

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MOUNTNESSING BRIDGE CLUB THURSDAY APRIL 9th 2015 AT MOUNTNESSING VILLAGE HALL

1 Welcome and introduction.

Members were welcomed by the Chair.

2 Apologies.

Margaret and Chris Rastin had sent their apologies.

3 Election of Committee for 2015, (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer)

There being no other nominations, the election of Graham Allen as Chair, Nick Hagan as Vice Chair, John Sutcliffe as Secretary and Alaric Cundy as Treasurer were carried unanimously. Bill West and Sheena Millins were nominated and accepted as Committee Members.

4 To agree the Club Constitution. (Circulated previously).

Agreed unanimously.

5 To agree Club Rules. (Speed of play, set up and evening end).

Adopted as there were no dissensions.

6 Treasurers Report.

The Treasurer noted that with 2 further members paying their subscriptions just before the meeting, renewals stood at 66, suggesting that the assumption of 70 renewals was highly probable. It was noted that the revenue of the club was highly sensitive to table numbers, currently averaging 11.2 per session, but expected to increase over the Summer. The report was accepted.

7 Wireless Scoring and Computer dealt hands.

Alaric Cundy reported that there are now two basic approaches available for wireless scoring. One approach provides both

hardware and software, and the most familiar system of this type is based on Bridgemates. Bridgemates could be acquired for £132 per machine, with an additional £220 for the Router. Hiring from another club, such as the Mayflower Club, was considered, but there would be significant logistical problems and the cost per year would be upwards of £500. The other approach provides the software only, and leaves greater flexibility for the choice of hardware. The table-top units can be any Android-based device, such as a basic smart-phone or 'Tablet' computer. Experiments have been carried out at the Club using a variety of phones, and an Android Tablet that had cost just £39. Cheaper options than that are available. The Software Licence cost would be £4 per table per year, so that would be a recurring cost of £60 per year for a system licenced for up to 15 tables. Paul Mollison has kindly donated a laptop on which the central control software can be run, and a spare router has been provided, so there would be no other costs.

There was unanimous agreement to proceed with Wireless Scoring. More members expressed themselves in favour of the Android system than any of the alternatives and it was decided to progress this option.

8 New arrangements for Prizes.

It was agreed to limit prizes to no more than 3 or 4 a year.

9 Any other business.

There was none.

10 Closure.

The meeting closed at 7:30.