



THE NOTTINGHAM BRIDGE CLUB

MINUTES OF TRUSTEE MEETING Saturday 19th June 2021 at 4:15pm (via Zoom)

Present:

Mark Goddard (President)	Sue Hollins	Pauline Payne
David Dunford (Chairman)	Gerry McCormack	Mel Shepherd
Phil Gross (Treasurer) (from item 13)	Stefka Samus	

1. Apologies for Absence

Marc Gaudart, Andrew Scott, Dave Treharne

2. Minutes of Meeting 11th May 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

The trustees expressed their thanks to Mick Dames for carrying out plumbing repairs at cost.

4. Decisions taken by email between meetings

The decision to incorporate provision for teaching into the COVID-secure Risk Assessment was confirmed.

5. Further re-opening of the Club

Although the exact details of when and what might be allowed by the government in terms of re-opening for duplicate bridge, the Committee agreed the following, so far as they are permissible:

- * Our top priority is to re-open for face-to-face duplicate at 7pm on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- * Initially at least, the online tournaments will continue on those evenings as at present.
- * Our priority is to give members the opportunity to play face-to-face. Members may bring guests but we will not accept pairs of visitors.
- * It is uncertain what the take-up will be at first. However, rather than have a booking system, if there are four tables or less, drives will be free.
- * Initially, there will be no host at drives. Members will be encouraged to use the Partner Finding Service on the web site.
- * Pauline volunteered to ensure the bar is staffed. **Action.**
- * Dave will be asked to ensure the bar is re-stocked as necessary. **Action.**
- * Mel volunteered to ensure that there are directors on Fridays. David will contact directors to cover Tuesdays. **Action.**
- * David will organize refresher sessions for directors, incorporating training of new directors. **Action.**

- * David and Mark will review government legislation once it is published and establish what restrictions, if any, are needed on our arrangements. (Initially, to give people additional reassurance, we would expect to spread ourselves between rooms rather than have everybody close together.) They will then email trustees for their agreement on how we re-open. **Action.**
- * It was agreed that six more tablets would be purchased for scoring. **Action.**
- * We will support Phil in his aspirations for Monday afternoons.
- * David will engage with the Wednesday Team to discuss ways forward. **Action.**
- * Pauline said that she and Andrew had discussed the Saturday evening sessions. Numbers have been falling, so they will take a break at the end of June.
- * David suggested canvassing members to see whether they would enjoy having more daytime bridge in the Autumn and this received general support, with the suggestion that Thursdays would be a good choice of day. **Action.**
- * Once we can hold duplicate drives on Tuesdays and Thursdays, we will end the Monday and Thursday evening sessions.
- * There was discussion about migrating to the RealBridge platform at some point in the future, however a number of the trustees had not enjoyed the experience of playing on it. The possibility may be re-considered later in the year.

6. Teaching

Graham Brindley expects to start teaching at the Club again in September, and is looking forward to using the new equipment in the teaching room. Andrew Scott is planning on teaching on Monday afternoons and evenings.

7. Refurbishment

In the absence of Dave and Andrew, this item was held over until the next meeting. Topics include: doors, toilets (floor and grille), and extractor fans.

8. Flats

Mel reported that there are no issues. He has contacted the agents about the government's desire to move away from gas boilers. (Although this may be quite a few years in the future, projected costs look quite high and we may need to accumulate funds over a number of years in advance.) The agents will let us know of any developments and consult us as and when flats become vacant.

9. Computer & Router

The computer is very slow. However, before we replace it, Phil is arranging checks to see whether the problem is with the computer or the router.

We agreed to buy a new set of inks for the printer at £80.

10. Speaker System

There was agreement that the speaker system should be replaced. David will consult with Andrew about the options available. **Action.**

11. Quartermaster

We need someone to order supplies to maintain our stocks. It was suggested that David speak to Pam Dent. **Action.**

12. Club Drives – Regulating Authority Decisions

For both our Tuesday and Friday face-to-face drives it was agreed that:

- * 24 boards will be played
- * The drives will be EBU Blue Book Level 4.
- * Partnership understandings using light bids (e.g. weak jump overcalls with less than 5HCP) are to be considered as bids with potentially unexpected meanings and are therefore alertable. (EBU Blue Book 4B1) Members will be advised of this.
- * Having the contract visible during play (but not the bidding sequence) is allowed.

For Friday drives, but not Tuesdays, beginners may consult their system/crib sheets to help them settle into regular club drives.

13. Treasurer's Report

The financial position is healthy. Income will exceed expenditure as long as we are playing online. The cashless trial will move to its first invoice this month.

14. Membership Secretary's Report

Membership numbers are good.

15. Date of Next Meeting

4:15pm on Saturday 4 September via Zoom.

16. Any Other Business

- a. EBUScore has been used successfully for the face-to-face sessions.
- b. Mark gave notice that the club would need to consider how it formed teams for the County's teams of eight competition.

Signed

Date