

Chepstow Archway Bridge Club

Draft Minutes of Committee Meeting 25/6/109

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

Minutes of last meeting; a minor change in the wording of the discussion about the desirable bank balance was made, and will be altered in the last draft minutes (SM)

The Treasures' Report; JW highlighted a reduction in the current balance of £328 since the start of the financial year. This is of concern to him. RM asked for details to help assess whether or not we have a problem (e.g. were average table numbers down? To what extent was this due to the Palmer Centre closures, and one off items of expenditure such as the Duplimate upgrade?) JW will look into this.

The Web Site; GE explained the many Pros and the small number of Cons of Bridgewebs as recommended by Peter Taylor. It was unanimously agreed to change our club site to hosting by Bridgewebs, with the expected cost of £50-£70 per year. Peter Taylor has agreed to be Web Master for at least a year, with the support of GE, and possibly David Green. Currently Peter is developing the new site, and plans to go live at the end of July with a view to switching completely at the end of August. The old web site would run in parallel until then. The new hosting is running on a free three month trial at the moment. RM noted that Greg Howell, who developed our existing web site understandably had reservations about this.

Summer Party 17th July; SM will put up a sign-up on 26/6. The Club will provide free wine and soft drinks. Those attending will bring food. The usual table money will apply. Jean Chuter will be asked if she would organise a raffle for funds to go towards the funding of replacement Bridge Mates, which will need replacing at some stage. Paper plates will be used, and metal cutlery (NOT plastic). There will be a wine prize for the winners and prizes for runners up and last

place. SM to purchase. The format will be Chicago bridge as in the Charity Event.

Monmouth Match; There have been difficulties getting a suitable date. A Friday night after the summer holidays is a possibility. SM to continue liaising.

Teams of Eight Funding; It was unanimously agreed to fund the entry fee as usual, but also to fund the entry to the final, plus travel to the final. (£120 entry and £32 travel) It was also agreed that if a second team of eight could be formed they would also be funded.

Christmas Party; SM has provisionally booked Abbey Mill for catering on the 5th December, at a cost of £18.50 per head, the same as last year. It was agreed to charge members £12 per head, although GE would rather it was £10. SM will confirm booking.

Club Policy on subsidies for teams and social events; There was a generalised discussion about balance and fairness between funding competitions and social events so all members get some benefit. It was agreed the club should pay the entry fees for teams that were representing it. (teams of eight and EWBL teams). It was agreed that a third team could enter the League.

AOB; GE suggested having an open meeting with a group of any interested members to discuss how to attract new members. It was agreed to hold this on the 30th July, venue and time to be arranged depending on numbers. SM will put this in the newsletter, and the committee members would also would also ask around.

GE also mentioned there was a free community networking event organised by Chepstow on August bank holiday. It was agreed the Club should have a table to publicise the Club and the forthcoming lessons. SB volunteered to help.

GE discussed publicity for the lessons. An entry in 'What's On', post cards in shops, community noticeboards were suggested.

SM and GE will meet to plan the lessons before advertising starts.

Date of next meeting; Tuesday August 20th at High Leys.

