

SEAFORD BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of the 1st Committee Meeting of the newly merged Seaford Bridge Club held on
Thursday January 16th, 2020 at 21 Churchill Road, Seaford

Present: Martin Almond, Martin Auger, Christine Creamer (co-Chair), Leslie Fowle (co-Chair), John Gillespie and Pam Pelling

1. Apologies for Absence

John Hughes and Francoise Basden-Smith

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Joint Committee Meeting of Seaford Bridge Club and Southdown Bridge Club held on November 4th, 2019 were agreed and signed.

3. Correspondence

Received: from Mr Bridge a letter offering additional supplies of playing cards at very attractive rates.

Agreed: that the new Club had sufficient supplies of cards for the foreseeable future.

4. Treasurer's Report

Reported: that the current account balance for the new Club was £4092.65. Receipt of a sum of approximately £1531 from the former Southdown Bridge Club was anticipated*.

Agreed: That 2020 subs are required to be paid by no later than 29.2.20. .

5. Adoption of a new Constitution together with Good Practice and Etiquette Guidelines

Reported: that a new Constitution incorporating an amendment from Alan Hughes was approved by the Inaugural General Meeting of the new Seaford Bridge Club on 14 January.

Agreed: to adopt the draft Good Practice and Etiquette documents prepared by Christine and Leslie.

Agreed: to adopt the Guidance for Directors document prepared by Christine and Leslie but with a change as to how a Director should determine which pair should sit out in the event of there being a half table. In such circumstances the Director shall toss a coin in the presence of the half table pair. If the outcome is 'heads' then the pair will play North/South. If 'tails' they will play East/West.

6. Allocation of Duties for 2020

Agreed: that the following responsibilities would be allocated to committee or other members:

Membership – Martin Almond

Wednesday and Friday refreshments – Pam Pelling

Web site – committee members to add their own documents etc.

Director/Techie Rota – Leslie Fowle

Welfare – Pam Pelling

Insurance/GDPR legislation – John Hughes

Director/Techie Rota – Leslie Fowle

Partner Finder – Heather Hedges

Playing Card Replacement: Leslie to approach Tony Thorpe (Tues) and Joyce Rowell (Wed/Fri)

7. Membership

Received: A draft membership form and a further details form from Martin Almond

There was some discussion of Martin's draft; the former Seaford BC form; what additional documents should be included with the form; the status of guest/visitor members and how the membership process should operate.

Agreed: that once the membership form was finalised applicants would be directed to the Club website and to the documents relating to the Constitution; Etiquette and Good Practise. Applicants would be required to sign a document confirming that they had read and understood these documents.

Agreed: that Martin, as part of updating the membership records, would in the near future ask all members to complete a form updating their data and additionally provide emergency contact details.

Reported: that the anticipated numbers renewing membership would be about 89.

Agreed: to reopen membership to new applicants and to set a new membership limit of 100.

8. Competitions, Team Events and Prize Money

Agreed: that there would be no further quarterly prize competitions as previously held by Seaford BC and that monetary prizes would no longer be offered for Grand Slams, Highest Percentage etc.

Agreed: during the course of the year to hold three teams' events (one for Tuesdays, one for Wednesdays and one for Fridays). Bottles of wine to be presented to the winners. Pam Pelling to ask Colin Graham-Hyde for a Teams Competition format

9. Social Matters

Received: some notes and observations from Francoise regarding the 2019 Christmas Party.

Agreed to hold a Summer Event on 1 July which would coincide with Joyce Rowell's 90th birthday. Joyce would provide Prosecco; Leslie to provide two bottles of red wine and Francoise the food. The event to commence at 5.45

Agreed to hold a Christmas Party on Friday December 18th to start at 5.45. Leslie to organise wine to a value of £40 app. Francoise will organise her own catering team and be responsible for food and soft drinks. Existing stocks of paper plates, tablecloths to be used. Francoise to be encouraged to avoid a food surplus such as that which occurred at Christmas.

10. Purchase of Equipment

Agreed: to put on hold plans to procure a dealing machine particularly while doubt remained for the Club regarding the financial implications of a possible move away from the 60+ Club.

Agreed: that it was not considered to necessary to purchase additional Bridgemate handsets

11. Date of the 2021 AGM

Agreed: that this will be held in the 60+ Club on Friday January 15th, 2021 at 6.00 pm.

12. Other Business

(i) Christmas Cards 2020

Agreed: to encourage members not to send each other Christmas Cards but instead to use a noticeboard to post a seasonal post-it seasonal greetings message and then make a monetary donation to a charity fund. The Club would match the total donations and members would have the opportunity to select a charity

(ii) Paradise Park

Agreed; that Leslie would approach Paradise Park to seek a discount on purchases for bridge club members. This would probably mean that members would have to be issued with an annually renewable club membership card.

(iii) Club Logo

Agreed: that the new Seaford BC would no longer display a club logo on the Bridgewebs club web site. The Club would use the default Bridgewebs logo.

(iv) Privacy Note

Agreed: to use the one used by the old Seaford Bridge Club which was very closely based on the EBU privacy notice and that John Hughes suggested amendments should be applied to it.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Agreed: to hold the next committee meeting on Thursday March 26th at 10.00 at 4 Crown Hill

* Footnote to the meeting. The anticipated funds due from the former Southdown Bridge Club were received.