CBC MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 6.15pm

PRESENT

Gordon, Patricia, Richard J, Richard D, Sylvia, Lynne,

APOLOGIES

Helen and Phil

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

Approved, see attached.

MATTERS ARISING

A. Committee roles and responsibilities. Patricia and Gordon (who have the most complex roles) told the Committee that they are in the process of writing procedures for their roles which would make handing these over to others more straightforward. Gordon advised that he is investigating a software package called Pianola. Pianola is designed specifically for duplicate bridge clubs and provides membership database, communications and partner finding functionality.

B. Committee succession planning. The Committee are not aware of any members who might currently be interested in taking on any of the roles.

C. Sheila Becarevic (Men v Women) as a handicapped event. The Committee discussed an analysis from Mervyn that describes an alternative handicapped scoring method. It would take longer to calculate the event result and the analysis reveals that if it had been used last year the result would have been the same, although the margin of victory would have been smaller. The Men's team is usually supplemented by a number of ladies and this already constitutes a slight handicap. The Committee decided that the extra time waiting for a result isn't practical and voted unanimously to continue with the current scoring method for this event.

D. Request from Sussex County.

Sussex Pairs. The window for scheduling Sussex Pairs heats this year has expired. Due to limited capacity on a Wednesday, we could only ever host a Sussex Pairs on a Friday. This will be considered for next year.

Sussex Charity SIMS. This event is already in the 2026-2027 calendar. Reservations were expressed about last year's event, which used a single deal every day for a week instead of a different deal each day. A decision as to whether to participate in 2027-2028 will be made nearer the time.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A. Sussex League. We have two teams competing, one headed by Richard Jameson who are in Division 2, one headed by Richard Davis in Division 3.

B. Sussex Friendly League. We are hoping this will go ahead again this year and, if it does, Richard Jameson will co-ordinate on our behalf. There is a meeting later in the month.

C. Teaching. The first taster session for this year will take place on Tuesday 29 September. The Red Book will no longer be subsidised by the club and will be charged at £22. We hope to get a minimum of 12 participants so that there will be at least 8 at each weekly lesson (2 tables). Richard J and Richard D plan to get together with Helen to discuss the arrangements.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 4 November 2026 @ 6.15 pm