



THE NOTTINGHAM BRIDGE CLUB

MINUTES OF TRUSTEE MEETING

Saturday 15th August 2020 at 4.15pm (via Zoom)

Present:

Mark Goddard (President)
David Dunford (Chairman)
Phil Gross (Treasurer)

Marc Gaudart
Sue Hollins
Norma Keeton
Pauline Payne

Stefka Samud
Dave Treharne

1. Apologies

Andrew Scott, Cathy Turski and Tony Ward.

2. Minutes of Meeting 4th July 2020

The minutes were agreed and approved for publication on the Club web site without redaction.

3. Matters Arising and not elsewhere on the Agenda

There were none.

4. Refurbishment

Dave reported on progress:

- * New lights have been fitted, giving a big improvement in the middle playing room.
- * Waiting for quotes for doors. The main entrance to the club will be a single outward opening door with a twist action on the catch, so that it can easily be locked shut during play but opened quickly in the event of fire.
- * The wall leading up to the entrance is to be repointed and painted. The wooden fence at the end will be replaced with a brick wall.
- * The staircase carpet to the flats is to be cleaned rather than replaced.
- * The wall boards in the playing rooms will be stained, but not varnished, to match the dado rails.
- * Notices about who to contact in the event of a fire are to be updated. The contact should be somebody who does not live too far from the premises.
- * Damp in a playing room is to be dealt with before general repainting. The entrance area and the toilets particularly need painting.
- * A roof inspection is to be carried out.
- * Consideration is being given to whether scaffolding is needed for external painting.

It was agreed that laminate flooring is to be installed in the entrance hall for the flats.

There was much discussion about the proposal to fit a new kitchen at a cost of approximately £8,500, to include flooring and electrics. Eventually this went to a vote, proposed by Dave and seconded by Pauline. With six in favour, one against, and two abstaining, it was agreed to proceed with a new kitchen.

5. Correspondence

The communication from the EBU concerning the financial arrangements for playing on BBO was noted. The Club has received a part payment for June from the EBU.

6. Online Activities

David reported on current play. There was then discussion about the possibility of holding competitions online.

There was some uncertainty as to how easy it was to take the BBO results and apply handicaps for the Cullen Cup and the Jack Hammond Trophy. David will investigate this in consultation with Mark.

Action: David

It was agreed to hold competitions at 7:30 pm on the second Saturday of each month, playing 18 boards. Eric Nunn in September; Poyser Cup and Max Radford Bowl in October; an individual competition in November; and a Christmas party in December. We expect to run the Children in Need SIMS on Tuesday 10 November.

7. Player Development Sub-committee

Moving online has created a new mixture of opportunities and difficulties for player development. It was agreed to reconstitute the sub-committee – with David, Marc, Stefka and Mark – to explore what might the Club might be able to offer.

Phil offered to be part of the delivery of teaching.

8. Newsletter

It was noted that David will publish a newsletter later this month. Contributions for future editions would be welcome.

9. Charity Commission Updates

The following are needed:

Update of trustee details on Charity Commission web site.

Action: Cathy

Annual Report.

Action: Mark

10. Treasurer's Report

There is a total of around £32,500 in the Club's bank accounts. Rents on the flats are still coming in steadily, and are comfortably funding day-to-day expenditure.

Discussions with the Council concerning the car park are ongoing.

The cleaner will be carrying out a major clean of carpets and curtains once the decoration has been carried out.

11. Membership Secretary's Report

There are 232 paid-up members, which includes about 20 new members who have joined since the lockdown.

13. Bar Committee

Dave was appointed Chairman of the bar committee.

Because of the difficulties of dealing with banks, especially at the moment, it was decided not to change the bank account signatories. However, it was agreed that Phil is to be the named person for the bank account.

Dave pointed out that, assuming the club premises will not be in use for the remainder of this year, some of the stock of drinks will go out of date. It was agreed that Dave and Pauline would price up the stock to be offered to members, aiming to at least recover the cost price where appropriate.

Action Dave & Pauline

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held by Zoom at 4:15 pm on Saturday, 3 October.

15. Any Other Business

It was unanimously agreed to minute the Trustees' appreciation for the contribution made to the Club by the late David Wilkins. As Mark said, David Wilkins had had more impact to the benefit of the Club than any other person in the last twenty years of the Club's history.

Mel remarked that the new agents for the flats give less feedback than we are used to. That hasn't resulted in any issues, but we should bear it in mind for the future.

At Dave's request, it was agreed that the reopening of the club premises would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mark asked for details of access to the mailchimp system for emailing members.

Action: David

The Meeting closed at 6:38pm

Signed

Date