

**CHELMSFORD BRIDGE CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING**

21st November 2022 5.30pm via Zoom

MINUTES

Present

Valdie Poter (Chair), Denis Anderson, June Brown, Ted Cockle, Julie Payne, Colin Peden

1. Apologies

Received from Cath Fox

2. Previous minutes to be agreed

The minutes for the two previous Committee Meetings are now available on the website. Both sets of minutes were agreed.

3. Christmas Party (9th December)

The consensus was that we should hold a regular duplicate bridge evening, but with some extra spot prizes – for example, for the first slam bid and made, for a doubled contract bid and made and for winning a trick with the 2 of each suit. Julie will organise the prizes. Members will receive a free drink from the bar.

4. Competitions

Following the discussion two meetings ago, it was unanimously agreed that June should set up a monthly handicap competition for each of the Monday, Tuesday and Friday sessions.

5. Options for surplus cash

The monthly face to face charity events with the club matching donations received have resulted in the cash surplus stabilising. It was decided to keep going with monthly charity events into next year and review the position in April.

There had been further discussions about the purchase of a new dealing machine. In particular, the lead time for purchase of a new machine, should the existing machine fail, was less than three weeks. This would be covered by having at least three sets of boards always prepared and available for use. As a result, it was agreed that there is no need to buy a new dealing machine for the time being.

6. AOB

We need to choose charities for future face to face events. Valdie will send an email to members to request suggestions.

7. Date of next meeting

Monday 13th February @ 5.30pm via Zoom