

CASTLE MORPETH BRIDGE CLUB

STOREY PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE MORPETH

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Gamekeepers Cottage, Tranwell
At 10.30 am on Tuesday 16th October, 2018

Item	Action
<p>In attendance: Mike Craig (Chair), Sheena Hudson (Secretary), Anne Bell, Freda Simpkin, David Gunn, Laura Marriott and Ken Waugh.</p> <p>Laura was welcomed to her first meeting.</p>	
<p>1. Apologies: There were no apologies.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of 24th April 2018 were approved and signed.</p>	
<p>3 Matters arising: There were no matters arising</p>	
<p>4 Treasurer’s Report: Updated financial forecasts were circulated showing an increased surplus at the end of the year. This was expected as the average table numbers of just under 16 were higher than the assumption made in the forecast.</p>	
<p>5 Christmas Party: The Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday 11th December 2018 at Storey Park Community Centre. The same caterer will be used and a buffet style menu similar to previous years was agreed (Freda to confirm pricing with Lynn). The cost to members will be subsidised by the club and tickets will remain at £12. Non-members will pay £15. The format for the evening will remain the same with David Directing, aggregate scoring with spot prizes and Tim to be asked to prepare a quiz. Tickets will be on sale from beginning of November.</p>	<p>Freda</p> <p>David</p> <p>Sheena</p> <p>Mike</p>
<p>6. NEBA – Inter-club League Regulations: A situation arose on Sunday 14th October 2018 when Castle Morpeth A team played their opposing team. One member of the opposing team was not a member of the club he was playing for and CMBC’s interpretation of the Inter-Club Regulations was that he should be. Paragraph 3 of Inter-club Regulations states “clubs must always select their strongest pairs.....”. The Captain of the opposing team was challenged on the day and claimed that they were within the rules. Freda has written to Graham Cox, the Inter-Club Secretary in a bid to have the rules clarified or changed.</p>	<p>Freda</p>
<p>7. Update on Storey Park User Group Meeting: No meeting has taken place recently and no information has been forthcoming regarding the future of Storey Park. It was noted that at the</p>	

Morpeth Town Council meeting of the Planning & Transport Committee on 18th September 2018 the asset transfer of Storey Park had been agreed in principle but no funding yet agreed.

8. Storey Park Opening Times during Christmas period: Our last Bridge Evening will be on Tuesday 18th December 2018 and we will recommence on Tuesday 8th January 2019.

9. Any other Business: A suggestion was made to re-organise the tables next to the stage used for storing the Bridge items in order to avoid congestion in the top corner of the hall. This would assist Committee Members when clearing away at the end of the evening.

At the request of a member an extra Handicap Pairs event has been added to the Club's calendar for Tuesday 8th January, 2019. As a change from the normal handicap adjustments the EBU NGS grading system based on players results at all clubs will be used.

We will not be buying any more polystyrene cups and after stocks have been run down there will be no polystyrene cups available. Members will be encouraged to use the mugs/cups available in the kitchen or to bring their own. All crockery used must be washed and put away by the user.

10. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 14th May 2019 at 10.30am.

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 4th June 2019 at Storey Park Community Centre. Notice of the AGM will be distributed on 21st May 2019.