



# THE NOTTINGHAM BRIDGE CLUB

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## MINUTES OF TRUSTEE MEETING

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 4.15pm (via Zoom)

**Present:**

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

Marc Gaudart  
Sue Hollins  
Norma Keeton  
Pauline Payne

Stefka Samus  
Andrew Scott  
Dave Treharne

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Mel Shepherd.

### **2. Minutes of Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

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

### **3. Matters Arising and not elsewhere on the Agenda**

Fire officer. A handover is needed from Graham Brindley to Sue.

**Action: David to facilitate**

### **4. Correspondence**

- a. EBU. By email, the trustees had agreed to abstain from voting for candidates for the new EBU board members representing bridge clubs. This was reported to the EBU and acknowledged by Jonathan Lillycrop. It was noted that Gayle Webb had been elected, but that the club was yet to have had any communication from her after being elected.
- b. Resignations. Resignations had been received from Cathy Turski (12 February) and Tony Ward (13 February). The Committee wished to record their gratitude for their past contributions to the Committee and the Club in general, and hoped that they would be able to rejoin the Committee in due course,

### **5. Refurbishment**

- \* A quote had been obtained to replace the doors, but it was not sufficiently detailed.
- \* Work planned includes: projector mounting, TV screen, doorbell, mounting white board on wall as projection screen.
- \* It was noted that the lino at the entrance is loose and there is damp underneath.
- \* It had been discovered that the guttering was causing damp in the office.
- \* Once the painting and decorating has been done, carpets and curtains will be cleaned as

### **6. Flats**

It was reported that there are no issues. Mercury have carried out a test of the fire alarms. As part of this, Phil visited the flats and found them very tidy and clean. All rents are up-to-date.

## **7. Online Activities**

- a. Non-members.** All those playing on-line have been contacted, asking them to pay their 2021 subscriptions. It was agreed that only those who paid would be allowed to continue playing online.
- b. Ask Andrew.** Andrew will continue his Ask Andrew slot and is considering what else he might offer.
- c. Friday ACOL Tournament.** This has been discontinued due to lack of support.
- d. Saturday Tournament.** Although not strongly supported, it was agreed that this would continue.
- e. Five Card Majors Course.** It was noted that Ian Dovey is preparing material.
- f. Voice.** There was agreement that we should not enable voice for tournaments, particularly as it was not fully functional.

## **8. Membership Secretary's Report**

There are 205 paid-up members. Another 49 have said that they will re-join when face-to-face bridge resumes.

## **9. Treasurer's Report**

- a. 2020 Accounts.** The online fees made a substantial contribution last year, offsetting the loss of normal table fees. In addition: the flats have been fully occupied; the cleaner was put on half pay; Phil obtained a reduction in the car park rent; and no prize money has been paid. The Annual Accounts were approved, subject to a satisfactory report from the External Examiner.
- b. 2021 Subscriptions.** See Membership Secretary's Report.
- c. Prize Money.** The AGM will provide an opportunity for members to decide whether prize money should be discontinued when face-to-face bridge resumes.
- d. 401 Mansfield Road.** Although estate agents' estimates of the value of 401 Mansfield Road have been obtained, it was agreed that there was no benefit in restating the value on the balance sheet. Phil reported that our insurance cover at £1.5 million is adequate despite the higher valuation obtained.

## **10. Annual Report**

The Annual Report to the Charity Commission was approved, subject to a satisfactory report from the External Examiner.

## **11. Secretary's Report**

No secretary – no report.

## **12. Honours**

- a. Lucy Shillito Trophy (County Services).** It was confirmed that this was awarded for services in the county of Nottinghamshire and not for services to the County Association. It was agreed to award the trophy to Ian Dovey.
- b. Harry Lodge Memorial (Club Member).** It was agreed that attempts in past years to seek nominations from members had been unsatisfactory. It was felt that the trustees were better informed of contributions "behind the scenes" that members may not be aware of. Therefore the Trustees will decide who should be awarded the honour, however it would certainly not exclusively be awarded to trustees. It was agreed to award the honour to David Dunford.

## **13. Prize Money**

At last year's AGM the trustees undertook to review whether prize money should be awarded. After some discussion, it was decided to give members the opportunity to vote on the matter at the forthcoming AGM.

## **14. Annual General Meeting**

The details were discussed of holding this on Zoom. It was agreed that the Broadhead Bowl would be

held on BBO at 3pm, playing 18 boards. The next Newsletter will have formal notice of the meeting, the text of the Chairmans' report, and a link to the annual accounts.

**16. Bar Stock**

An end-of-year stocktake had been taken. Stock currently held is within date.

**17. Re-opening the Club**

We await the government roadmap to indicate when it might be possible to re-open.

**18. Date of Next Meeting**

Saturday 17 April at 4.15 pm on Zoom.

**19. Any Other Business**

a. **Cashless.** Initiatives by other clubs are being monitored, with a view to going cashless ourselves.

**Signed**

**Date**