

Brunton Bridge Club Committee
11.15 Tuesday 25 March 2025

Present: Peter Avery (Chair); Steve Ray; Susan Green; Jill Armstrong, Guy Herzmark (minutes by Guy); Marion Curran; Steve Sansom.

1 Minutes of the last meeting on 12 November 2024

These were agreed

[ACT Guy]

2 Matters arising

2a Minutes [Item 2a] Minutes should be added as soon as any corrections from the Committee have been made marked as 'draft' and changed to 'final' after they have been approved at the next Committee meeting. [ACT Peter, Guy, Jill]

2b Scoring [Item 2c] Steve S has learnt how to set up Score Bridge if all goes smoothly. Peter added that some connectivity problems can be resolved by using the 'restart wireless' option.

3 Finance (Steve R)

The club is expected to have some £6,500 at the year end after paying various expenses. This is slightly less than last year but once in year non-recurrent spending is taken into account represents a gain of about £1,000. At some point, we may need to upgrade the Bridgemates and laptop but there may be better systems now available.

4 Membership (Susan)

There are 58 full members of the club. Next year subscriptions will be due after 1 April so should be announced next week by Peter. The roughly 20 Wednesday memberships will be due from 1 July 2025. Members need to renew consent each year to comply with GDPR. There is spare space on the membership form to add extra lines for consent this year and some years to come. One issue is missing EBU numbers. Peter has a list which might be helpful. [ACT Susan, Peter]

5 Mondays (Peter)

We average some nine or ten tables at present. Steve R asked that the tables be placed further away from the sides and this was agreed. [ACT Guy, Peter]

6 Wednesdays (Peter)

This is now averaging five tables. We discussed awarding master points and decided to do so from 1 July this year when the new subscriptions start. This will allow any new students to settle in. Peter will be able to set up EBU numbers for those who do not have them. We will have to operate UMS (Pay to Play) so there will be a small extra cost. Guy will book the room from Easter again 'until further notice' and create a rota for the summer. [ACT Guy]

7 Inter club 2025-26 (Susan)

Brunton B was promoted and will now play in the top division. Perhaps some players may not want to play in the top division. However, we did identify enough players for two teams if they are all available. Susan will write out to all club members asking if they are happy to play for Brunton. Although the dates next year have not yet be finalized, Susan will send out dates based on those last year. [ACT Susan]

8 Website (Jill)

Jill asked if all could check the website to make sure it was accurate. [ACT All]

9 BIABD follow-on

We could try to run a similar event in June or September depending on the availability of the Hall. Guy to check this. [ACT Guy]

10 NEBA events

10a Deane Salver There are just nine pairs entered for the Deane Salver this weekend. Peter is able to let John Portwood into the Hall for 12.15. However, it is possible the event will be cancelled. Marion asked Jill to write to the NEBA committee about possibly cancelling this. Marion will cancel the Hall if the event does not run. [ACT Marion, Jill]

10b Niman Israel This is on 11 May which clashes with the Garden Cities event in Sheffield the previous day. It could be moved if Brunton decide to put a team up for this event.

11 Next meeting

Tuesday 3 June 2025 starting at 11.15 at Susan's house. [ACT All]

12 AOB

12a Garden Cities Brunton have qualified as the champion club in the North East to take part in this event in Sheffield on Saturday 11 May. The team could be Steve and Georgia, Frank and Guy, Marion and Chris, Jill and Dave. Jill to ask Dave if he wants to take part; Guy to ask Frank the same. If we decide to enter we would like NEBA to pay the travel and overnight costs as well as the entry fees. [ACT Jill, Guy, Marion]

12b AGM This will be on 30 June 2025.

12c Captain's Charity Teams This will be on 23 June 2025.

12d Other Brunton events These are now shown on the Brunton website.