

CASTLE MORPETH BRIDGE CLUB

STOREY PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE MORPETH

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Gamekeepers Cottage, Tranwell
At 10.00 am on Tuesday 17th October, 2017

Item	Action
<p>In attendance: Mike Craig (Chair), Sheena Hudson (Secretary), Freda Simpkin, David Gunn, Tim Capron and Ken Waugh.</p>	
<p>1. Apologies: Anne Bell.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of 25th April 2017 were approved and signed.</p>	
<p>3 Matters arising: A resolution was put forward to the NEBA AGM proposing that the regional split of Division E should be re-examined. The NEBA Tournament sub-committee subsequently agreed to recommend to the next council meeting in November that there should be no regionalisation for the 2018/19 season.</p>	
<p>4 Treasurer's Report: A forecast for the year was tabled showing that the club is in a very healthy position and on the right track thanks to gift aid contributions (which meant the rent for Storey Park Community Centre being reduced by 25%) and an increase in table numbers. Reserves have been restored after the purchase of additional Bridgemates.</p>	
<p>5. Christmas Party: The date for the party is Tuesday 12th December and Lynn Gregory has agreed to cater again. Tickets will be on sale from beginning of November. The format will remain the same as previous years with six spot prizes, a North/South and East/West winner and the addition of a prize for the winners of the quiz. The menu will be added to the club's website. It is hoped to keep the price of tickets to £12 (subsidised) but this will depend on any increase from the caterer. There will be a maximum of 17 tables.</p>	<p>Tim Freda David Sheena Mike</p>
<p>6. NEBA Open Pairs 8th July 2018: The Committee have decided that they will host this competition for the last year to give other clubs the opportunity of hosting this event. Mike will inform NEBA.</p>	<p>Mike</p>

7. Any Other Business:

Freda attended a Morpeth Town Council Meeting User Group Meeting on Monday 16th October 2017. The future of Storey Park Community Centre has not progressed but it was confirmed there will be no rent increase for the forthcoming year.

A request from a member of the club has been made to hold an extra Handicap Event. The Committee are happy to add this to the calendar.

After a good turn out this year for Pivot Pairs the Committee have agreed to continue this competition.

Directors are to remind members of the new EBU rules including slow play and not looking at partners cards after the game.

8. Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 24th April, 2018 and the AGM will be held on Tuesday 15th May 2018.