

CHELMSFORD BRIDGE CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING
16th June 2021 5.00pm via Zoom

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 Colin. Seconded by Denis.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

None

4. Matters arising from the AGM

None

Colin asked if anyone had any comments on the draft AGM minutes that had been distributed. There were no comments.

5. Progress towards CIO status

No progress since the last meeting. Valdie, Julie and Colin will get together to discuss the way forward.

6. Competitions – clarification of who does what

Colin suggested that we need someone to “own” the competitions, to make sure that they are publicised in advance to members, the rules are clear, the calendar is up to date, Daphne is informed so she can update the website, winners are identified, informed and published in a timely manner.

Daphne agreed. Ted said that when he plays, he is only concerned with the individual week’s event. Colin said that if this was the prevailing view, then there was no point having the competitions at all. Julie thought that some members liked the competitions.

Since we have some competitions for the Tuesday and Friday RealBridge sessions starting in July, Colin said he would take on the publicity of those competitions as they were new, and he understood the rationale for them. It was agreed that the names of the new competitions would reflect their nature (e.g. Summer Tuesday Handicap).

7. Planning for Face to Face restart

Numerous views were aired. Two important points were noted.

The EBU is planning to hold the Eastbourne Conference as a face to face event towards the end of July. Lessons learned from this are likely to inform many clubs plans for returning to face to face bridge.

The first decision that we need to make is where we may play. It was suggested that the previous premises (Falcon Club) are unsuitable, and an alternative is needed. Some premises have been informally viewed and assessed, and numerous others were mooted, and will be followed up. Cath suggested drawing up a list of criteria to aid assessment, and will distribute an initial list.

8. AOB

Ted is aiming to organise a friendly teams match against the Barleylands club.

We still have issues with arranging partnerships for certain enthusiastic individuals. It was agreed that we should continue to attempt to do this using a combination of Friday host and rota systems. However it was also noted that one possible action would be to withdraw the host system on Fridays as the current situation is putting off players from attending without a partner who otherwise could and should be the beneficiaries of the host system.

The current rota finishes at the end of June, and needs updating for future months.

9. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 11th August @ 5.00pm

Colin Peden