

Minutes Committee Meeting
Chepstow Archway Bridge Club
April 11th 2022, 4pm The Leys

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

DS has reviewed attendance in the last 6 weeks. 28 different players have attended. Most people had played on at least one Monday. There was a set of players who did not attend on any Wednesday.

GE reported 19 members have paid their fees directly. SM said there were about 10 who had paid cash. The plan is to actively chase those still to pay, and at the end of May we could update the membership list and the email list.

SM reported Pete Taylor has returned two defective laptops and had purchased a new more expensive and reliable HP machine.

DS led the discussion about how to approve attendance.

It was proposed to start two WhatsApp groups, one for the committee and one for the members. SM to set up committee group, GE to set up members group. The members group would help in partner finding and notifying events. CG will act as a communications link with members not on e mail or without a smart phone.

DS felt that events (charity, parties, competitions) would boost numbers. He will draw up a list of events with a view to having one a month.

DS suggested reducing club nights to once a week on Mondays to try and get a good attendance on one night. GE suggested trying this for a period of two months. DS said Monday would be the night and the Trial would be in May and June. This was put to a vote and passed by 3, with 2 abstentions. (RM and SM)

DS will write an e mail to the members summarising the above. SM will write the minutes for the web site.

The Sims event for Ukraine was discussed. CG kindly volunteered to organise cakes and wine . The committee agreed to match the donations by up to £200.

It was noted that the WBU has not got any forum for communicating with smaller clubs. DS will get in touch with the CEO.

The next meeting will be in June to review the number of nights we play on.