



THE NOTTINGHAM BRIDGE CLUB

MINUTES OF TRUSTEE MEETING

Thursday 14th May 2020 at 8.10pm (via Zoom)

Present:

Mark Goddard (President)	Marc Gaudart	Andrew Scott
David Dunford (Chairman)	Sue Hollins	Mel Shepherd
Cathy Turski (Secretary)	Norma Keeton	Stefka Seamus
Phil Gross (Treasurer)	Pauline Payne	

- 1. Apologies:** Dave Treharne, Tony Ward. Barbara Hatfield had emailed the Secretary, resigning as a Trustee. Her resignation was accepted and David Dunford asked Cathy to pass on the thanks of the Trustees for all the work she had done as a Trustee.
Pauline Payne offered to take over the role of sending cards and flowers etc
- 2. Bridge at the Club Premises:** All agreed it was unlikely bridge would be able to resume at the Club anytime soon and we would need to continue playing online for the foreseeable future.
- 3. Report on Online Activities:** Due to large numbers trying to use BBO, free evening tournaments were not possible – David Dunford is currently running afternoon drives twice a week. These take up a lot of time and have to be monitored constantly in case problems arise (calls for Director, players losing connection etc) David asked for help – if someone could monitor the drives and ring him if there was a problem, he would not have to sit at the computer all afternoon. Marc, Norma, Pauline and Mel all offered to help. The meeting thanked David for all his work running the online tournaments – and Andrew for running team leagues.

~given that it would be likely be many weeks if not months before the Club could be re-opened, the meeting felt it was important to try and retain our membership and try to establish our Tuesday and Friday drives on-line. It was agreed to survey members to see if they would be interested in playing evening bridge and if they would be willing to pay to play in evening tournaments.
- 4. UMS Arrangements:** As Club online games are run as free tournaments, P2P is not an issue at the moment.
- 5. Refurbishment:** The meeting agreed that the club closure presented a good opportunity for refurbishment so that when we could eventually get back to real bridge, the premises would be refreshed and refurbished. David D would like Room 2 to be set up as a proper training room – various other ideas were put forward. A sub-committee (Andrew, Pauline, Cathy and Mel) was tasked to form an action plan. (Dave T was later asked to join the sub-committee)
- 6. County:** ~The meeting was generally disappointed with the County's response to lockdown – they were slow to contact members and gave little practical advice to members or clubs. There was concern that they might want use of our club premises for inter-County matches even before our members could use the Club again – Mark felt it was unlikely these inter-County matches would take place anytime soon.
- 7. Finances:** Membership 2020 – currently 211 paid members with 8 more regular players expected to re-join.

Income from flats – continuing as normal – no problems reported. The Club has continued to pay for cleaning services – currently £585 in credit. Current Debts – new lighting £1,900, Car Park £868*, Scorebridge £27. **Amount in bank £35,160**

*Phil in discussion with council estates manager re Car Park charges.

The meeting discussed whether we should apply for a Government Grant but the overwhelming feeling was that our finances were such that we did not need a grant and it would be ethically and morally wrong to apply for a grant when there were so many small businesses that needed financial support to survive.

8. Urgent any Other Business – none

9. Date and time of Next meeting: Saturday 4.45pm – 4-5 weeks' time (TBA)

The Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed

Date