

## MINUTES

### Nottingham Bridge Club Trustees Meeting Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Present** Phil Gross, Paul Goodwin, Marc Gaudart, Gerry McCormack, Margaret Litchfield, Stefka Samus, Dave Crowch, Jonathan Jacobs, Amanda Knight, Jean Mckee

1 **Apologies:** Sue Hollins, Dave Treharne, Andrew Scott

2 **Minutes** of the meeting held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Matters arising- Card machine is on loan to West Bridgford not East Bridgford  
At times names under discussion should not be sent out in minutes.  
Then accepted

3 **Chairmans overview**

Members of the Conduct Committee were not available to deal with the recent problem so a Life Member and 2 directors were approached in their place. After discussion a letter was sent to all parties from the chairman - but no escalation to disciplinary action. The original existing Conduct Committee members are still first point of call.

Relations with County - improving - hosted meeting, NICKO matches, Blue Point, general liaison.

Chairmans Quiz night is Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January

The Honours boards will be updated after the AGM.

#### **Health and Safety**

Lone working policy has been (G.M). and has been distributed to all on the keyholder and Director rotas asking them to sign a copy to confirm they will follow it.

The car park fly tipping and vegetation has been cleared. The surface is not good.

Payment has been the same for 15yrs - £3500/yr. Paid up to the end of March.

#### **Treasurer**

Though we have spent more than last year there is still an operating profit.

#### **Flats/premises**

The agents are dealing with the EPC licence.

The roofing is in hand, issues noted and waiting for a date.

Decoration can take place after the roof problem has been resolved.

Phil has engaged a window cleaner on a 2 monthly rota to clean all the windows

#### **Membership**

268 members. 10 life. 2 student. 256 have been charged £10 subs cashless.

### **Suggestions Book**

It was suggested we have a grit bucket for icy weather for the path at the bridge club. Phil will organise this.

The dishwasher is not working properly. This will be serviced before considering other options.

### **Constitution**

Jonathan's proposed constitution regarding student payment was discussed. Jonathan will make amendments.

### **Teaching**

Costs for Director training are paid as they occur.

At the player development session in November Claire Batten and Ewa Hardwick offered monthly sessions to start at the end of February. This will be a County event hosted by NBC.

Beginners development on Wednesday's benefits from help from more experienced players. After a recent session David Dunford sent out information regarding hands that had been played. This was felt to be very helpful.

Gerry and Elizabeth sometimes take a group of beginners to a Tuesday/Thursday session to give them more exposure and hopefully confidence to move on.

To maintain the interest of people who may have to wait for some time for the next round of Bridge lessons, and to give them some playing skills, Gerry will make provision for a small Whist drive to be played on a Wednesday night, and ask current Wednesday players for their support to run it.

Phil will take Andrew's place to teach a beginner's course in September. Normally 3 terms of 10 sessions. There was discussion whether this should now be 5 card majors or ACOL - to be discussed at the upcoming player development meeting.

### **Catering**

A small group provides catering for some events. Ad hoc requests are onerous so events need to be decided at the beginning of the year. Consequently, there will be 6 catered events on this year's diary. Marian Donaldson and her team are to be commended for the immense effort they put into this.

### **Items for next meeting**

Change of personnel for county

Blue Point event dates

NGS

**Next meeting Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2pm**