

Draft Minutes Committee Meeting 1st October

Present: Sheila Montgomery, Ray Mardon, John Whiteside, Sue Blake, Graham Eele and Christine Brierley.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted.
2. JW presented the treasurer's report for the year, which will be audited by Hugh Green. JW will be away for the AGM and he has prepared a written financial statement for SM to read verbatim in his absence. As the WBU put up its subs by £1 this year our subscriptions should also go up by £1, SM to check if this needs a vote. The cost of the heavily subsidised Christmas Party will be £14 this year, including table money.
3. AGM preparations; All the committee and officer nominations were completed with no changes. GE volunteered to do the attendance sheet at the door. CB will purchase wine. SM will book room, notify members and prepare the agenda.
4. AGM agenda; There was a helpful discussion about what to include in the Chair's report, covering competitions, parties, web site, team successes and the members consultation meeting.
5. Review of Master Points. JW estimated the cost of master points to be £200 a year. SM has investigated if we can get rolling club results so we can reward members achieving a new rank, but the club results are only available annually, which is disappointing. 3 options re master points to be put to a show of hands.
 - A) Continue awarding to all events.
 - B) Master points for competitions only.
 - C) Master points for Mondays and competitions.

As Master points were partly to compensate for stopping prize money, RM suggested a voluntary sweep of 20p. SB agreed and said we could try it on Wednesdays to provide a small prize.

This will be put to a show of hands.

6. No fears afternoon bridge: Thursday is only day available at the Palmer Centre. It might be possible to hold it elsewhere. We could ask for expressions of interest at the AGM.
7. AoB; SB suggested we start a club accident book as there have been some recent incidents of injury from the broken chairs. This was agreed, SM to purchase. GE said unfortunately the beginners course was undersubscribed but the initial free taster session would go ahead. RM raised the issue of Champion of Champions competition. It was decided the Club would fund entry and expenses, and the selection process would be discussed at the next committee meeting.
8. Date of next meeting to be decided after AGM.