

SEAFORD BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 31st August at the 60+ Club

Present: Leslie Fowle (Chair), Martin Auger, Carol Gillespie, John Gillespie, Alan Hughes, Pam Pelling

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Bridget.

2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting** held on 16th April were agreed and signed by the Chair.

3. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported a current balance of £2309.90. In his opinion current income from table money will cover anticipated costs during the coming financial year, with the end of year balance being similar to the current balance.

4. **Members Applications**

The Secretary informed the Committee that three applications for membership had been received from Margaret Thompson, Lynn Turner and Jane Greenwood. All have played at three or more sessions where most of the Committee were present to see them playing.

Agreed: The Secretary to write formally welcoming them as members.

Agreed: Camilla Crump will be accepted as a member if/when she applies

5. **Electronic Scoring**

i. *John reported* that BMs have been used at 6 consecutive sessions. On the second Friday evening session there was one fairly serious problem in uploading the scores but in resolving it much was learnt. In general members appear to be content with their introduction. There is some concern that East is not taking its checking role seriously.

Agreed: An announcement to remind East is to be made at the start of each of the next few sessions. A reminder that East must check the agreed contract at the start (North must show East the entry). Both these to be repeated in the next Newsletter with a warning that the Committee are considering introducing a penalty.

The Chair felt play in general had slowed down. In the ensuing discussion it was decided the key reason is that too long is being spent looking at the results of each hand with some tables passing the handset around.

Agreed: The Directors to be encouraged to impose sanctions on slow tables. The Chair to write to Directors to remind them they have this option.

ii *Training.* John has run 3 training sessions. Techies available: Leslie; John & Carol; Martin Almond; Pam P.; Michele; Tricia; Peter P.; Hugh & Chris. There is one date when only newly trained techies will be on duty – Tuesday 2nd October. Martin Almond to be asked to be chief techie assisted by Michele and Peter.

iii *Renting BM to Southdown Bridge Club.* The Chair has been in conversation with Chair of Southdown BC re possibility of renting our BM system.

Agreed The Chair to write to Southdown asking them to put a proposal to us in writing, detailing what it is they have in mind. We would then consider their proposal and, if in agreement with it, would draw up a contract that would include Southdown giving us details of any insurance policy they have. If, as we believe, no policy currently exists, they would have to investigate suitable policies that would cover theft and damage of/to electronic equipment and put in place before any rental goes forward.

6. Christmas Party

Agreed:	No outside caterer. A call would go out for a volunteer team to cook/buy food and be reimbursed.	
Catering team organiser	Pam	
Wine (£100 limit)	Leslie	
Punch	Eve	
Napkins & Paper Plates	Pam	
MC/Director	Hugh C	
Movement/Director	Alan	
Bar Staff	TBD	
Quiz	John	
Money Prizes	Martin – Each section 1 st –4x£4.00pp; 2 nd -4x £2.00 pp	

7. Any Other Business

i. Lord Newton Link Walkers visiting the club Tuesday 18th September.

Agreed table money from the session be given to the walkers. Include information in Newsletter.

ii Newsletter

Agreed Secretary to draft a Newsletter and circulate to Committee for further content/comment prior to publication.

8. Date of Next Meeting. A meeting would be held as and when required.