



### **Minutes of Committee Meeting Monday 13 January 2020**

**Members present:** Sarah, Joyce, Nina, Cleo, John H, John S, David, Will, Nick,

**Apologies for Absence:** Jenny

**1 Minutes of previous meeting 11 November 2019:** approved and signed

**2 Matters arising:**

- Partner finder – people requiring a partner to contact Jenny Morley or Cleo who will direct to the website.
- Changing seats – Cleo commented that using a Howell movement does not give the result of placing pairs in different playing positions. This is to be reconsidered.

**3 Treasurer's Report:** attached

It was considered whether we should still pay for members' club competition fees during the year but decided that this should continue for the time being.

**4 Secretary's report:** Sarah welcomed Cleo to the committee. Cleo will take on some of the secretary jobs – trophies, competitions, GDPR

**5 Captain's report:** None today

**6 Webmaster's Report:** Cleo is trying to optimise as much as possible – all up-to-date information is now accessible to all on the website.

**7 GDPR:** Derek has resigned from the committee and so a GDPR officer is needed. Sarah will review membership forms in line with advice.

In May, after the AGM, the password will be changed. John S will revise membership application forms.

**8 Review of the Christmas Party:** This was felt to have been a great success and thanks were expressed to Joyce, Sarah, Jenny Morley and Kathy for their work.

**9 Robson day – 7th February 2020:** Lavenham Village hall is booked for 8.30am. John S will meet Nick at home to collect tables, cloths and boxes at 8.00 am, and then John S and David will help Nick set up tables and equipment. Stephanie is booked to help in the kitchen. 30 1/2 tables filled, 32 max.

**10 Cafe Bridge:** This will take place on Tuesday June 23. Nick has booked the services of Victor Less, who promoted this idea and has written relevant software, for the day. Nick expressed concern that he has been unable to contact all the planned venues. Two are undergoing management changes – The Bell, which is to be used as the hub, (the Town Hall could be a less attractive alternative) and Honey Hill. It was agreed that all venues should have been confirmed by the beginning of March. Sarah felt that as we expect most of the attendance to be local, we need as much time as possible to advertise. Nina will contact the venues for initial discussions as Nick will be away in February. The SCBA and local clubs will be contacted to attract players.

**11 AOB:**

- Slow Play – after discussion it was agreed that directors should continue to manage this to the best of their ability, but that they should not be afraid to ask a very slow pair to miss out a board if there is a problem.
- Use of mobile phones in bridge – Some members have indicated their dislike of mobile phones being used at the table, and this appears to have arisen since the introduction of the bridgemate app. However, following discussion, it would appear that the problem is not particularly the use of the app, but rather rudeness at the table, when individuals are focused on their phones instead of participating in conversation. John H suggested that some may see the use of the app as giving an advantage to the user, but this is categorically not the case and the app was introduced to the club because it is used and promoted at EBU competitions. Will suggested that the way mobile phones should be used could be on The Best Behaviour at Bridge sheet. Sarah is to invite responses on the issue via a club email.
- 14<sup>th</sup> February teaching – The Club is going to host afternoon bridge on March 13: a half hour teaching session followed by supervised play. It is hoped to attract small groups playing socially and informally with a desire to improve their play. This will be publicised via our website and that of the SCBA.
- Poslingford Plate – John S to liaise with Richard to organise a 2020 contest.

**12 Date and Time of next meeting:** 7.30 Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020.