

SEAFORD BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes the 1st Committee Meeting of 2025

Held at 23 Downsview Road, Seaford on January 22nd 2025 at 14.00

1. Present: Pam Pelling (Chair), Leslie Fowle, Jacque Webber, Paul Gard and Chris Robbins
2. Apologies for Absence. Jean Judson and John Gillespie
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2024 were agreed and signed.
4. Matters Arising:
 - Christmas Party: Positive feedback was received, particularly the one board movement and the marked decrease in food wastage. There was no negative feedback.
 - Alternative Competitions: It has been suggested (by JJ) that competitions, such as Handicap pairs, Swiss pairs could be played at some club meetings. Jean to expand further at next meeting. The explanation would then become a Newsletter article. **Action:** Jean
 - SCCBA Charity Pairs competition to take place on Wednesday 19th February in aid of the Eastbourne Samaritans and the Tangmere Dementia Support Services. **Action:** John
 - Thursday Trial: Positive so far, but too early for any decision.
5. Correspondence. Eastbourne: running two short courses, (Bidding and Defending), these will be advertised to the club members by e-mail and the club website. **Action:** John
6. Treasurer's Report £6862.88 in hand. £3040 three month rental to be paid mid-February. Current hall rental charge is £20 per hour (£80 per session).
7. Membership Report: Current membership 86, with two members over 90 years of age.
8. Welfare Report. Four cards sent last year, members to be reminded to alert committee if a card is felt appropriate. **Action:** John, via Newsletter.
9. Director Training: EBU is willing to run Director training from a Seaford venue. Four consecutive 10am-4pm sessions are required. Typically the course is spread over 4 week-ends. April has been suggested by EBU as a possibility. **Action:** Leslie and Chris liaise with EBU regarding dates, venues and possibility of running over two week-ends (Sat-Sun-Sat-Sun).
10. Director Responsibilities and Penalties: There was discussion about different styles of different directors, and potential issues regarding the different approaches. In order to move towards consistency, Directors to be reminded to aim for 4 boards in 25 mins, but no longer than 30, but not to shy away from averages for consistent slow players. Players to be reminded that boards should stay on the table in the correct orientation. If board becomes corrupted during a session it should be voided from session's

competition. The 'convention' that partners ask "Having none partner?" when suit is not followed to be reinforced. **Action:** Pam

11. Anniversary Event: The Anniversary event will replace the summer social. Catering to be a buffet (Beth's kitchen) plus sparkling wine. 18th June? To include another charity raffle. **Action:** TBA
12. Premises and Equipment: There have been some difficulties with the current venue that remain unresolved. Following a lengthy chain of emails between the Deacon and Leslie, the Deacon suggested that a meeting with him might be the sensible way ahead. This has yet to be organised. The premises do work well for us albeit that we have reduced space on occasions. We still do not have a lockable cupboard space despite Leslie having asked for one as well as the offer at no cost to the Parish to make it operational. The Facilities Manager, Jon Gravenor, is aware of our offer but has not responded to Leslie's request to provide a key. **Action:** Leslie

Members to be reminded to alert a committee member if missing cards are noticed in bidding boxes, rather than putting them back incomplete. **Action:** John, via Newsletter.

Some sets of left-handed bidding boxes to be purchased. **Action:** Leslie

13. Any Other Business: There was none.
14. Date Of Next Meeting: Thurs 10am 10th April at 4 Crown Hill.