

SEAFORD BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday August 3rd at 7.00pm, 5 Kingston Close

Present Hugh Basden-Smith, Hugh Creamer, Alan Hughes, Carol Gillespie, John Gillespie, Pam Pelling, Tony Thorpe (Chairman)

1. Apologies for absence All members present.

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 1st June, 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

60+ Club donation rate to be the same as 2016. To be reviewed/increased for 2018 in line with Leisure Centre rate (Minute 9.2 31/03/17)

4. Correspondence

4.1. Letter from Colin Graham-Hyde regarding Bridgemate

4.2 Emails from Bob Derbyshire (60+Club) confirming still looking into installing wi-fi.

4.3 Email from Wave Leisure Centre confirming wi-fi present throughout centre and no difficulty picking up G4 (or equivalent) inside the building.

5. Welfare of Members

Agreed: Pam to contact Marie re. card to member who has been absent for a while owing to broken arm and also, as a separate problem, was in need of blood transfusions. **PP**

6. Treasurer's report

Treasurer reported that club funds are healthy and on track.

Still forecasting £300-500 income lower than last year (as planned).

7. Website Logo Competition

Agreed: Winner by a majority vote (6 – one abstention) was a painting of Seaford Head. Alan Hughes was revealed as artist and hence didn't vote.

Agreed: Alan to be presented with £5.00 winning prize voucher. **HBS**

Agreed: Carol to inform other participants, and to source techie person to turn painting into electronic gif. **CG**

8. Bridgemate /Table Money Increase Consultation

8.1 *Result*

Response: 68 (74.7% of membership); In favour: 42 (61.76%); Against 26 (38.24%).

8.2 *Summary of Responses* Circulated at meeting.

Agreed: John to further research concerns raised, by some Members of Club and Committee, and to seek resolution. To report to sub-committee for discussion. **JG**

8.3 *Further Action*

Agreed: The Committee voted (Proposed JG; Seconded PP) 6-0 with 1 abstention to increase table money from the 1st September as previously outlined in Straw Poll email to members. Secretary to inform members. **CG**

Agreed: The Committee voted (Proposed JG; Seconded PP) 5-2 to recommend Bridgemate purchase at 2018 AGM. However, should significant problems arise/not be resolved that make such a recommendation not viable, the Committee reserve their right to vote again prior to AGM.

Agreed: John would put forward the case for purchase at the 2018 AGM. **JG**

9. Changes to Duplicate Bridge Laws

- i) *Summary paper received from Colin Graham-Hyde*
Agreed: Secretary to thank Colin for his valuable work on this. (CG)
Agreed: Summary (pages 2-5) to be made available to members via Website and Noticeboards. Alan to provide an intro. (AH/CG)
- ii) Chairman informed the committee that both Seaford and Southdown Clubs would be working in tandem to implement changes to both clubs at the same time, starting at the beginning of September.
The Committee commended both Chairs for taking such a sensible and cooperative route for implementation.
- iii) Alan has drawn up a schedule for Directors to deal with the Law changes which gives the dates on which issues will be dealt with by the director on duty who will be responsible for briefly clarifying the new laws. The Chairman thanked Alan for his work on this.
Agreed: Alan to circulate to directors. (AH)

10. Implementation of Draft Constitution

Treasurer reminded the Committee that the draft Constitution, agreed at our June meeting, contains important Constitutional changes relating to the management of the club - including who may stand for Committee. Therefore it is necessary for Club Members' to agree the constitution prior to the 2018 AGM. To this end, he recommended convening a Special General Meeting.
Agreed: A SGM will be held on 14th November prior to the Tuesday playing session (1.15pm start).
Agreed: The Chairman and Secretary will prepare notice of SGM to be issued not later than 28 days in advance of meeting. Secretary will also place draft constitution onto website and club noticeboards. (TT/CG)

11. Christmas Party

Tony reported the sub-committee had met on 24th July. The plan is to start at 6.00 with Punch and Sausage Rolls; begin play at 6.30; break for food/drink at 7.45; resume at 8.30; finish 9.45. Michelle was meeting with Jan Jemmett (caterer) on Friday 4th to discuss menu.
Agreed Sub-committee would endeavour to keep price close to last year (per head £8.50) though this depends on caterer's costing which is not yet available.
Agreed Hugh and Francoise to purchase wine. John and Carol to purchase soft drinks.

12. Members' Items

- i) *Pre-payment of table money* (Ruth Skinner) Whilst the Committee could see that in some clubs getting money in advance would be helpful they did not see the need for it at our Club. (CG)
- ii) *Bite-sized Rules/Laws etc section on Website* (Trish Howlett)
Agreed: Secretary to ask Colin if he would be interested in providing this service (CG)
- iii) *Prize money increase* (Pete Tyack)
Agreed: Sensible to increase prize money to £1.50 to match increase in table money. (CG)

13. Diary Dates - Autumn Competition Tuesday 5th September ; SGM 14th November

14. AOB

15. Date and Venue of next meeting

Thursday 12th October 10.00am 21 Churchill Road (Hugh Creamer)

The Chairman thanked Alan for his Hospitality.