

OXFORD BRIDGE CLUB



Conduct Committee Annual Report 2023

1. Scope

This report is based on the activities of the Conduct Committee in the last year and following review and discussion at the Conduct Committee meeting held via Zoom on Thursday 23rd February 2023.

2. Review of Complaints

There were no formal complaints referred to the Committee in the past year. There had been two incidents which might have resulted in a referral but in both cases the matter was dealt with informally and no further action was required.

3. Terms of Reference

No changes have been made to the terms of reference except to update the membership of the Committee and of the Incident Panel

4. Conduct Committee

Paul Watson (chair), Mary Bennett, Martin Illingworth, Graham Walcroft, Steph Bliss, Ursula Bowler, Lis long, Holly Kilpatrick (safeguarding only).

5. Panel Members

Emily Middleton, Susan Smith, Jan Evans, John Deech, Erica Sheppard, John Lewis-Crosby, Ruth Kim

6. OBC Strategic Plan and Best Behaviour at Bridge

The Committee discussed the possible reasons for having no formal complaints in the past couple of years and various possible factors were suggested including Covid and online bridge. We noted that many misunderstandings might be avoided by calling the director rather than trying to sort out the problem oneself. Furthermore, it still seems to be the case that some people feel that they are being accused of wrongdoing if the director is called, which should certainly not be the case.

7. Future Meetings

The Conduct Committee will meet annually and also as required. An annual report will be prepared for the AGM each year.

Paul Watson 23rd May 2023

