SEAFORD BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of the 5th Committee Meeting of 2025

Held at 3 High Beach House, Claremont Road, Seaford on November 27th 2025 at 10.00

1. Present: Pam Pelling, Sue Hutchings, Jean Judson, Chris Robbins, Paul Gard. Apologies for absence: Leslie Fowle, John Gillespie.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2025. The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed.

3. Matters Arising:

    - Slow Play Remedies (SH). The problem has not worsened, and may have improved although there are still some slow players and occasional issues causing delays. The committee was unanimous in the belief that the club should be understanding of slower players, and accommodating where possible. It was decided, routinely, to aim for 24 boards per session rather than 28, depending on the number of tables, but also to be aware of sit-out tables, i.e. 4 board sit-out was deemed best-avoided.
    - Children In Need SIMS Pairs - 12.11.25 (All). This event was deemed to have been a success and it was decided to explore other similar events in the future.

4. Correspondence. None

5. Treasurer's Report.

    - The accounts were accepted as being satisfactory. It was noted that more clarity about the "sundries" line in the account had been requested by a club member in advance of the AGM. The committee was in agreement that there should be transparency, and that the Treasurer would be asked to provide some more insight into that aspect of expenditure.
    - There was some discussion about the online bridge sessions with some committee members expressing a preference for Real Bridge over BBO, but there was no suggestion about changing the current provision.
    - It was recognised that the dealing machine was in need of a service and software update. This would take the machine out of action for two weeks or more. It was resolved to approach Eastbourne Bridge Club to ask to use their dealing machine during the interim period.

6. Membership Report.
    There are currently 87 members, with, potentially, one new member. Of the 87, 13 are infrequent players who may not re-join in January.

7. Welfare Report.
    No issues to report

8. Christmas Party - 17.12.25

    - Food: To be provided by The Old Boot, with additional mince pies (or other sweet) provided from club funds.
    - Drinks: The wine is already purchased, soft drinks will be purchased nearer the date.
    - Bridge: It was decided to aim for approximately 15-18 boards. Players to be with their regular partners.
    - A quiz will be organised by John Gilespie
    - It was decided not to run a raffle, but to ask for donations to the nominated charity.

9. Composition of the 2026 Committee: Pam Pelling and John Gillespie are standing down from the committee at the AGM. It was decided to invite nominations for the committee from the club members. It was noted that the constitution allows for a committee of up to 8 people. Although unlikely, it was resolved to hold elections if more than 8 nominations were received from the membership. **ACTION**: Directors to remind members of the vacancies for the committee at each meeting of the club during December.

10. New Membership Initiatives.

    - Paul Gard reported that he had submitted articles about the Bridge Club 50th anniversary and inviting new members to Seaford Scene, East Dean and Friston Parish Magazine and Alfriston and Cuckmere Valley Parish Magazine.
    - An offer has been made to The Crouch Bowls Club to provide Bridge lessons for beginners, free-of-charge, to its members.
    - The potential to run a joint charity Bridge event at Seaford Golf club was discussed. **ACTION:** Sue Hutchings.

11. Any Other Business.
    - The Laws of Bridge are to be uploaded onto the club laptop in case of any query.
    - The use of the club e-mail address in any advertising material was discussed, in preference to any members personal e-mail address.
    - Up-to-date flow charts to resolution of revokes are to be circulated to all directors. **ACTION:** Paul Gard.

12. Date Of Next Meeting: AGM 12th Jan 2026