

Chepstow Archway Bridge Club

Minutes Committee Meeting 14/01/20

Present: Sheila Montgomery, John Whiteside, Ray Mardon, Sue Blake, Christine Brierly, Graham Eele, Dave Smith.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

Treasurers Report:

There was much about attendance figures with JW expressing concern at a revenue reduction of about 10% over the period from October to December 2019 compared with the same period in 2018. Furthermore, membership numbers are down from 83 previously to at best 70 in the current year. Even so our current balance of £3,485.78 is up on last years total £3,214.56.

Rent Rise and Table Money:

Rent per hour will rise from next month from £8.50 to £10 50. RM/SM proposed reducing our hours booked from 18.30 until 22.30 to 18.30 until 22.00, saving about £250 per night per year. RM and CB, the relevant Directors, thought this would work for Mondays and Thursdays. SB thought with the slower play on Wednesday it would not work well. The committee agreed to change the booked hours on Monday and Thursday accordingly, with Wednesday unchanged.

There was much discussion about the need for, and the possible impact of, an increase in table money to cover the rent increase. A vote was taken about whether to increase the table money immediately. The vote was split 3/3 and SM cast her Chairs vote for no immediate rise. SM will write to the members explaining the how reducing hours helps to reduce our costs, but emphasising that the rent increase may force an eventual increase in table money.

Teams as a Regular Event:

It was agreed to hold a teams event on every fourth Thursday in the month, starting 27th February. This is intended as a social event with

wine and nibbles provided. CB will direct and publicity will be organised.

Teaching:

DS offered to teach small groups in his home for free. His offer was gratefully accepted. SM and GE will assist as required. Sessions will run for 8 weeks on a Tuesday afternoon, starting March 3rd.

GE was keen for the Club to have a Facebook page, with Pam to manage it, although she could not set it up. GE will approach Vic Pritchard to discuss the feasibility.

Old Web Site Closure:

This was agreed to.

George Smith Plate:

Next year this trophy will be competed for on a Wednesday.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday 11th March, 2pm, Christine's house.