

Chepstow Archway Bridge Club
Minutes Committee Meeting

6th June 2022

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

1. The decision to play on only Monday nights was reviewed. Although table numbers are increasing nicely and we are covering the rental comfortably, it was agreed to continue for a further 3 months with just one night and review again in August. That would complete a 6 months consolidation period and confirm the viability of the Club. We could then consider the next stage of recovery. Looking ahead we could consider reintroducing a second evening, and/or an afternoon session in the winter months. We could also start to consider how to attract new members and consider advertising and teaching.
2. GE distributed the completed membership list of 38 paid up members. GE has paid the WBU subs for everyone. There was one member identified who may join later, CG will liaise.
3. Events were discussed. The mixed pairs competition was scheduled for 20th June. Everyone is welcome to play, but only a mixed pair can win the trophy. Regular same sex partnerships to be encouraged to form a mixed partnership for that night. The Summer Party will be held on August 8th. The Club will provide wine and soft drinks, CG and SM will organise food contributions whilst signing members up for attendance. Start time will be 6.15, food and drink to be followed by duplicate bridge with special spot prizes to be organised by DS. Normal table money.
4. It was decided to do a Club inventory. A lot of Club equipment is scattered around. SM will ask relevant members for a list and compile the inventory. SM noted that some of the plates amongst the crockery she is storing may have some value, and DS will auction them on e bay for club funds. The remaining crockery could go to Charity shops. The glasses and cutlery will be kept, they are easier to store and may be

useful. SM will count all the bidding boxes, both stored and in Club use, check all the contents and ensure all contents are complete.

5. Budgeting was discussed. In order to be informed decisions about table money which forms the bulk of our revenue, we need to use the inventory to estimate the future expense. Currently 25% depreciation per year is allowed on bridge mates, computers and the duplimate dealing machine. We need to estimate how much equipment (cards, bidding box cards, bridgemates) will need replacing and the cost. Fixed costs (insurance, web site price) will need listing. GE will prepare this. DS suggested annual formal auditing was unnecessary, but SM said it was in the constitution and that could only be changed at an AGM. GE said he found the auditing process helpful and supportive, so it was agreed to continue.
6. Club financial support for teams representing the Club was discussed. We have a team of Eight due to play in Llanelli on the 26th June. It was agreed to pay the entrance fee of £96, but participants would pay for their travel. The broader decision about funding future events of players representing the Club will be decided at the AGM. It was agreed that the Committee would select the team, with Richard Stevenson to continue as captain.
7. The next meeting will be at the end of August.