

SEAFORD BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 25th January at 10am.

Present Hugh Basden-Smith, Hugh Creamer, Carol Gillespie, John Gillespie, Alan Hughes, Pam Pelling, Tony Thorpe (Chairman)

1. **There were no apologies for absence**
2. **Minutes of last meeting were signed** by the Chair as a correct record
3. **There were no matters arising**
4. **Correspondence**
 - i) Through Fidentia (Club Insurers) Mr Bridge will supply a monthly copy of his Bridge Magazine. January and February editions have arrived and are available to members for short-term loan between sessions on the sit-out table (when there is one).
 - ii) The Treasurer has been notified by the Leisure Centre that session fee is to increase by 2.5%.
Agreed: that we would increase 60+ Club donation by the same amount and, additionally, pay a further 2.5% in lieu of no increase during 2017.
5. **Welfare of Members** Pam reported that a card has been sent to a member who had broken her wrist.
6. **Members Comments from SGM** The Committee re-considered the Constitution in the light of comments made (see SGM Minutes) and agreed no alteration to wording or substance required.
7. **Christmas Party** This was a very happy and positive occasion with good feedback. The Chair thanked all those involved for organising in particular Michele (a non-committee member) as food co-ordinator and the two Directors whose banter livened the evening.
agreed: Most members are unaware of the true cost of the party. The Committee unanimously favour a more cost effective option such as a 'do-it-yourself'. However, this will be a decision taken by the new committee.
8. **60+ Club Chairs** The Chairman reported that the 60+ Club committee was meeting on Tuesday 30th January and 'new chairs' is an item on their Agenda.
9. **AOB**
 - i) *Membership Applications* were received from Deborah Forrester and Simon Thorp, both of whom have previously been members but Deborah has been overseas in recent years.
Agreed: Membership agreed. Secretary to write and welcome both back.
 - ii) The Chair had received from the 60+ Club a notice outlining Safety and Evacuation of the Premises used by Weightwatchers which could be adapted for all 60+ Club premises users.
Agreed: that the Chair, in consultation with Southdown Chair, devise a leaflet that could be given to Directors, placed on the Noticeboards and included in New Member packs. It would also be distributed to current members on a one off basis. As time is short in the current Committee year the Chair also kindly agreed to continue his work on this after his term of office concludes if the new Committee wish him to do so.
Noted: the door into the kitchen is a fire door and should remain closed.
 - iii) **Scorer and Director** Hugh (TY) has received an offer from Tricia Howlett to be scorer and from Bernadette Raine to be Director.
Agreed: Secretary to write to them, with thanks, accepting their offers of help. She will inform

Tricia that we will set up her permissions after the AGM and will clarify with Bernadette whether she has received an offer of training from Colin.

- iv) *Retirement* The Chair has reluctantly decided not to stand for Office again for personal reasons. He thanked the Committee for their support during his time in Office
Agreed that the Secretary would approach Leslie Fowle (who has expressed interest in rejoining the committee) to enquire if he would consider being nominated for the office of Chair.

AGM Business

10. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer circulated his final accounts. A record copy is in the Secretary's files. As last year, a commentary will be made available to the membership to assist their understanding.

Agreed: Treasurer will provide list of Competition winners to Chair for AGM and John will provide highest percentage winner.

Noted: End of year balance £2,942. 2018 Forecast – @ £1.50 would be c. £2,000 net of extra prize money (c. £275).

- i) *Name of Auditor* Martin Auger to be asked to act as auditor
ii) *Copies of final report* (unsigned) will be placed on noticeboards on Friday evening and will be replaced with signed copies in due course.

The Chair thanked the Treasurer for his report.

11. Bridgemate

- i) *Feedback from trial session* The Chair thanked John for his excellent report. Most criticism has been aimed at difficult to read screen (owing to the older demonstration models used). Some members have heard rumours of cost and believe it to be too high.

12. Electronic Scoring Systems

- i) *draft proposal to members :*

"The Seaford Bridge Club Committee seek approval from the membership to purchase an electronic scoring system for use at Club bridge sessions. The Committee will ensure that the system selected will be appropriate to the needs of the Club both in terms of cost and functionality."

Agreed: to include the word 'support' after 'cost'.

13. Table Money & Subs 2018/19 to remain at £1.50 / £15.00.

14. AGM Agenda

Agreed: That John speak to the Bridgemate proposal and Alan will speak to oppose the merger proposal. Both John and Alan speak with the support of the Committee

15. Diary Date(s): AGM Tuesday 27th Feb 1.15pm

16. Date and Venue of next meeting : *For new committee to agree*

The Chair thanked Hugh for his hospitality

The meeting ended with thanks to Hugh (TE), Hugh (TY) and Tony who will be retiring at the AGM. Our heartfelt thanks to you all for your hard work and dedication during your terms of Office. You will be missed.