

CHELMSFORD BRIDGE CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING
16th March 2026 6.00pm via Zoom

MINUTES

Present

June Brown, Julie Payne, Colin Peden, Alan Rodger

1. Apologies

Jill Collier, 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

None

4. Face to Face Sessions

Unfortunately, we had to cancel last week's charity event because insufficient pairs had responded to Julie's invitation emails.

The Millennium Community Centre have kindly offered to carry over the hall booking costs to next month. The usual notice period for cancellation is one month.

Julie will continue to send out invitations for the charity events on April 10th and May 8th prior to the AGM.

We will raise the subject of low attendance with the membership at the AGM, but if interest continues to be low, regrettably we may need suspend the face-to-face events and consider alternative ways of supporting charities.

5. Availability of Directors

Alan had spoken to Valdie Poter and Ashley Sawyer, both of whom would be happy to direct some sessions. Julie will also be able to direct occasionally.

Alan is updating the RealBridge instructions on the website for setting up and running events. He will then start to prepare a rota for Directors.

6. Gentle Duplicate Trial

We held the first Gentle Duplicate on 9th March with two tables. All the feedback from the players was positive, and there will be another session this evening, again with two tables.

Two tables is obviously the minimum needed, and we need to attract more players if the sessions are to succeed long term.

7. Sim Pairs Arrangements

Usually during Sim Pairs weeks, organisations such as ECats arrange events on every weekday. We currently only enter the Monday events.

It has been suggested that we should consider also entering the events on Tuesdays and/or Fridays during those weeks.

We will consider this further as part of the review of charity events.

8. AGM Preparation

The AGM will be held on 11th May, again using Zoom.

Alan, Julie, June and Colin will be standing for re-election to the committee again next year. Jean Maker will not be standing. Colin will confirm with Cath and Jill whether they will be standing.

9. AOB

None

10. Date of next meetings

Monday 27th April 2026 @ 6.00pm (if required prior to the AGM)

Monday 6th July 2026 @ 6.00pm

Colin Peden