

Seaford Bridge Club

Minutes of Seaford Bridge Club Committee Meeting

Tuesday 5th May 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 17 February 2026

We discussed the Summer and Christmas party arrangements again. It was decided that they would continue in the same format. However, there will be a £5 per member fee for the food and drink in addition to the standard £4 table fee. We intend to play more bridge – the format is to be confirmed.

3) Chairman's report: Attendance continues to be good. Average attendance in February, March, April was 8.25 tables on Mondays, 5 on Wednesdays and 6 on Thursdays. The directors' decision to play more Howell movements particularly for smaller numbers of tables, seems to have been welcomed. We now quite often play 9 x 3 board rounds and comfortably complete the full movement.

4) Member's complaint: A member had submitted a complaint by email. This has been considered and signed off.

5) Changes to club constitution: It has become necessary to update the club constitution. The committee will discuss this at the next meeting. Following a draft of the proposed changes we will call an Extraordinary General Meeting to allow members to vote on the proposed changes and express their views. The proposed changes will include the establishment of a disciplinary committee, an appeals committee, charges for visitors and the tenure of committee members & officers. We will examine the EBU's draft constitution document and an example from Worcester Bridge Club for guidance.

6) Treasurer's report: We have a surplus in the year to date of £776.95 (before deductions for sundries and normal running costs). The increased annual subscriptions will help to cover continuing expenses.

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7) AOB

- a) **Handouts: PG** continues to provide occasional **handouts** to remind / reinforce proper procedure according to the Laws of Bridge.
- b) **Movement of boards** When we are playing a Mitchell movement the North player must not move the boards on until the Director has called the movement. When a Howell movement is selected the boards should be placed on the table in the centre of the room when the Director has called the move.
- c) **Handicap and Championship pairs competitions** will continue with a minimum of 10 games to count. **CR and AB** will review the competition rules.

8) **Date of next meeting: 7th July 18:30 at The Old Boot**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'S. Hutchings', is written on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

S M Hutchings, Secretary