



# THE NOTTINGHAM BRIDGE CLUB

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## MINUTES OF TRUSTEE MEETING

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 4.15pm (via Zoom)

**Present:**

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

Marc Gaudart  
Sue Hollins  
Pauline Payne  
Dave Treharne

Tony Ward  
Mel Shepherd  
Stefka Samus  
Andrew Scott

1. **Apologies:** Norma Keeton
2. **Minutes of Meeting 3 October 2020** – Minutes approved with the addition of Item 3a on the agenda – ‘Drinks going out of date – item not discussed’
3. **Matters Arising;**
  - a. **Charity Commission update:** Mark has submitted Annual reports – Commission requirements now completed.
4. **Refurbishment:** Kitchen done and looking good. Dave and Pauline to go through what to be put back in cupboards and what can be thrown out. David to feature it in next newsletter. Rob coming in to sort damp in Room 2 and office. Heating should be kept at 16°. Jobs for the New Year – Dave T to get a quote for new flooring in the toilets and hallway. Andrew to look into mounting for overhead projector and a results screen. All areas will require painting and cleaning before we re-open. The possibility of moving premises to be revisited – Phil to do some preliminary work on availability of premises in the area or even land to build new premises.
5. **Flats:** No current issues. Vacated flat was re-let within 3 days, rent increased – rates now £550, £495 x 2. Licence done. Agent now forwards rents to the club monthly but may still look for other agents. Thanks to Tony for shadowing Mel.
6. **Online Activities:** Existing tournaments doing well.
  - a/b. Handicaps/Jack Hammond Trophy – Mark to look into but believes it will be possible to set online handicaps.
  - c. Crantock Bowl – Team competitions difficult to run on line – postponed – will look again later in the year.
  - d. Monthly competitions – suggested for Saturday night once a month. It was agreed it would be better to try and hold regular Saturday night drives – Andrew will run for first 2 months, Pauline willing to receive training so she can help out after that. To start in the New Year.
  - e. RealBridge/Your Bridge Club Online: David and a few others had tried the various platforms – some still had teething problems and the video connection was not liked by all – it was decided that there were not enough positives to transfer our existing drives to another platform.
  - f. David to set up a second drive on Friday evenings, aimed at beginners. **Wednesday drive players to be canvassed to see if there is anything they would like to progress their bridge play.**  
(Mel left the meeting as he had another meeting to attend)

7. **Directors:** David has started to train people to be directors when face-to-face bridge can recommence.
8. **Re-Opening The Club:** It is unlikely that we will be able to re-open anytime soon but we will look into ways of re-opening safely as soon as we possibly can.
9. **Treasurer's Report:** Phil has obtained a reduction in Car park Charges and will push for further reduction if, as seems likely, we will be unable to use the car park for some months to come. Current account balance approx. £30,000. It was agreed to recommend subs remain at £10 for next year. 2021 subs will remain as normal. Mark to take lead on sorting Capitalisation of Kitchen refurbishment.
- Membership:** 241 paid up members, expected to rise to a possible 285. (Thanks to Phil for all his work)

10. **Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report.

11. **Date of next Meeting: Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

12. **AOB:**

- i) Fire Officer required to make regular inspections and tests – Sue Hollins volunteered to do this.
- ii) Christmas Party – Mark to run – there will be a Zoom party before and after the Bridge – Phil sorting this. David to send out link nearer the time.
- iii) Bar – Some old stock sold, spirits should be ok – any remaining soft drinks to be donated to a Food Bank.
- iv) Andrew's Q&A sessions have started, Both Sue and Stefka think they are great but need to be promoted more.
- v) Graham Brindley and Ian Dovey have started a on-line beginners course, currently free of charge but there may be a charge for future courses.

No further Business .....

Happy Christmas to All!

**Signed**

**Date**