

GLoucester BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of the Committee Meeting
held at 1100 on 13th May 2025 at Hucclecote Community Centre, Gloucester.

1. Present

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

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 25th March 2025 were approved.

3. Matters Arising from the Previous Committee Meeting

- a) Additional Directors. Ken is to go on the course. Running a session - Carol N is shadowing Stewart this afternoon; John and Jeff also volunteered to learn to use the computer. Stewart to provide notes on use of the computer.
- b) Tuesday Player Development. Alan & Stewart described the successful 6th May session, with 3 tables of normal play in the Hall, and 5 tables in the Green Room for Alan's presentation on "Declarer Play" followed by play and discussion of 8 boards. Any presentations will remain in the Green Room as it has an adequate surface for projection.
- c) Risks. Alan's risk matrix was discussed. Jon is preparing instructions on the website prior to sharing with Jeff. Various cyber attacks in the news were noted – as our website is our membership list our Webmaster (Jon) will download a list after each change.
- d) Social Secretary(s). Carol N and W undertaking for the Committee.
- e) First Aider. Ken is ordering a kit. Stewart is a trained first aider. Joe Neary pointed out that he was a retired doctor.

4. Treasurer's Report

Ken handed out the account summary he intends to present at the AGM. It shows no significant change over the last year, with a balance of £3,243 as at the end of March. He reported the following, readily accepted by the Committee:

- No need to increase fees at present, but finances are sensitive to rent and table numbers, and should continue to be kept under review by the Committee.
- Ken intends to transfer some funds into an interest-bearing account.
- Move to online banking, requiring an "assistant" treasurer for "signing"?
- Consider charitable status? Ken to draft a short briefing note for the Committee.

5. Captain's Report

John: Club Team 6th of 7 in the Rank Xerox on Saturday 29th March.

6. Correspondence

None.

7. Premises

Use of a room without a prior booking - Ken recommended that the person using that room emails a "Booking" (<https://www.elmscroftcentre.org/booking/>) at start of use. Agreed.

8. AGM on Afternoon of Tuesday 20th May

- a) Arrangements – Notifications made and nomination sheet on boards. Stewart will help Jon with the notes of the meeting. Jon has produced a sign-in sheet.
- b) Nominations – No new Committee Members nominated to date – still no Secretary. All the current Committee, except Alan, are “willing” to remain in post. The Committee thanked Alan for his efforts on the Committee. [Post-meeting Update: Wynne Watts has since been nominated.]
- c) Competition Winners – Jon is liaising with Stewart. In line with the Committee’s previous decision to discontinue awarding most physical trophies, the only one to be awarded is the Most Improved Player, which will be a joint award to Mary and Lesley. All other winners will be given a Certificate – Jon to produce. Also see 10(a) below.

9. Response to Member’s Complaints

It was agreed that any changes / need for communication to members should be identified prior to the next meeting. Stewart & Jon to take a lead.

10. Any Other Business

- a) Afternoon Handicapped Pairs. Stewart stated the competition would be “9-high” and handicapped. Stewart & Jon to agree wording for website.
- b) Calendar. John volunteered to produce a draft calendar for 2025/26, restructuring dates as he thinks fit. The Committee agreed that we should hold two Sims per year (both Tuesday and Thursday sessions per Sim).
- c) Card Changing. John asked whether we should have a system to decide when to replace dog-eared cards. Committee Members should identify any needing replacement.

11. Date and Time of Next Meetings

As it was unlikely that there would be any significant change to Committee membership (subject to the outcome of the AGM), it was decided that the usual 2-monthly meeting would be maintained.

- The next meeting would therefore be 11am on 15th July 2025 at Coffee House 43 – Jon to book.
- The date of the subsequent committee meeting was not discussed. On a two-monthly basis it would be 16th September 2025. – Jon to book.

12. The meeting closed at 12:15