

SEAFORD BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of the fifth Committee Meeting of 2024 held on Thursday 11th November 2024 at 59 Sutton Drove,
Seaford

Present: Pam Pelling (Chair), Leslie Fowle, John Gillespie and Chris Robbins

1. Apologies for Absence

Received:

Apologies were received from Jean Judson, Jacqui Webber and Paul Gard

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the committee meetings held on 15th August 2024 and 24 September 2024 were agreed and signed.

3. Matters Arising

(a) Club 50th Anniversary Survey

Reported:

A survey of members wished had been conducted regarding the possibility of holding a celebratory event at Seaford Golf Club.

Noted:

(i) 45 members (including some non-playing spouses) had responded.

(ii) Although 16 members had indicated a preference for a sit down meal there was overwhelming support for a buffet.

Agreed:

(i) Defer a decision on whether to proceed until the New Year.

(ii) Consider whether an event at the Church Hall might be more appropriate.

(b) Six week review of Dealing Machine Hands

Noted:

(i) No review of the hands was available.

(ii) There had been no further complaints about the hands being dealt.

Agreed:

No further action was required.

(c) Bridge It's A Big Deal

Reported:

(i) The event had been a big success mainly due to the efforts of the committee members.

(ii) Seaford's fundraising effort was well ahead of comparable clubs.

Noted:

The EBU was considering a repeat event in 2026.

Agreed:

If the Club took part in 2026 we might downscale our effort.

(d) Competitive Bridge

Reported:

Jean has contacted Bridgewebs for assistance in setting up competitions and is awaiting a response. It is hoped to start something next year.

(e) Church Hall Windows

Reported:

The windows will not be fixed until there is a hall refurbishment.

(f) Tates Loyalty Scheme

Reported:

Club members could exchange existing Tates Loyalty Cards for the new cards at the garden centre.

(g) Alfriston Bridge Club

Reported:

There had been no response from members to the article circulated in the Newsletter.

Agreed:

In view of the lack of member response; recent low attendances; and the lack of adequate car parking at the Memorial Hall to not pursue the option of taking over the activities at Alfriston.
This decision could be reviewed in the future.

4. Correspondence

Noted:

No correspondence had been received except for an EBU email inviting the Club to participate in a SIMS Pairs competition in February.

Agreed:

To take part in the competition.

5. Treasurer's Report

Received:

A report from the Treasurer in which he advised that the balance at the bank was £5388.76.

6. Membership Report

Received:

A report submitted by the Membership Secretary.

Noted:

Membership now stands at 89 with one potential new member (Ric Wiles) and one re-joiner (Maureen Foster),

Six members currently play infrequently or not at all (Geraldine Gleeson, Bill Allen, Kathy and Pat Flood, Diana Gebbitt and Alan Biggs).

Agreed:

To accept a membership application from Ric Wiles should he submit one.

7. Welfare Report

Reported:

There were no welfare cases to report.

8. Club Insurance

Reported:

The Club's Insurance had been renewed.

Noted:

Chris had expressed some concerns about the renewal process; whether cover was required; and the nature of the cover obtained.

Agreed:

Chris to take responsibility for future policy renewals.

9. Christmas Party 2024

Noted:

- (i) This year's party will take place on December 18th at 6.00 pm.
- (ii) Beth's Kitchen had quoted a price of £10 per head for a finger buffet - unchanged from 2023.

Agreed:

- (i) In view of the food left over last year to reduce the order for servings from 60 to 40.
- (ii) To ask Hugh Creamer and Roger Chapman to provide a musical item.
- (iii) John to provide a quiz.
- (iv) Prizes to be awarded for 1st pairs North/South and East/West and for the '2 Clubs' winning trick.
- (v) To purchase mulled wine (Lidl); paper cups, tablecloths and napkins.

10. 2024 Annual General Meeting

Noted:

- (i) Pam, John and Leslie were prepared to stand again as respectively Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer
- (ii) Chris was prepared to stand again as a committee member.
- (iii) Jacquie and Jean were unlikely to stand again although this required confirmation.

Agreed:

John to prepare the necessary documentation giving notice of the meeting and seeking nominations.

11. Any Other Business

Hall Availability

Reported:

That the Church Hall might be available for hire on Friday evenings.

Agreed:

That there was unlikely to be a demand from the membership for a further evening session.

Church Hall Hire Charges:

Agreed:

(i) To approach the Church Treasurer to seek a 20% reduction in the hire charge on those occasions when the partition was closed and not all of the Hall was available for use.

(ii) To ask the Treasurer to pass on a request that the chairs (which belong to the Club) be cleaned.

(iii) In view of the Church's failure to fit a lock to the storage cupboard to fit one ourselves.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Agreed:

To set a date after the upcoming AGM.