

Minutes For CABC Committee Meeting

August 19th 2022

Present: Dave Smith, Sheila Montgomery, Graham Eele, Caroline Gawler, Ray Mardon

1. **Finances.** GE reported the initial balance at the beginning of the year was £3,420. It is now £3,460, so we are breaking even. We have paid the WBU subs and upgraded a computer, but not allowed for any depreciation during this period.
2. **Membership Fee.** In line with the WBU charges, it was decided that the membership fee would be £7.50 from October 1st, and free if you join after January. The fee for 2023-4 will be decided as usual at the AGM.
3. **Carolyn Ogden's Memorial Donation.** The Club will donate £100 in Carolyn's name to the National Trust. GE will arrange this.
4. **Funding for catering.** CG has been providing superior and popular refreshments. It was decided the Club should fund this properly. CG will email GE with a charge of £20 per month per session.
5. **Additional Session.** It was noted with pleasure that the table numbers had gone up in the last month, enough to allow an extra session to be started. There was a good discussion about what we aim to achieve for the Club with a new session. We want to encourage new players and allow them to develop and enjoy their bridge. It was proposed to have a morning session (initially Thursday, but changed to Tuesday as the venue was not available then) from 10 until 1pm. There would be a break and probably 20 boards of properly scored duplicate bridge. To encourage new players crib sheets will be allowed and there will be help with bidding problems during play. DS or a substitute will be available to advise in a quiet corner. Partners will not be essential, we hope to provide opportunities to play with a more experienced partner. SM will inform the membership, and Itton Bridge Club and Lydney Bridge Club will be informed in person.

6. **Venue.** It was noted the Meeting Rooms is too crowded with 7 tables. We decided to see how the second session worked out, and consider using the smaller room for a table.
7. **Events.** The Ladies and men's pairs competitions will be held on the same night, Monday the 31st October. Children in Need sims will be on Monday November 7th. The Christmas Party will be on Monday December 12th. It was decided to use the same successful format as the Summer Party. It was decided the competition trophies would be kept by the winners for a year.
8. **Inventory.** The items on the inventory were discussed. There are difficulties with storage and we have items and paperwork extraneous to requirements. It was decided to keep 25 large plates, 25 small plates, 25 sets of cutlery and give away the remainder. GE will investigate local charities. The old paper files will be recycled as records are now digital. We will keep the notice board. Old cards will be offered to members, or recycled.
9. **CABC representation to WBU.** DS will liaise with the WBU to express the Club's collective wish to be able to play teams events on line.

Next meeting in November.