

CHELMSFORD BRIDGE CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING
16th June 2025 6.15pm via Zoom

MINUTES

Present

June Brown, Cath Fox, Julie Payne, Colin Peden, Alan Rodger

1. Apologies

Jean Maker

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

- Simultaneous Pairs events
Colin hasn't yet sent anything out to members regarding information and questions about simultaneous pairs events. We have an ECats sim pairs coming up on 7th July. Colin will send an email to members to advise them and will include information on how sim events operate. We will review the situation further after that event.

4. Membership requirements for players who only play F2F

Alan pointed out that there were several players who regularly play in the monthly face to face (F2F) sessions who are not members of the Club. This is because membership is set up for online players, and these players do not play online.

It was agreed that from 1st September, we will require that all players, including those who only play F2F, become members and pay the annual £2 membership fee. Julie will prepare a form for F2F players to complete in person to apply for membership so we can record their details. June will add a note about this new requirement to the website.

Cath suggested that we encourage learners and improvers who are undertaking lessons with Valdie Poter to join the club by offering them reduced annual membership of £1. This was agreed, and Colin will ask Valdie to pass this on to his students.

5. Organisation of Charity F2F sessions

The organisation of charity F2F sessions is split between several people. Alan organises the electronic equipment and the boards. The room booking is automatic. Julie supervises the refreshments.

The main issue is the availability of directors. Alan will contact members who are directors to ask if they would be prepared to direct a charity event, with a view to preparing a rota for future events.

There is a Club Director course being held over several weekends in the autumn at Barleylands. We will try to identify from F2F attendance any players who may be willing to undertake the course. It is understood that the EBU would cover the course fees for one candidate per club every two years. The Club would be prepared to consider paying the fees for any further willing candidates.

6. Review of Cups and Trophies (from AGM)

A question had been raised at the recent AGM about the club's cups and trophies, and whether they had any significant value that the club may be able to realise by potentially selling them. It is believed that they all have low intrinsic value. Cath is currently storing them on behalf of the Club and will reconfirm that none have hallmarks.

Cath also stores a few tables on behalf of the club. These are in poor condition, and we should consider disposing of them.

7. Review of Club Constitution

Colin noted that it had been several years since the Club Constitution had been reviewed, and that it may contain a few anomalies with how the club is now organised. We should consider whether any changes should be made. Changes need to be ratified by a General Meeting of the Club.

It was agreed that the Committee would review the Constitution over the next few months, and if appropriate, draft a revised version for ratification at the next AGM in 2026.

8. AOB

None

9. Date of next meeting

Monday 18th August 2025 @ 6.15pm

Colin Peden