

CHELMSFORD BRIDGE CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING
3rd February 2025 6.15pm via Zoom

MINUTES

Present

June Brown, Cath Fox, Jean Maker, Julie Payne, Colin Peden, Valdie Poter, Jill Collier

1. Apologies

Denis Anderson, Ted Cockle

2. Previous minutes to be agreed

The minutes for the previous Committee Meeting are available on the website. The minutes were agreed.

3. Matters arising

None

4. Simultaneous Pairs events

The club has regularly been entering charity Simultaneous Pairs events on Monday evenings.

Julie stated that currently, for these events, members pay their normal session fees (£2pp) to the club with no surcharge, and the club pays all entry fees for the event and makes an additional £3 per player donation to the charity. This has the considerable advantage that it is relatively easy for the club to administer.

Colin asked whether the committee thought this was the best approach given the significant entry fee costs of the event organisers limiting the amounts donated to the charities. For instance, do members genuinely appreciate the Simultaneous nature of these events, or would they prefer to support, say, a monthly club-only RealBridge event where more money was donated to charity?

Several members of the committee felt that some members, especially the newer ones, did not understand how simultaneous pairs events worked.

Colin agreed to contact members with details of simultaneous pairs events, and how they operate, and to canvas views on the club approach.

5. Charity nominations

We now have a long list of nominations (attached) for charities to support at our monthly face to face events. Essex Wildlife Trust Hanningfield Reservoir will be the charity for March. Julie and Valdie will review the list and propose charities for the remainder of the year.

6. Club equipment - tables and trophies

Denis needs to handover the old club tables and trophies that he has generously been storing on behalf of the club for some time. Valdie had already agreed to look after the tables, and Cath will be looking after the trophies from tomorrow.

7. AGM Preparation

It was agreed that the AGM should again be by Zoom meeting, and a provisional date was set for Monday 19th May. Further details will be discussed at the next meeting.

8. AOB

Valdie is still keen to schedule regular face to face duplicate sessions, particularly for the improvers that he has been teaching. There was general agreement that this would be a good idea. The problems, as ever, are identifying a suitable time and venue during the week and finding enough support to run the sessions regularly.

9. Date of next meeting

Monday 31st March 2025 @ 6.15pm

Colin Peden

Charities Nominations received from members (as at 28th January 2025), in no particular order

- Essex Wildlife Trust Hanningfield Reservoir
- Danaher Dog Rescue Braintree RSPCA
- Marie Curie
- CHESS Chelmsford Homeless Charity
- Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre Melbourne children and adult activities
- Little Edi Foundation Essex based where children and young people are at the heart of the organisation. Creating opportunities for disadvantaged youngsters.
- Hamelin Trust in Billericay. Offers support for people with profound learning and physical disabilities
- Macmillan nurses/Macmillan cancer support
- Barrow Farm Riding for the disabled
- Alzheimer's
- Aching Arms bringing comfort after baby loss
- Addenbrooke's liver transplant association
- Kidney Research UK
- British Limbless association
- Essex Respite Care
- Great Ormond Street Hospital