

**CHELMSFORD BRIDGE CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING**

24th February 2021 6-15pm via Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

Present

Valdie Poter (Chair), Denis Anderson (items 1 to 8), Ted Cockle, Cath Fox, Daphne Hunt (items 1 to 8), Julie Payne, Colin Peden

1. Apologies

None

2. Previous minutes to be agreed

Minutes agreed. Proposed by Valdie. Seconded by Julie.

3. Matters arising

None

4. GDPR

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the Privacy Policy and associated documents circulated prior to the meeting. A copy of the policy will be made available on the website and Colin will distribute a copy to all members.

It was noted that there are other club documents, such as committee meetings minutes, that should also be made available. Daphne will determine the best way to present these documents on the website.

5. Cups and Competitions

Denis will discuss the competitions with David Sparkes, and prepare a list of this year's winners, in preparation for award of cups and certificates at the forthcoming AGM.

6. Bank account signatories

It had been noted that the signatories on the club bank account were out of date. It was agreed unanimously that the signatories should be changed as soon as possible to be the current club officers - Julie Payne (Treasurer), Valdie Poter (Chairman) and Colin Peden (Secretary).

7. Constitution / Charitable status

It was agreed unanimously that the club should seek charitable status. The mandatory trustees would be the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. There is also opportunity to appoint additional trustees, up to a total of 10. It was unanimously agreed that no additional trustees should be appointed at this time.

Julie has drafted a document, called the "Constitution for Chelmsford Bridge Club incorporated as a CIO", for submission as an application for charitable status,

following guidance from the EBU. This is based on, but separate from, the existing club constitution.

An updated version of the club constitution will need to be submitted, and formally voted on, at the forthcoming AGM.

8. Review of weekly events

a. BBO vs RealBridge

Some members had expressed a desire for some events to be moved from BBO to RealBridge. However other members prefer BBO and are reluctant or not prepared to use RealBridge. It was agreed that we should continue with the current balance.

b. Costs

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

c. Calendar

As a summary, the following weekly sessions are currently being run for members.

When	Name	Platform	Cost pp	Host	MPs/NGS	Notes
Monday afternoon	Social Room	RealBridge	Free	No	No	Trial period
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
Wednesday evening	Social Room	RealBridge	Free	No	No	Trial period
Thursday morning	Social Room	RealBridge	Free	No	No	Trial period
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
Sunday afternoon	Sunday Fun	RealBridge	£2.50	Yes	No	Relaxed session

i. Stratified Competitions

No changes to the calendar were proposed. However, it was suggested that we consider introducing competitions as part of the Tuesday and /or Friday, specifically if there could be stratified or handicapped by NGS rank. Colin and Val will investigate.

ii. Lessons

There is an interest amongst members for lessons – both at beginner and intermediate levels. Ted and Valdie have already been discussing ways to introduce lessons and will progress them further.

9. Planning for post-lockdown activities

There remains uncertainty about when face to face bridge can effectively return, and after that time, what demand there will be for online bridge at club level. In preparation, Valdie and Cath have been scouting possible premises.

To gauge demand, Cath suggested sending out a survey to members, and offered to prepare a draft and distribute to the committee.

10. External / Charity events

The best way to promote external and charity events was discussed. Following Daphne's update to the website, there is now a section (bottom left hand side) which can be used for links to external events.

Cath has been working on a calendar application for such events. It was thought that providing a link on the website to Cath's calendar may be the best solution.

11. AGM preparation

The AGM is scheduled for Monday 24th May. A start time of 6-30pm was suggested, with an 18 board duplicate after the meeting closed.

Prior to the AGM, apart from seeking committee nominations, we need to consider what subscription fee to propose for 2021-22.

12. AOB

Match against Tyler Hill BC on Wed 17th March

We have 5 teams currently. Tyler Hill can field at least 8, so Ted will send out another email to see if any more members are interested in playing.

13. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 21st April 2021 @ 6-15pm

Colin Peden