

SEAFORD BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 18th January at 4 Crown Hill.

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

1. Apologies for absence

All members were present.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed

3. Correspondence

Received:

Letter from member Phil Beale re. Partner Finder (previously circulated)

Agreed: to retain the status quo. Secretary to write to Phil confirming this and thanking him for his interest.

Letter from Wave Leisure detailing Rental increase: Noted – see also Treasurer's Report item 4.below.

Letter from Wave Leisure cancelling booking for 29th January

Agreed: to hold a duplicate session that evening in the 60+ Club.

Email from Chair to Russell Gilbert (60+ Club re wet floors and signage): Noted.

4. Treasurer's Report

Increase in Leisure Centre rent amounts to £76.00 pa.

The accounts have been audited by David Abrahams and a signed copy was given to the Secretary for the club noticeboards. Mr. Abraham's commented that some form of colour coding would make the accounts easier to audit. Treasurer was happy to comply with this request for forthcoming financial year.

Treasurer reported that even with purchase of Bridgemate system the final accounts are just £400 less than last year. Without the Bridgemate expenditure a surplus of £1700 would have been recorded.

Our current account stands at £2238.51.

John Gillespie proposed a vote of thanks to Martin for producing an excellent set of accounts in his first year in the role of Treasurer. The committee unanimously agreed.

5. Health and Safety

i) Constitution clause 15 and accidents

Agreed: on the advice of our insurers this clause should be left in.

ii) Insurance Cover & Formal reporting of Accidents

Noted: Any accident – even if no apparent injury is caused – should be noted in the Club accident book and reported to the insurance company for their records.

Agreed: The Secretary to purchase an accident book

6. Additional/new Directors for the future

i) Course Director training costs £60 per day per person.

ii) New Volunteers – David Manthorpe and John Nott.

Secretary to contact English Bridge Education Department to see if they would be prepared to come to the Club and give training/refresher course.

7. Christmas Party

All the reports were excellent as reflected in members emails to the committee. The Chair thanked Pam and Bridget for an excellent first 'do-it-yourself' catering. They recommended that we involve more members next year to ease the burden.

8. AGM 2019

David Abrahams has agreed to audit the accounts at the end of 2019.

9. Table Money 2019/20

The Treasurer recommended keeping the table money at £1.50. The committee agreed. Treasurer will be prepared to counter arguments at the AGM with financial facts. This will also include, if necessary, reminding members that we do not know what financial implications the reorganization of the Leisure Centre/60+ club might hold.

10. AGM Agenda – Draft Agenda previously circulated was agreed.

11. AOB

i) Subscription to Bridge Magazine

Agreed: Secretary to order a three-year subscription (to be sent to Jo Green's address).

Treasurer gave Secretary cheque for £109 to cover cost.

ii) Free play for Directors. It was suggested that the club reverse the decision of the previous and reinstate no table money for those directing play.

agreed: Not to offer for discussion at AGM owing to time constraints but leave decision to new Committee.

iii) Secretary to email members advising them that

a) nominations to the 2019 committee will open on Friday 25th January;

b) the Accounts will be available on the club noticeboards and website from the same date; and c) that if they wish to have a member's item included in the AGM Agenda

that they must do so in writing to the Secretary not later than 14 days prior to the AGM.