

CHELMSFORD BRIDGE CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING
6th July 2026 6.00pm via Zoom

MINUTES

Present

Ashley Mews, Julie Payne, Colin Peden, Alan Rodger

1. Apologies

June Brown

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

a. Face to Face Sessions

Regrettably, because of inconsistent numbers, we have suspended the monthly face-to-face events.

b. Availability of Directors

We now have a short list of members who are prepared to direct. Alan has completed updating the RealBridge instructions for setting up and running events. He will send the update to Colin to put on the website.

c. Gentle Duplicate

The Monday Gentle Duplicate events continue to run weekly when numbers allow.

4. Ladder Results

A member had questioned why their results were not visible on the ladders displayed on the website. This is because the ladders are configured to only display results for pairs whose average is at least 50%. It was originally set up this way to avoid discouraging beginners with very low averages. The committee felt this was no longer appropriate, and the ladders will be changed to display all scores.

5. Charity Contributions

The charity supported by the club in June was Hedgehog Haven. Every time a player played, we donated 50p from their game charge of £2. The total collected has come to £207. Other donations for this charity amounted to £15, so the total donation from the Club will be £222.

We are playing the ECats Summer Charity Pairs at all sessions in the week of 6th July. The charities supported by these games are British Heart Foundation and Kidney Research UK. Every time a player plays during the week we will be contributing £3. For the rest of the month of July, we will donate 50p per player every time a player plays and give the proceeds split equally between British Heart Foundation and Kidney Research UK.

Julie has received several responses to her email requesting suggestions for charities to support in future months.

6. Disposal of Trophies and Bridge Equipment

Only two of the club's trophies were estimated to have any significant value. Gemma Fewster from ECBA had offered to have them valued and sold along with similar trophies from ECBA. Gemma had advised that the two trophies realised approximately £275 and

asked what we wished to do with the proceeds. In the absence of any clear alternatives, the committee decided to request that the proceeds be forwarded to CBC. Alan will contact Gemma to pass on the request.

Cath Fox is storing several bidding boxes on behalf of the club. The committee decided that we should aim to dispose of them if a suitable home could be found. In the first instance, Colin will send an email to members to ask if they would like any for their private home use. Any remaining boxes will be offered to other clubs who meet face to face in the local area.

7. AOB

None

8. Date of next meetings

Monday 24th August 2026 @ 6.00pm

Monday 5th October 2026 @ 6.00pm

Colin Peden