

Chepstow Archway Bridge Club

Minutes Committee Meeting 22/02/22 on Zoom

Present: Sheila Montgomery, Ray Mardon, Graham Eele, Sue Blake, Dave Smith

1. Minutes of last meeting: passed
2. Treasure's remarks: GE reported that at last the bank mandate had been changed. Our balance remains healthy at around £3,500. Hugh Green has agreed to audit the accounts.

3. Current state of the Club:

Wednesday evenings. The first two evenings had 4 tables and 3 ½ tables. There was a discussion around the number of boards to play, the start time, and whether to use IMPs or MPs . As some members have to travel a long distance, it was decided to keep the start time to 6.45, to finish play by 9.45 at the latest, and to play 24 boards if possible – to make the evening worthwhile. It was decided to use IMPs if there were fewer than 4 tables and MPs if there were 4+ tables.

Monday evenings. It was decided to trial 4 sessions of Monday evenings starting on March 7th. If we attract 4 tables that would make Mondays viable, but less than that would mean not continuing with f2f on Mondays. We could then use Monday evenings for online teams/Club night/competitions. The situation will be reviewed at the end of March, and the membership will be informed of the need to support Mondays if they want to keep f2f going.

Online Bridge. We will continue Club night until 7th March.

4. The AGM;

The AGM will be held on 14th March in St Arvans Meeting Rooms. Wine and refreshments will be provided. (wine GE, refreshments SM) The Claret Cup competition will follow. We will call for motions and expression of interest to join the committee via e mail and f2f on Wednesday evenings. SM will circulate a proposed agenda asap.

It was noted Sue Blake would like to step down after many years of service. However, she did agree to continue for now, the rest of the committee expressed gratitude.

The membership fee for this year was discussed. The WBU fee is reduced to £10 this year. It was agreed that we would set our membership fee at £15 this year. GE proposed our financial year should change to March to February, which will need to be passed by a motion

at the AGM. GE would like the fee to be collected at the AGM if possible, and cash or BACS is preferred. Cheques are difficult as Barclays has closed its Chepstow branch. It was decided to allow 2 months grace for the collection of the fees.

5. A.o.B Nothing else was raised.