



# THE NOTTINGHAM BRIDGE CLUB

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## MINUTES OF TRUSTEE MEETING

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 at 8.00pm (via Zoom)

Present:

Mark Goddard (President)  
David Dunford (Chairman)  
Cathy Turski (Secretary)  
Phil Gross (Treasurer)

Marc Gaudart  
Sue Hollins

Tony Ward  
Mel Shepherd  
Stefka Samus

- 1. Apologies:** Dave Treharne, Pauline Payne & Norma Keeton (not able to get on Zoom) Andrew Scott did not attend by agreement as his position was to be discussed.
- 2. EBU Virtual Club Tournaments:** (Discussion paper previously circulated) David D started the discussion with brief feedback from the members Zoom meeting, held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Whilst most members at the meeting were keen to play online bridge, there were no strong feelings on whether afternoon or evening bridge was preferable and no strong objections to the idea of paying a table fee.

**2.1 Free Tournaments:** The meeting felt it was important to keep our membership and that online bridge would need to continue for some considerable time. We should therefore try to re-establish our normal club nights (Tuesday, Friday and Saturday). In order to do this we would need to introduce paid tournaments. In addition, we would run more relaxed Monday afternoon drives (to cater to our existing Monday afternoon players) and Wednesday evening drives for beginners. David hoped further sessions could be developed in time, to include Monday evenings and some supervised drives. There were no objections to David running his existing friendly game and agreed he could run a one off event for a Derbyshire Club.

**2.2 Masterpoints, NGS etc:** Though there is some potential for mis-use of the system to gain an advantage, the meeting felt this would always be the case. Drives would therefore be held on the same basis as actual club drives – the same rules would apply and Masterpoints and NGS would be available, results would be posted on the website (Monday afternoon drives and Wednesday evenings would be more relaxed and Masterpoints etc would not be offered).

**2.3 Who is allowed to play?:** Drives will be open to all members and their guests. As is the case now, anyone wishing to play would first need to register with BBO and then register their user details with the Club. (email to David, Phil or Club) Players who have not previously registered with the club will not be able to play. As in the real club, guests will be permitted to play a maximum of 5 drives and would then need to become a member.

**2.4 Regulating Authority:** David to draw up a list of Rules and Regulations and post on the website.

*(Mel and Tony gave their apologies and left the meeting)*

**2.5 Resources:** All the above is dependant on having enough people to run the drives. Whilst paying for the EBU to run drives is an option, David thought there should be enough people within the club to run them ourselves. He stressed that there were very few rulings needed as BBO would not allow most of the common problems – failure to alert resulting in a claim of misinformation was probably the only issue – and this could be reviewed after the drive was finished. We therefore need people to run drives – they do not have to be directors – they just need to be able to use a computer and David will give training and has already produced a video to help. Mark Goddard, Marc Gaudart and Patrick Gaudart are all willing to help – other names were put forward and David will contact them individually, an email to be sent to all members requesting help

**2.6,2.7,2.8 Half Table, Boards and Timing, Scoring:** BBO software has recently been updated to allow sitouts – this may be the easiest option. 8 minutes per board seems most reasonable. Cathy volunteered to help with uploading results. (David will draw up instructions)

- 3. Andrew Scott as Trustee:** Andrew informed the trustees on 26 May 2020, that he was running teams of four matches online, and would be starting his Wollaton Drive online on Thursday evenings and was spending a good deal of time running online bridge, he was concerned that these activities might conflict with the online drives this club might put into place. The Meeting wished to thank Andrew for his frank disclosures. Whilst there might be the potential for a conflict of interest, the meeting thought this could easily be managed. (Andrew would be asked not to participate in any discussions of this Club’s proposed online activities, days of drives, setting of table fees etc – and if any issues arose that required a vote – he would not be able to vote on them). If Andrew was happy with these conditions, the Meeting saw no reason to take any further action. The meeting valued Andrew’s contribution to the club and hoped that he would remain as a Trustee for many years to come. It was agreed that the Secretary should write to Andrew, informing him of the Meeting’s decision.

**The Meeting closed at 10.15pm**

**Signed**

**Date**