

Seaford Bridge Club

Minutes of Seaford Bridge Club Committee Meeting

Tuesday 7th July 2026 at 18.30

1) Apologies - none

**Present: Sue Hutchings SH, Paul Gard PG, Pam Vickery PV,
Alan Biggs AB, Chris Robbins CR, Leslie Fowle LF, Jean Judson JJ**

2) Matters arising from minutes of 5May 2026

Minutes were approved.

3) Chairman's report: Attendance continues to be good despite the heatwave but we have decided to canvas support for Wednesday evening sessions by asking players on Monday/Thursday afternoons whether they would consider playing on Wednesday evening. **JJ** has been doing this.

4) Constitution PG continues to address this.

5) Treasurer's report: We have a balance of £8509 compared to £6121 at the same time last year. Some of this increase is due to the increased annual subscriptions. This is a healthy balance especially considering that overall membership numbers are down.

6) WBU Directors Course Trish Howlett **TH** has been liaising with WBU. The cost would be approximately £125 for a 2 day course. **TH** will find out the dates. We could send up to 5 candidates. **PG** will liaise with the EBU to check that this is acceptable to them.

7) Summer Solstice This event was a great success. Thank you to **LF** and his helpers. One member challenged the requirement to pay for the food even if none was consumed but the committee decided that we would demand a voucher for food and a voucher for the bridge without exception. We will be offering alternatives for those with particular dietary requirements (In future it would be optimal to request details of special dietary requirements in advance of a function when the member signs up to attend).

8) Christmas Party This will be on the evening of Wednesday 16th December 2026.

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9) Bridge scoring equipment The club strategy is still under discussion while more information about pricing and support is being obtained. In the meanwhile we decided to set aside £100 per month in a reserve fund in anticipation of future capital equipment purchase.

10) Competition Rules CR & AB explained the rules. In summary the championship pairs requires 35 sessions and the handicap 35 sessions. Prizes will be awarded at the Christmas party.

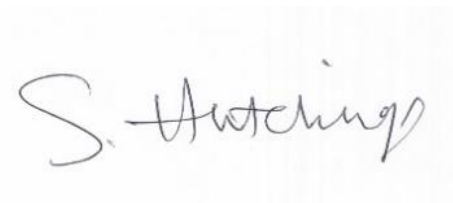
11) Lessons We aspire to offer lessons but the format and personnel involved has not yet been clarified.

12) AOB

a) Sussex Pairs We will be participating in the heats of this competition. Those attending more than once will only be able to enter their first score.

b) County competitions We will be participating in the Sussex Charity SIMS pairs event on Wednesday 17th February 2027.

13) Date of next meeting: 8th October 2026 18:30 at PV's house

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S M Hutchings, Secretary