

Chepstow Archway Bridge Club

Minutes Committee Meeting

1st November 2023 at The Leys, Chepstow

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

Apologies: Ian Brown

1. Arrangements for new committee agreed as DS has resigned. Committee will be voted for at the EGM on 13th November. SM will stand for Chair, RM as Secretary, GE as Treasurer. DS has moved and can no longer serve, IB will be invited to put his name forward for re-election.
2. The Club Rules will need to be changed to a quorum for the Committee of 3, to be approved at EGM.
3. The Treasurer's report was discussed. It was noted the two critical problems are low Club membership numbers, and a dwindling of Club funds, our income being less than our outgoings. It was decided to put before the membership several proposals to try and improve the playing experiences. These were changing Monday for Wednesday, or running 2 sessions on Monday and Wednesday. Tuesday night is not available at the Meeting Rooms. Reinstating prizes and improving the catering were suggested. Improving partner finding was discussed, a suggestion was that members email SM along with their preferred method on contact. SM would then post the email to the general membership. A change of venue was discussed, but everywhere in Chepstow is significantly more expensive, so that will not be put forward as an option at the EGM. Leaving the WBU affiliation was discussed and not ruled out. It would give the Club more financial stability. It was agreed that the Committee would approach the WBU to discuss our problems and seek their support and advice. DS will inform the Committee who would be best to approach. It was decided to explore this before putting the suggestion to the members.
4. There was a lively discussion about how to enable the discussion about the Club's future. SM will write to all members, urging them to come to the EGM, or write beforehand about their views.
5. The Christmas Party was discussed. It was decided to change the date to Wednesday 13th December. The Club will provide the drinks and there will be a raffle. Members will be asked to contribute food and donate to the raffle.