

CHELMSFORD BRIDGE CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING
26th September 2022 5.00pm via Zoom

MINUTES

Present

Valdie Poter (Chair), Denis Anderson, Cath Fox, Julie Payne (items 1-4), Colin Peden, June Brown (item 5)

1. Apologies

None

2. Previous minutes to be agreed

Minutes agreed

3. Dealing machines

Currently a single dealing machine is shared between several clubs, a number of which have uncertain futures. It was proposed that Chelmsford BC should be autonomous and have its own machine. The cost was understood to be approximately £3000.

The club has been contributing to a sinking fund for the replacement of the machine. Lingwood BC, which is not currently active, holds the sinking fund. Colin will contact Sue Thorburn to ask about the status of the fund.

It was agreed by those present to pursue the purchase, and to that end, Julie will research options, get quotes for possible machines and will check for potential discounts available from the EBU.

4. Competitions

The desire to set up some club competitions had previously been expressed, and June Brown had volunteered to investigate and make some suggestions.

June presented several possible options to the meeting, which were discussed, as follows.

a. Stratification

- Good idea in principle
- Do we have enough participants to make stratification practical?
- Need to look for opportunities

b. Handicaps

- Good idea
- Potentially implement monthly for each of Monday, Tuesday and Friday separately
- Rolling 12 months is probably the most practicable for assessment of handicaps

- c. Teams
 - Could have “play with an expert”, where a less experience pair play with a more experienced pair, drawn at random
 - Could work well, but potential problems with commitment and people forgetting
- d. Masterpoint aggregation
 - Good idea
 - Should be implemented
 - Should include all sessions (Monday, Tuesday and Friday combined), so the more you play at the club, the better the chance of winning

It was agreed that the options would be discussed further at the next meeting.

5. Anniversary Event

Colin agreed to put a form on the website after the October charity event, for people to register for the anniversary event in November.

6. Options for surplus cash

Deferred until a later meeting

7. AOB

Future face to face events

Valdie will investigate booking the venue on the 2nd Friday of each month up to May.

8. Date of next meeting

Monday 31st October @ 5-30pm via Zoom

Colin Peden