

CHELMSFORD BRIDGE CLUB

COMMITTEE MEETING

25th November 2020 7-15pm via Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

Present

Valdie Poter (Chair), Denis Anderson, Ted Cockle, Cath Fox, Daphne Hunt, Julie Payne, Colin Peden

1. Apologies

None

2. Previous minutes to be agreed

Minutes agreed. Proposed by Valdie. Seconded by Julie.

3. Matters arising

GDPR

Work is ongoing to put in place a club privacy policy, and to obtain / confirm members full details.

David Wing event

This was a great success, raising a total of £581 donated to Broomfield hospital.

Club Newsletter

This is still being considered, and is generally accepted as a good idea, time and other commitments allowing.

Denis will draft a sample newsletter to get things underway.

Cath receives a Café Bridge newsletter and will forward a copy to the committee. It contains a potentially useful statement relating to GDPR.

4. Weekly calendar - Session names / MPs / NGS

After a brief discussion, it was agreed to continue with our current weekly schedule.

The descriptions we have been using for the RealBridge events have resulted in misunderstandings of some members about whether they are / should be appropriate for MP award and NGS, in particular regarding the use of the term "Relaxed". To avoid further misunderstandings, we will drop "Relaxed" from the description of our Tuesday RealBridge sessions.

In summary, the following weekly sessions are run for members.

When	Name	Platform	Cost pp	Host	MPs/NGS	Notes
Monday evening	Monday Pairs	BBO	BB\$4	No	Yes	No Undos
Tuesday evening	Tuesday Pairs	RealBridge	£2.50	No	Yes	Undos permitted iaw EBU guidance (Director to be called in case of dispute)
Wednesday afternoon	Wednesday Pairs	BBO	BB\$4	No	Yes	No Undos
Thursday afternoon	Pairings	BBO	Free	No	No	Tables arranged by email
Thursday evening	Pairings	BBO	Free	No	No	Tables arranged by email
Friday afternoon	ChelmerFun	RealBridge	£2.50	Yes	No	Relaxed session, players encouraged to ask for advice

Ted had prepared a programme of events for Wednesday afternoons and distributed it to the committee prior to the meeting. It was agreed to adopt the programme. Daphne update the website to reflect the changes, and Colin will email members to make them aware.

5. Fees - current level / criteria for refunds

No changes to the session fees, as listed in the table above, were considered necessary.

Refunds would be considered on a session-by-session basis, for instance in the event of disruption to a session due to platform software issues. Generally, refunds will not be considered for individuals or partnerships, for instance due to individual technical issues.

6. Constitution / Charitable status

Julie had researched the possibility of applying for charitable status and obtained information from the EBU. Changes would be required to the club constitution, and Julie has asked Audrey Hartley to review the material.

Changes to the club constitution can only be made by a vote of members at a General Meeting. The next AGM (c. May 2021) would be an appropriate time to introduce such changes, together with a number of existing proposed changes which remain to be ratified.

7. Website

Daphne asked if any changes were needed to the website. No specific changes were identified.

8. A.O.B.

Christmas events

Daphne raised the impending spectre of Christmas and asked if the club had plans for any special events. There are no current plans, but it agreed that we should try to do something. Daphne has some ideas, and will develop them with support from the rest of the committee.

9. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 27th January 2021 @ 7-15pm