

CBC MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 29 December 2025, 6.15 PM

PRESENT Gordon B, Helen K, Richard J, Kate M, Richard D, Phil N.

APOLOGIES Tricia K, Sylvia S

A. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting 29/10/25 were approved as a correct record and can be included on the website.

Action: PK

Matters Arising

A. Financial Report.

GB advised that we are in a sound position with a balance around £7k. Whilst this sounds substantial, if we needed to replace the bridgemates and duplimator both of which are getting long in the tooth, we would need it all.

B. CBC Calendar.

GB had submitted a document discussing the issues and suggesting the diary be discontinued. He tabled a number of copies of a diary for 25/26 which were eagerly received by several members of the committee. After discussion it was agreed that GB would provide electronic files and RJ would print a limited supply of diaries which would be made available to the membership at our duplicate sessions on request but would not be distributed systematically.

Action GB RJ

C. Wednesday Pairs Numbers.

The numbers attending Wednesday Duplicate have been creeping up. We have now had a 15-table session. This takes us towards our capacity limit and creates awkward problems setting up the furniture amongst other things.

Pre-registration system. Due to people not signing on but turning up and vice versa it was felt this would not provide a useful guide to numbers. We would not want to make such a system a condition of being allowed to play.

Furniture Layout. We will produce a scale drawing of a 15-table layout. This will include the use of two card tables. This will be the default. The card tables can be stood against the wall but not set up until needed. Access is good including to the Fire Door. It requires the six large round tables to be stacked in pairs. If needed, the old shop could accommodate two further tables taking us to our limit of 17-tables. This would avoid having to collapse the round tables and lean them against the wall.

Furniture Setup. Setting up could take up to 30 minutes and is best done by a 2-man team. To ensure availability of people, we need a rota of volunteers who are prepared to arrive at 18.15 so that the job is done before people arrive and access is progressively inhibited. PN agreed to canvass volunteers and create the rota. Action. PN

Excess Numbers. In the event of more than 68 people turning up, the Director (Mervyn) will ask one of the Officers present to identify volunteers to stand down. Fortunately, as things stand, this would be a vanishingly rare event. We should reply to Mervyn's email 20/11/25. Action: RJ

E. Minutes

Draft minutes will be circulated to the committee members for comment and amendment. They will be approved at the next meeting and then published on the website.

F. Christmas Party

It was agreed to donate £100 Haskins staff gratuity from club funds.

There will be nine prizes. N/S & E/W winners and runners up and best costume. We have sufficient items available but there will almost certainly be spare bottles available from that evening's supply.

KM & RJ will greet people on arrival. KM will tick them off the list. RJ will issue their famous couples identity. GB will do the charity collection SumUp in hand.

Date of the Next Meeting

4th February 2026 at 18.15