

Minutes of the Scunthorpe Bridge Club Committee Meeting

Meeting: 18 January 2022

Attendees: Andy Lewis, Wanda Kotowska, Sue Keast, Roy Brixton, Mike Llewellyn, Glynn Elwick.

Apologies: Sue Barraclough, Val Threadgould, Rod Williams, Jennifer Selby,

		Action
1/22	<u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u> The minutes of the meeting 21 st November 2021 were approved as a true and accurate record after the following corrections were made: 49/21 Wardle should read Wardell; Jackie ? should read Jacqueline Pfister; 57/21 should read John and Wendy Aherne. The date of the next meeting should read 2022 not 2021.	
2/22	Treasurer's report ML reported that Council Rate Relief of 100% had been granted for another 2 years. This saves the Club around £4000. ML has applied for an additional grant following the Council's invitation to organisations who can demonstrate loss of income caused by the COVID situation. The Club can apply for a maximum amount of £2667 together with a discretionary award of £1401 if the club can demonstrate that it has been affected by the Omicron virus. ML had been required to confirm that grants received to date did not exceed the limit allowable. ML reported a deficit of £3000. This is mainly due to the fact that the Club was closed for two and a half of the first six months. Also 'one-off' repairs amounted to £2,500 which included the cost of the new boiler and £600 for the roof survey. In addition £3000 had been paid out for insurance; Bridge holiday money had been paid; attendance is down, therefore table money down; on-line Bridge not being accessed and approximately 50 members have not renewed their annual subscriptions. The cost of gas and electricity should remain the same as ML had agreed a fixed term contract until 2025.	
3/22	County Matters a) Bainton Trophy semi-final 30 January at 12 noon. RB agreed to prepare the boards b) Garden Cities – the competition was won by Scunthorpe Club who will be representing Lincolnshire at Bradford if the competition goes ahead c) Christmas Festival Pairs was won by Megan Williams and Edward Harris	RB

4/22	<p>Club reopening issues Friday afternoon sessions had poor attendance and have been suspended. Some concern was expressed that few, if any, inexperienced members are venturing into the evening sessions. SK pointed out that beginners and Intermediates favour Monday evenings in the 'back rooms', Thursday evenings and Tuesday afternoons where they like a more relaxed game. The question was raised whether the Club had too many sessions each week, but this was dismissed. It was decided that the need for wearing masks would be relaxed as soon as Government recommendations allowed. However, windows would stay open and the main doors remain shut.</p>	
5/22	<p>Teaching Attendance remains at 16 in the Intermediate class and 6 in the Beginners. All students will be encouraged to join the players in the main room as soon as lessons finish in March.</p>	
6/22	<p>House/Bar It was agreed that tea and coffee should remain available but that provision of biscuits should not be reintroduced. WK reported that the mince pies had made the cards sticky. It was agreed that sherry and mince pies were a necessary part of Christmas celebrations and we would continue to provide them! It was agreed that the bar would re-open and AL agreed to do a stock check and that the prices would be reviewed as losses had previously been made.</p>	AL
7/22	<p>IT/Website RB reported that routine information and scoring/results were kept up-to-date.</p>	
8/22	<p>Tournaments and Directing Swiss Pairs competition cannot run without the necessary numbers, so this competition to be deferred until attendance improves. Sunday Trophy competition – first event was held with a total of 4 tables. Arrangements for the proposed match with Bourne have not progressed. The club at Bourne has shown interest but not been in contact since.</p>	
9/22	<p>Publicity The Club was promoted at the Festival of Trees thanks to WK and VT who decorated a tree. Takings for the Charity were down this Christmas as only 50/60 organisations took place instead of the usual 80+. Other publicity to be considered: to resume leaflets/posters to all local libraries and use of Radio Humberside.</p>	SK/AL
10/22	<p>Any other business a) The mystery of the Riverdale Bridge Club was solved as this had been set up by Louise Lewis as part of a training session.</p>	

	<p>b) The Emergency system had been checked and 3 lights, which should be on for 2 hours in the event of a power cut were not working or not working properly – one in the main room, one in the gents toilets and another in the back teaching rooms. AL was advised that it would be cheaper to replace these rather than change the batteries. The total cost for the fittings is around £75 each and AL to arrange for replacements.</p> <p>c) Gas AL reported that in 2022, at the current rate of usage, the gas bill is likely to be around £1700. After discussion it was agreed that the boiler would be set to start 1.5 hours before play and shut off at 9.45 after evening sessions. On Tuesday afternoons the timer would be set for 12 noon-3.30pm. The setting during each day for an hour would be discontinued.</p>	AL
11/22	<p>Roof</p> <p>AL and VT had done the initial work researching a solution for the leaking roof and SB had done most of the follow up work which AL thanked her for in her absence. Offers for tenders had been put out to 7 companies, one replied that they were unable to do the job, 4 did not respond and tenders were received from the other 2. Tucker and Tunstall quoted £66,224 and with VAT this brings the total to £79,469. Thermolast quoted £55,987 and with VAT amounts to £67,184. Thermolast advised replacing the fascias with upvc at an additional cost of £2,254. Additional costs may be incurred if the base layer needs replacing or repair. AL asked the committee to vote on 2 Options:</p> <p>1) repair the existing roof as and when cracks appear 2) raise money from members for immediate repair. It would need to be made clear to members that there is no guarantee when the loans could be repaid. As fewer members are currently attending face to face Bridge and there are fewer paid up members income is declining.</p> <p>Each member present was given the opportunity to air their views after which a ballot was taken. Results were:</p> <p>Option 1 Rod Williams Option 2 Sue Barraclough; Glynn Elwick; Wanda Kotowska; Roy Brixton; Sue Keast; Mike Llewellyn</p> <p>As Option 2 was the preferred option, it was agreed that an email to all existing members would be sent out outlining why the Club needed the money and requesting loans of £1000 and upwards. It was noted that members can contact the Treasurer on treasurer@scuthorpebridgeclub.org.uk</p> <p>AL concluded the discussion by reporting that there may be a much cheaper roof replacement option using corrugated anodized steel. A local firm had that day inspected the roof and we await their quotation.</p>	SB
	Date and time of next meeting: TBA	