

**CHELMSFORD BRIDGE CLUB**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
*9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 6.15pm via Zoom*

**MINUTES**

**Present**

June Brown, Jill Collier, Julie Payne, Colin Peden, Alan Rodger

**1. Apologies**

Cath Fox, 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**

No issues have been raised regarding the constitution, so no changes will be proposed at the forthcoming AGM.

**4. Future of Face to Face Sessions**

Several pairs had responded positively to Julie's email invitation to next Friday's face to face charity event. But we need more pairs to make the event viable. Julie will send out a further invitation.

We will continue to take this approach to the charity events at least until the AGM. But if interest continues to be low, regrettably we may need suspend them.

Julie will check to see what notice is required if we have to cancel the hall.

**5. Availability of Directors**

Alan had been discussing with Audrey the availability of Directors. Currently, between them, Alan and Audrey direct all our regular sessions, and the club is vulnerable should either of them become unavailable at short notice.

Several members are known to be qualified Directors, but not all have experience of directing on RealBridge. Alan will contact them to see if they would be willing to step in occasionally to direct a RealBridge session.

**6. Gentle Duplicate Session**

Alan had prepared and distributed to the committee some notes (attached) about the proposed gentle duplicate sessions.

It was agreed that we should hold these sessions as described in the notes on a trial basis on Monday evenings, in parallel with the regular duplicate session, starting on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

Colin will send an email to members to inform them.

**7. AGM Preparation**

11<sup>th</sup> May was proposed as the date for this year's AGM. Arrangements will be similar to last year.

**8. AOB**  
None

**9. Date of next meeting**  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026 @ 6.15pm

Colin Peden

## **PROPOSED SESSION FOR NEW / INEXPERIENCED PLAYERS**

We have been considering how we might best approach this proposal. A way forward may be along the following lines:

- Each session should consist of a limited number of boards – say 16/18 and be played on RealBridge
- Participation in the event should be limited to people who have newly learned the game or who have a current NGS grade of less than 10
- The session should be run by a non-playing Director who would be able to offer assistance in bidding or play as requested
- We need to assess demand for an event of this nature, initially from within the membership but, depending on the response we could extend to other clubs currently playing face-to-face
- Master Points and NGS rating would not be offered as part of the event