

# ARCHWAY BRIDGE CLUB

## Draft Minutes Committee Meeting

6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 by Zoom

Sheila Montgomery, Ray Mardon, Graham Eele, Susan Blake and Dave Smith attended.

1. Minutes of last meeting passed.
2. Treasurers' report (see attached) Graham reported we had still got just over £3K, which is £100 down on the same time last year. However, the loyalty card means some table money is paid in advance. BBO money is no longer coming in. We have fixed costs to cover (insurance, depreciation of kit, WBU subs, replacement of cards etc.) Dave calculated roughly there was about £500 plus the WBU subs.
3. Review of Tuesday Afternoon after first months' trial: The afternoon session has been popular with a group of members, with 2 1/2 to 4 tables playing. It was unanimously decided to continue through December, and Graham would pay the rent.
4. Review of Monday and Wednesday evening sessions: SM said the problem was numbers playing, where some evenings had the unsatisfactory 2 1/2 tables and one evening had only 5 members turn up. There was a long discussion about whether to drop one evening and have one evening session and one afternoon session only. Opinion was divided, and eventually it was decided to ask members for their views and preferences in person and by e mail. Meanwhile all three sessions would continue until Christmas.
5. Table money: in order to cover the rent with our low attendance numbers, it was unanimously decided to drop the introductory offer of having 6 sessions for the price of 5. All cards purchased before the end of December would be honoured, but cards issued from January onwards would not be due a free session.
6. Heating. SB reported the Meeting Rooms had been very cold. SM will contact the management.
7. CABC teams: there have been problems fitting in dates for the matches.

8. Competitions: there was a discussion about whether there was demand for competitions, and whether they could be ftof or on line.
9. SM has visited Itton Bridge Club run by Rita Edwards. They have twenty members and teach and play on Monday afternoon. DS and SM will attend to see if they could assist with teaching and forge informal links with them.
10. Christmas closure and provision of food and drink: The last day of play will be 22<sup>nd</sup> December and the Club will reopen on 4<sup>th</sup> January. It was decided not to provide alcohol in view of the Covid problem.
11. AGM: it was decided to hold it on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March before play. SM will liaise with the WBU meanwhile.
12. A.o.B: SB , who has been a valued committee member for many years, would like to step down. SM will ask around for anyone willing to take her place.