

# GLoucester BRIDGE CLUB

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting**  
**held at 1100 on 24<sup>h</sup> September 2024 at Coffee House 43, Hucclecote, Gloucester.**

## **1. Present**

Jon Nicholls (Chair), Elizabeth Bourne, Jeff Chaplin, Ken Morritt, Carol Neale, Alan Stanfield, John Stirrup. Apologies were received from Stewart Harrison and Carol Wheeler.

## **2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the committee meeting held on 6th August 2024 were approved.

## **3. Matters Arising from the Previous Committee Meeting**

- a) Bidding boxes. "1 ♣" cards have been bought and replaced in the boxes.
- b) Calendar. The agreed calendar has been printed – Alan handed out copies to the Committee, other Members will receive a copy on renewing membership. General discussion on calendar issues, including (Alan) whether we should add a social event in the Summer, (Carol) should we start the Tuesday session earlier?
- c) Tuesday Topics. It was agreed that we should keep these on the first session of the month (Oct FSF Alan, Nov LTC Stewart, Dec declarer play Jon).
- d) Quarterly Club newsletter – ongoing Jon.
- e) Membership Renewal. Members will be informed at the beginning of the next sessions (24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>) and Jon will send out emails after the latter session. Ken will collect the £10 with next table money, then inform Jon who will update the membership records.

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

Ken: Bank balance lower due to specific events but still healthy – noted.

## **5. Captain's Report**

John: Bredon Vale – 1 team entered, no success in raising another. Hannaford & Smyth v. Cheltenham 7<sup>th</sup> November – in progress; agreed we should pay half of catering costs.

## **6. Correspondence**

Nothing relevant.

## **7. Premises**

- Ken had enquired about heating, Community Association confirmed it was available from 23<sup>rd</sup> September.
- Ken circulated the Association's note about security and duties of a key holder, copy added to website.
- Agreed we need another premises key Alan/Stewart.
- Door catch ongoing Ken.

## **8. EBU Festival of Bridge (9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September) – Club Feedback**

Raised £190 from table money and £22 in donations for Cancer Research UK.

Taster sessions were held at Elmscroft on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 2-4 pm and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 7-9 pm, and two similar sessions were held at Churchdown. Alan stated that a total of 19 (but only 1 from the evening session) wished to learn to play Bridge; Tuesdays were their preference, so the training would be held at Elmscroft in the Green Room – Alan to organise. Alan would start on October 8<sup>th</sup> provided he was not the Director for the normal Tuesday session.

[Post meeting note: Stewart confirmed he should be available as Director for the Tuesday sessions.]

## **9. Any Other Business**

Additional assistance for the Club:

- Directors – Louise Keeling expressed interest – more would be good.
- Scorers – Bren offered to help.
- Tuesday afternoons – if stretched, Jeff and John both offered to help.

Alan reported that he had (for GCBA) visited the Forest of Dean BC at Lydney. We could play a match against them.

## **10. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

- The next meeting was confirmed for 11am on 26th November 2024 at Coffee House 43.
- The subsequent committee meeting was agreed for 28th January.

## **11. The meeting closed at 12:15**