

*Minutes of the Scunthorpe and District Bridge Club Committee Meeting*

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**Meeting: March 21<sup>st</sup> 2023**

**Attendees:** Andy Lewis, Mike Llewellyn, Susan Barraclough, Sue Keast, Wanda Kotowska, Roy Brixton, Yvonne Aubrey

**Apologies:** Val Threadgould, Glynn Elwick

		<b>Action</b>
<b>15/23</b>	<p><b><u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 were agreed</p>	
<b>16/23</b>	<p><b>Secretary's report.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Applications for membership – Sandra Rushworth, David Babb and Sheila Babb were approved.</li> <li>b) Fire extinguisher service was now due. AL would arrange.</li> <li>c) SB asked if we wanted to amend any opening times over the week of the Coronation. It was agreed all would remain as usual.</li> <li>d) Membership was now all up to date and lists were provided of ex members whose names had now been removed both from the club list and at the EBU. SB asked if any old members in this category came back to play that they be asked to complete a membership application so that up to date contact details etc could be used to add them back onto both club and EBU systems.</li> </ul>	<p><b>AL</b> <b>ALL</b></p>
<b>17/23</b>	<p><b>Treasurer's report.</b></p> <p>ML reported that quarterly report was not yet due so no statement to present. Club still had £40,000 available for the roof. Rates bill from Council was zero as 100% discount received.</p> <p>4 new Honor boards had been ordered at cost of £386 .</p> <p>Attendance monies creeping up a little</p>	
<b>18/23</b>	<p><b>County Matters</b></p> <p>SB precied last County meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A County green pointed event is to be booked for 2024 at the EBU plus 2 blue pointed events.</li> <li>b) Bainton final was wone by Alan Millington and Graham Marshall from Lincoln Bridge club. None of the top finishers wanted to enter the Corwen Trophy this year.</li> <li>c) County AGM will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July at Dunholme, probably F2F only.</li> <li>d) Rodney Mitchell teaching seminar 1<sup>st</sup> event was fully attended and he he is looking to ensure content and difficulty is appropriate to the attendees and attractive to experienced players.</li> <li>e) County Directors course to be run by EBU in June- Sept period. Interest from current club directors would be welcomed.</li> </ul>	<p><b>RB</b></p>

	<p>AL raised the issue of the County levy from Lincolnshire clubs which was set to rise to 7p this year. He queried whether, as County finances remained good, if this could be reduced to help some clubs which were currently struggling and if it could only be changed at the AGM or at a County committee meeting. RB would add this to the next agenda for the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> April.</p>	
<b>19/23</b>	<p><b>Teaching.</b> SK reported that there were 2 more lessons to go before breaking until September, so we needed to be thinking about publicity for when the lessons restarted. YA said there was a council run event on the 15<sup>th</sup> July and if we had prepared leaflets before then she would be able to hand them out at this.</p>	<b>SK/YA</b>
<b>20/23</b>	<p><b>IT/Website</b> RB reported no issues currently.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Rod Williams had queried the issuing of bridge pad numbers. It was decided to leave arrangements as at present with RB only issuing these.</li> <li>b) SB said the EBU was going to run an on line seminar for “making the most of your website” RB interested in this so she would send dates to him so he could register to attend.</li> </ul>	<b>SB</b>
<b>21/23</b>	<p><b>Bar.</b> It was suggested and agreed that we should reprice drinks to ensure cost of bar licence was covered and recouped</p>	<b>SB</b>
<b>22/23</b>	<p><b>House.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) SB would take over shopping tasks again minus milk and biscuits which AL would look after.</li> <li>b) Layout of kitchen agreed to give a better flow for those queuing for hot drinks.</li> </ul>	<b>SB</b>
<b>23/23</b>	<p><b>Building.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Club roof – if we try to progress a raised roof replacement, the council will require architect drawings at a cost of approx. £3000. There was a very strong chance it would still not be given permission due to the differing roof heights that would result over the whole building. AL had now got a quote from Girdhams for a replacement flat roof by either overlying existing roof with battens and roofing this over or for the removal of old roofing levels and replacing. SB said we really needed two further quotes obtaining to compare quote prices. AL not keen to do this and thought we should just go ahead with existing quote. No final decision made.</li> <li>b) SB had been approached by the new landlord for the adjoining buildings to see if we would like to reuse some iron railings that had been removed from elsewhere. He was happy to let us have them if we would pay for their installation and the removal of the trees on the boundary. After discussion SB was asked to inform him we would not be taking up his offer.</li> </ul>	<b>SB</b>
<b>24/23</b>	<p><b>Publicity.</b> Nil</p>	

<p><b>25/23</b></p>	<p><b>Tournaments and Directing.</b>  RB had produced a report looking at attendance across all sessions for 22/23 and comparing it with 18/19 pre covid period. This showed that attendance average for all sessions were down from pre covid levels. After discussion it was decided that :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Mon, Weds and Fri evenings would be monitored over the summer period and if they had not improved then perhaps Fri evening session would cease.</li> <li>b) Current Fri afternoon session had recommenced for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time at the request of Rod Williams who had also said that they would probably close for the summer and recommence again in September. However, if attendance dropped to 3 tables or below he would not run it.</li> <li>c) Thursday evening session would continue as is with preferably greater input from more experienced players playing with inexperienced players to continue ongoing training and assistance.</li> <li>d) ? look to change Tues and/or Fri afternoons sessions to regular bridge sessions with MPS and NGS gradings to allow some of our older members to play who no longer like coming out at nights especially in winter. All of the 47 regular attendees at these sessions have already accrued master points, 33 regularly also play on an evening. 14 are ranked at Master or above and 27 are ranked at District Master or above.</li> </ul> <p>It was proposed that for a trial period up to the AGM that this should occur on a Tuesday and then be discussed further at the AGM by the whole membership, together with the monitoring and viability of all other current sessions. This was agreed by a majority vote by the committee.</p>	
<p><b>26/23</b></p>	<p><b>Any other business:</b> None</p>	
<p><b>27/23</b></p>	<p><b>Date and time of next meeting:</b> <b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b></p>	
<p><b>28/23</b></p>	<p><b>Notes of an ad hoc addendum meeting held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April.</b>  Present: AL, SB, ML, GE, WK, YA, RB.  Apologies: SK (indisposed due to accident), VT.  Before the meeting commenced SB announced that she had had no involvement with the organisation of the meeting and therefore no minutes from the last meeting were available and no agenda had been advised or produced.  AL suggested that the meeting be treated as an addendum to the 21<sup>st</sup> March meeting and then started to read out a statement, in which he wished to propose that a decision made under 25/23d be re examined.  YA then raised a procedural point and said the Chair should be seen to remain neutral and so not able to propose directly but could suggest so someone else could propose if agreeable ( SB checked this post meeting and it did not apply as committee membership under 12, so acceptable for Chair to directly propose issues).  SB said that if this was an addendum meeting she wasn't sure how we could agree to change a vote that had just been minuted previously in the same meeting. It was then proposed and seconded that a vote be</p>	

	<p>taken to re affirm this decision and it was again supported by a majority of the committee.</p> <p>At this point AL stood up and announced he was resigning with immediate effect and left the room.</p> <p>The meeting was then abandoned and no discussion of any correspondence received or information/action ref the roof issues were able to be progressed.</p>	
<b>29/23</b>	<b>Date and time of next meeting agreed by email following: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.00 pm</b>	