

BRACKNELL BRIDGE LEAGUE

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday

30th January 2020 at 75, Brackendale Road

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

- 1. Apologies** – were received from David Pinder (DP).
- 2. Minutes of the meeting dated 24th October 2019**– after a minor correction to the date of the AGM these were accepted and signed as correct.
- 3. Matters arising** – DP had investigated the use of Camberley Cricket Club on a Wednesday night as a possible venue to host future EOSP events. He had concluded that this would not be viable as another group already had a booking in place.
- 4. Chairman's report** – apart from wishing to thank AB & Pamela for their continued hospitality, DL said he had nothing to report.
- 5. Secretary's report** – IA reported that he had received an email via the website which had contained no message, he contacted the sender to query this and the sender claimed they had merely been browsing the site and had not knowingly sent any email – IL to be asked to look in to this.
- 6. Treasurer's report** – JB had nothing financial to report but had recently realised that the cheque signatories were now out of date, no cheques were ever written these days it was not felt necessary to make any changes.
- 7. League Fixtures Secretary's report** – DG reported that all is running smoothly with only a couple of nudges to people who had not filled in their information. All teams seem to coping well with changing their own match dates. Everything looks on course for finishing well within the time scale. IA to include a reminder that all matches are to be played by the beginning of April when sending out the EOSP invites.
- 8. Pivot secretary's report** – DL reported that all matches are up to date and noted that last years winners have been knocked out. Attempts to get all teams to populate the EBU system with the names of players had only modest success.
- 9. EOSP** – The Ascot venue is now confirmed and booked. It was agreed that we must keep stressing the possible parking restrictions and urge people to car share as much as possible. There is likely to be a restriction on the number of entries – DG to ascertain and advise so that all information can be included on the poster. IL to be asked to set up the website ready to receive entries. IA to circulate the poster and ask for trophies to be returned. There will be no change to the entry fees.
- 10. Letter from YHBC** – the Committee had responded to this letter but no further comment had been received. AB advised that YHBC will be putting forward a proposal to modify the rules on player eligibility, specifically rule 2.5. DL advised that any such proposal must be received in writing by the Secretary for circulating not less than 21 days prior to the AGM. **Post meeting comment: YHBC will not be pursuing this proposal.**

11. AOB – AB said that YHBC would also be putting forward a proposal to change the wording in section 6.4 of the Constitution relating to the organisation of the League. Currently, all divisions except the lowest are limited to a maximum of eight teams. He felt it prudent that a more flexible approach to allow for larger divisions should be reflected in the Constitution to cater for a reduction in size of the overall league should it be required in future. DL reminded the meeting of the requirements for the submission and adoption of amendments, as stated in section 8 of the Constitution.

IA said he would be resigning from his role as Secretary at the end of this season and would not be seeking re-election at the AGM. He offered to assist with any 'handover' to the new Secretary once that person was in place. Efforts to fill the post would start immediately. The Committee as a whole thanked IA for all his hard work and support over the last few years.

12. Dates of next meetings – will be the AGM will on Thursday 30th April at 8.00pm and will be preceded by a committee meeting at 6.30pm – all at 75, Brackendale Road.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 3.00pm.