

CHELMSFORD BRIDGE CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING
6th June 2022 6.00pm via Zoom

MINUTES

Present

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

1. Apologies

None

2. Previous minutes to be agreed

Minutes agreed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

70th Anniversary

For the club's 70th Anniversary event, Valdie had checked on the availability of venues in November and has provisionally booked the large hall at the Millennium Centre in Great Baddow for Friday 11th November.

It was suggested that the club should organise regular bi-monthly social events on a Friday starting in September, and the November anniversary event could be a special one in the sequence.

The need for a sub-committee was identified to organise all aspects of these social events, including the November anniversary event. The sub-committee will consist of Valdie, Julie and Cath, and will report at subsequent full committee meetings.

4. Playing Schedule Review

To assess the demand for changes to our playing schedule, two surveys had been sent out. The first, to all members, was to determine if there was demand for a Wednesday afternoon face to face session. It was clear from the responses that there was no such demand. The second survey was specifically to members who played regularly on Tuesday evenings, in light of the Lingwood club returning to face to face sessions at the same time. The responses were mixed, but a significant number desired no change. As a result of the surveys, no changes to our weekly playing schedule will be made at this time.

5. AGM preparation

The AGM is scheduled for Monday 13th June at 6pm using Zoom.

Reports need to be prepared and made available to members prior to the meeting. Julie has provided a Treasurer's report and financial statement. Valdie is preparing a Chairman's report. The historic club competitions have not been run this year due to play being predominantly online, so no separate report from the Tournament Secretary will be provided.

Once the reports are available, Colin will update the website to include them, and send a reminder about the AGM to members.

6. AOB

Annual Subscriptions

Julie suggested that, as a “thank you” to members, we should waive the membership annual subscription next year for existing members. This was unanimously supported, and it was agreed that it would be implemented by making the first session of the new club year free of charge to existing members.

Permanent premises for bridge in Chelmsford

There had been some encouraging discussions with the Falcon Club about potential permanent premises for bridge in Chelmsford. Although this is a fine objective, if it were to succeed, other clubs in the area would need to be involved and support the idea.

Club Competitions

Because of the change to predominantly online play, many of the traditional club competitions are impractical to organise effectively. However, the desire to have some club competitions is strong. It was agreed that a sub-committee would be formed to recommend appropriate competitions to be adopted suitable for the current environment. The sub-committee will consist of Valdie, Ted, Denis and Colin, and will report at subsequent full committee meetings.

7. Date of next meeting

Monday 15th August 2022 @ 6.00pm via Zoom

Colin Peden

CHELMSFORD BRIDGE CLUB
EXTRAORDINARY COMMITTEE MEETING

8th June 2022 3.00pm via Zoom

MINUTES

Present

Valdie Poter (Chair), Denis Anderson, Julie Payne, Colin Peden

Apologies

Cath Fox

Discussion

Colin explained that an incident had occurred during the regular Tuesday evening RealBridge session on 7th June which had resulted in a formal complaint against a player being made and submitted to the Club Secretary.

Such incidents at the club are extremely rare. The first stage of the club's incident policy is for the Club Referee to discuss the matter with both parties to attempt to find an amicable solution. This meeting had been called to appoint a Club Referee to address this incident.

Prior to the meeting, Paul Meyer had been suggested as a suitable candidate. Valdie had confirmed with Paul that he was willing to undertake the role.

Proposal

That Paul Meyer should be appointed Club Referee to address the complaint raised during the RealBridge session on 7th June 2022.

Proposed: Valdie Poter

Seconded: Colin Peden

The motion was **passed unanimously** by attendees, with additional support for Paul being provided in writing from Cath Fox.

Colin Peden