed an interest and also email all members with a notice on the website inviting applications to represent the club. **Action SB**

b) There has been no progress in accessing the Savings Account. SH will talk to Richard B **Action SH**

#### 4. LO8 Teams update

a) A Team DD. All matches fixed

b) B Team SH. Reports that Jeff Green as captain has done an excellent job. First match a loss to Reading A

c) C Team MW. Reported running smoothly with the addition of another pair.

5. Team's evenings. Review SB/SH. Agreed this has been a success. SH discussed the possibility of instituting a 2<sup>nd</sup> teams' event each month or perhaps a Cross IMPS evening. No decision was made. Possibly using the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday was discussed but ruled out as these sessions take place in the small barn. MW and DD thanked SB for her contribution to coordinating the teams and finding partnerships.
6. Boosting membership. NC noted that attendance at Pairs evenings was disappointing considering the number of members registered. The next trophy event is listed as Championship Pairs on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Discussion ensued as to ways of increasing attendance and membership numbers. It was noted that there was still some reluctance to play face to face by many people for a variety of reasons. It was agreed that the discussion would be ongoing.
7. Equipment
  - a) Donation by Rachel Knowles. A bridge table belonging to David Knowles, who was for many years a Director at Amersham CC Club, has been donated to the club along with some Bridge books. SB reported that when she had collected this Rachel suggested that a plaque be engraved in memory of both David and his wife Cynthia. DD agreed to explore this with a local engraver. **Action DD**
  - b) Table count (see Item 1.6) SB suggested that broken tables be recycled and an accurate count be made of those remaining. **Action SB/MW**
8. AOB
  - a) The webmaster had emailed with a request to "tidy up" the website including deleting out of date records. It was agreed that he was doing an excellent job in maintaining the site. SH requested that the director's names visible under the event date be rationalised. SB will contact Don **Action SB**
  - b) Date for the Christmas party. Agreed December 20<sup>th</sup>. DD will organise the drinks and SB the food. SB will contact Chris M requesting he organise the same format as in previous years for the Bridge movement and scoring. CT will book the main barn for play and the small barn for the catering. To commence at 6.30. **Action SB/CT**
  - c) Date of next meeting. Agreed Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 18.15

Minutes prepared by

Sue Brown

Secretary Amersham BC

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