

CASTLE MORPETH BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE AND TRUSTEES MEETING

Held at Bedlington Small Hall
at 2.00 pm on 30th May 2024

In Attendance: Paul Ingoe (Chairman), Ken Reed (Treasurer), Freda Simpkin, Viv Heskett (Secretary), Mike Craig.

1. Apologies: Dan Benison.

2. Minutes Of Last Meeting:

Read and passed.

3. Matters Arising:

The application to join Lloyds Bank has been accepted and the accounts are now available to registered Trustees. The new account is open to all members regarding subscription and payments.

4. Treasurers Report:

Ken produced the income and accounts expenditure for the year ending 31st March 2024. This has been signed and approved by the auditor Norman Gray.

Freda asked for the Christmas party expenses of £80.80 to be added.

The report was discussed and agreed.

5. Bank Accounts:

1. Ken has transferred £10,000 into a Lloyds high interest rate savings account. Return is 4% per year. 3 months notice is needed to withdraw any monies.

2. Ken produced financial projections which showed that there is sufficient funds left in the current account to cover any costs until year end.

6. BBO Review:

Paul has produced a report which he intends to send to past and present BBO members, on behalf of the Committee. Mike will review and issue to all BBO members.

7. NEBA Teams of 8: Freda has given a list of competitions. Mike will put these dates on the Bridge Club website. Freda will attempt to make teams.

8. Swan Trophy: Castle Morpeth Bridge Club won this trophy last year, so are hosting the next tournament which will be held at Hepscott Village Hall at 2pm on 26th January 2025. Freda will provide refreshments. Paul will send an email inviting other bridge teams to the event.

9. Festival of Bridge: Northumberland Bridge Fest will be held at Stannington Village Hall on the 7th September 2024. Colin Mitchell is organising a Learn Bridge in a Day on 14th September at the same venue.

The purpose of Bridge Fest is to raise money for Cancer Research and is only one of many bridge events which are being held that week throughout England. It's also an opportunity to meet people who enjoy playing bridge to meet and socialise. Affiliated and non-affiliated clubs, as well as people of all abilities are welcome.

Ken's niece has agreed to produce a flier advertising this event which will be sent to all Local EBU affiliated and non-affiliated Bridge Clubs.

10. Trophies: The trophies will be engraved with this year's winners and presented to them at the next AGM. Action Freda.

11. AGM Preparation: A note will be sent out to members with a draft agenda for the next AGM to be held on 18th June at 6.30 pm. An

application form inviting new Trustees members to join the Committee will also be issued. There will be a copy of the Treasurers Report for each table. Photographs will be taken of the winners and displayed on the Club website.

12. Charities Commission Administration: The Trustees Annual Return and Accounts are due for submission 10 months after our financial year end. Paul will draft the Annual Return and Ken the Financial report for discussion at the next Trustees Meeting.

13. AOB: The dates for 2024/2025 Bridge Club competitions to be scheduled by Paul. Once complete, Mike will update the club websites calendar.

The date of next meeting is Thursday October 3rd at 2.00 pm at Trinity Church Bedlington.