

Billericay Mayflower Bridge Club  
Committee meeting 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Minutes

Attendees: John McCoy - Chairman  
Linda Fleet - Finance  
Tony Falder - Committee member  
Albert Kitchen - Committee member  
June Brown - Secretary

1. Apologies – None required

2. Matters arising – none

3. Finances

Linda stated there were no concerns regarding the financial position of the club.  
The bank balance stood at £3798 and there were currently 66 members.

4. Constitution

John asked for comments regarding the new club constitution now published on the website. June raised the issue that the complaints procedure asked people with a complaint to contact the Chairman or Secretary in writing but there were no contact details of committee members available on the website – John to rectify.

5. Blue Pointed event

Early promotion of the next blue pointed event was suggested. It was noted that the bridge calendar is very full and fitting an event can be difficult. It was suggested that one Sunday in March would be the best option, Tony and Albert to investigate. John noted that the cost of the hall was £260.

6. Bridge classes

It was noted that a number people are running bridge classes in the area a decision on whether we at Mayflower should start running classes was deferred.

7. Competitions and Trophies

The competitions the club currently run are:

## Club Pairs

### Children in Need SIMS

2 other SIMS competitions – It was suggested that we run the SIMS that other clubs do not run as this can encourage members from other clubs to attend. Albert to check with other clubs regarding this.

## 8. Raising Profile of the Club

Ideas were requested regarding how to do this.

The Blue Pointed event would help with this, also having a host system reaches out to more bridge players.

## 9. Any Other Business

- a. Psyche book – John stated we need a psyche book, Linda to purchase.
- b. John/June – to discuss pairs/individual ladder with a view to including a competition in this
- c. John had already stated that he had work pressures now and for several months ahead, June offered to do the website, some training / handover required
- d. As this was the first time this committee had gathered we discussed the number of meetings required each year- it was decided 3 would be suitable. Suggested dates were August, November and prior to the end of year.
- e. There was a discussion regarding the format of the Christmas Party, ideas were that each member could bring an item of food, or also suggested was to consider having wine, cheese/pate with crackers and French bread.

**Next meeting** – 20<sup>th</sup> November, Prince of Wales pub 6:30pm

Items to be included on agenda:

- Decision regarding Christmas party format
- Firm up on dates of all competitions
- Decide the date of the AGM