

Chepstow Archway Bridge Club

Minutes Committee Meeting

August 12th 2026 by WhatsApp call

Present: Richard Stevenson, Graham Eele, Paula Grobbelaar, Ray Mardon, Liz Klinkert and Sheila Montgomery.

Item 1: Party planning.

Numbers: 22 people have paid, 5 have said they will come, 9 special guests have accepted. Sheila will email members as a reminder to pay and ask people to consider who else they would like to invite so a second tranche of invitations can be made.

Recommendations of technical sub committee following their visit to Lindors:
Timing: Bridge to be played from about 2 to 3.45. followed by short break and restarted by 4.15 until 5.15.

Movement: Mitchell movement with 2 board rounds.

Rooms: 2 rooms using up to 3 sets of boards (RS to deal).

Seating arrangements: Notice boards to be set up by PG. These will inform guests where to sit for round 1, and list their allocated bridgemate numbers. Ideally the names will be added to the bridgemates before play.

Partnerships: Guests not already in a partnership will be allocated a partner by RS. Players accustomed to bridgemates should be seated NS.

Directing: Brian Harden will play at a sitting table to supervise the board movements in one room, Ray Mardon will do the same in the other room. Both will sit South. Pete Taylor will be in charge of scoring.
Brian and Pete will sort out the movement cards.
Richard will bring the bidding boxes.
Table numbers may need printing if we can't find enough. GE has a good printer.

The question of prizes has been extensively discussed, but after discussion the committee members unanimously agreed to simply a prize for the winning NS pair and EW pair. PG suggested identical hampers for each partner as a prize. The hampers would initially be from donations from club and committee members, and topped if necessary by Club funds. RS will mention donations to the members. RS will make a short closing speech as the winners are determined, then SM will present the prizes.

Item 2: Proposed charges for BBO and the Club teams League.

BBO are going to introduce paid premium membership this month. Only premium members can set up matches. Real Bridge is used as a platform by EWBU, but there was negative feedback from some committee members about their experience on Real Bridge.

RS will investigate what are options are, and present his findings at the next committee meeting.

Date of next meeting: 9th September at 6 pm