DRAFT MINUTES OF THE SBC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10/11/26 AT 7PM.

1) Apology was received from Louise Lewis.
   Members present:- Roy Brixton, Paul Readhead, Lawrie Chapman, Mike Llewellyn, Catherine Caldow, Brian Camm, Helen Clapham, Wanda Kotowska, Jenny Selby and Rod Williams.
2) The minutes of the previous meeting held on 22/9/26 were accepted as a true record, proposed by Wanda K. and seconded by Jenny S.
3) Many items were then discussed as matters arising from these minutes.

   Regarding the addition of new signatories to the bank account, Mike L. stated that he needed further guidance from the bank, but the matter would be progressed during the coming week.

   It was reported that we were now fully compliant with GDPR and that a list of phone numbers was securely stored in the wall safe. It would be necessary to put a minor procedural change to the next AGM as we were no longer able to display members' details on the notice board and this was a constitutional matter.

   Gary Bowness had accepted a contract to fit fans in the teaching area, but the work had not started.

   Paul R. presented a case for allowing votes by proxy at AGMs by members absent from the meetings. After a discussion in depth, it was felt that there were too many difficulties with implementing this change. It was decided that there remained difficulties in the "postal" voting possibility discussed at the previous meeting, hence it was agreed that the issue of absentee voting would not be pursued further, with no member voting against this.

   It was reported that Paul R. had assumed responsibility for maintaining the log book which recorded various aspects of our fire protection measures. The President reminded the meeting that various other measures such as gas safety, servicing of fire extinguishers and electrical safety also needed to be logged. It was felt that these matters were too complex for general discussion at this time and that Roy B. and Lawrie C. (building) should work

towards ensuring compliance with the law yet not incurring excessive cost.

Thanks were recorded to Helen C. and her husband, aided by Stephen Braithwaite for the painting done in the kitchen.

4) President's Report.

The R.J.Mitchell Trophy for pivot teams had been won recently by Trish Herring, Jackie Walker, Mike Llewellyn, Meghan Williams and Neil Patchett.

In response to the great concern regarding the poor participation in county events, a meeting of county chairs had been held. Various issues had been considered – such as face to face versus online, different times, restricted play, adding more clubs to the county link. However, no decisions were reached.

5) Secretary's Report. Nothing to report.

6) Treasurer's Report. The treasurer presented the balance sheet for the first quarter of the year ending on 30/9/26. This showed a healthy surplus but we must remember that 129 annual subscriptions had been paid in this quarter. The report contained the figure of the expenditure (nett) of £1765 for the kitchen refurbishment. The treasurer believed that this would be our nett expenditure after the final contribution from North Lincolnshire Council had been paid.

7) Building. Most matters had been covered under "matters arising." Rod W. asked Lawrie C. about the broken thermostatic valve on a radiator in the teaching area and was told that our plumber would attend to it asap.

8) House/bar. Sherry and mince pies would be served from the Thursday to Wednesday before Christmas.

9) County matters. A meeting would be held on the coming Monday. The entry for the Charles Heward teams trophy was very poor this year.

10) Teaching. Brian C. would help with this especially when Louise L. was on holiday.

11) Goodacre trophy. There was a problem with awarding this for play on a Thursday evening in that some experienced players liked to play in this session. It was felt that the trophy should be played for after a few weeks

had elapsed after the lessons finished. Paul R. and Louise L. were asked to consider how all members play although the trophy could only be won by less experienced players. They were asked to bring their suggestions to the next the club meeting.

12) Wanda K. agreed to take responsibility once more for our entry (which would be decorated with cards), to the Christmas tree festival, which this year would be held for the last time at the Old Brumby United Reformed Church. The event dates were 5th, 6th, 12th and 13th December.

13) Over Christmas and New Year, the club would only be closed on 24/12/26, 25/12/26 and 31/12/26.

14) AOB

We were asked to bring suggestions to the next meeting regarding marking the forth coming 100th. birthday of one of the members.

Rod W. reported that this year we had 12 new members and these were included in the 129 who had paid their subscription for 2026/7.

A new version of the directors' check list had been circulated and comments invited.

The dish washer should be put on after each session.

Rod W. was satisfied with the boiler programming and to date nobody had tampered with it. The radiator valves should be used to control the temperature when necessary.

Helen C. was asked to see to the correction of the spelling of Alan Davies name on one of the honours boards. A correction was also required for Ian Hutchison.

It had been agreed that cleaning of the premises was sub-standard and the cleaner has been sacked. The new cleaner is remedying one room at a time.

Mike L. reported that he had obtained a quote of £120 for a roof inspection and it was agreed to go ahead with this.

About 50 tickets had been sold for the Christmas Party and Penny Couling would again assist in its organisation.

Catherine C. had obtained a copy of Glynn Elwick's death certificate and so changing the trustees could now proceed. Roy B. would progress this.

It was agreed that the payment of table money by card would involve too many complexities and so we would not progress this matter.

Rod W. would arrange annual servicing of the hot water equipment.

Seventeen delegates had signed up for the Directors' Course to be held in Scunthorpe, including five of our members.

We were asked to consider the benefits of moving to Bridgemate III despite the cost being £3440 for a full set. No decision was made.

15. The date of the next meeting was fixed as 19/1/27.

The meeting closed at 8.33pm.