

## **Minutes of 270th Farnborough Bridge Club Committee Meeting**

**23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024**

### **Present:**

Chris Clegg (Chair), John Hunt (Treasurer), James Foster (Secretary). and committee members Joan Chandler, Wendy Church, Rodney Meredith.

### **1. Apologies for absence**

There were no absences.

### **2. Minutes of the 269<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

These had previously been circulated, and were accepted as a true record.

### **3. Matters arising**

It was noted that the Swiss Pairs event in September had been a huge success, with a full set of tables and over £1000 raised for Cancer Research.

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

JH provided an update on the Club's finances. There has been an increase in the credit balance during the year so far, but the new Dealing Machine, which will soon be required, has not yet been purchased This will cause a decrease in the credit balance.

It was noted that there may also soon be a need to buy new Bridgemates (and also new bidding boxes). JF will devise a system for marking, removing and checking any equipment that seems to be faulty.

### **5. Rotas**

There was a review of the Club's week-by-week arrangements, and the people responsible for these:

Director rota: RM does this, and entries are on the website up to the end of this year.

Host rota: JF now does this, with entries being arranged monthly, at least one month in advance.

Scorer rota: Hilary Powell does this, and entries are on the website for the rest of the Club year. The committee are grateful to Hilary for her work on this.

It was noted that there may soon be a new door for the Hall, and therefore a new lock – with a keycode system.

### **6. Calendar**

JH said that entries (some provisional) are on the website for up to the end of July 2025.

The Larsky Cup heats are to be 27<sup>th</sup> November, 11<sup>th</sup> December and 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> January.

The semi-final will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February..

### **7. Emails**

It was agreed that JF will act as the person initially processing incoming emails, and will if necessary forward these to other appropriate members of the committee to deal with.

JF will also investigate what is the best way to proceed, in dealing with the two separate email accounts (and whether these are both necessary).

### **8. Website**

We are hoping that there will soon be some further progress in updating the look of the Club website.

## **9. Competitions**

Corbett Cup: There are plenty of volunteers for this.

John Hemington (as Match Captain) will select the First and Second teams.

CC will contact John for an update on this, and then RM will be able to construct the other teams of eight, from the remaining pool.

Larsky Cup: see Item 6, above.

Ladder: The new arrangement of the Ladder has made a successful start.

The results so far need to be updated on the website.

The new Teams competition: A sub-committee has been set up, to review (and develop) the new Teams competition. This group consists RM with Richard Creamer, John Hemington, John Hunter and Stefan Syplwczak.

Haycock Cup: This will be a Home fixture in the coming year.

## **10. Christmas Party**

This will be on 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Wendy already has the catering arrangements well in hand.

CC will send out an email invitation to members in November.

## **11. AOB**

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 3.40pm.

## **12. Date of next (271<sup>st</sup>) meeting.**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30pm**, at John's house.

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