

SEAFORD BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of the 3rd Committee Meeting of Seaford Bridge Club held on Monday July 27th, 2020 at 2.30 at 11
Firle Grange, Seaford

Present: Martin Almond, Martin Auger, Francoise Basden-Smith, Christine Creamer (co-Chair), Leslie Fowle (co-Chair), John Gillespie, John Hughes and Pam Pelling

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the committee meetings of 16 January 2020 and 19 March 2020 (held by email) were agreed and signed.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda

4. Correspondence

Received: email from the Free On-line Bridge Club dated 22.6.20 with an invitation to join

Agreed: not to accept the invitation.

Received: email dated 3.7.20 to Leslie Fowle from EBU re £50 rebate to EBU Virtual Clubs who play 8 games by the end of August 2020.

Noted: Seaford had played sufficient games to qualify and the rebate was awaited.

5. Treasurer's Report

Reported: that the current account balance for the Club was £.7299.69. Additionally the Club had credit of £126.00 with Wave Leisure for unused Tuesday afternoon sessions.

Agreed: The Secretary to write to Wave Leisure to confirm that the Club wished to continue using the Sutton Room but would not be in a position to do so until government guidelines indicated that it was safe to resume playing bridge in a public indoor venue.

6. Membership Report

Reported: that membership applications had been received from William Prout, Sheila Smith, Mary Guy-Jones and Elizabeth Hodgson. All had been approved and membership now stood at 95.

Noted: that Mary Guy-Jones was unlikely to play on-line bridge - her reason for joining the Club.

Reported: that Martin Almond had obtained a list of 62 member emergency contacts.

Agreed: that Martin could contact those who had not provided a contact by email and ask them to provide that information by email reply.

7. English Bridge Union

Reported: that Seaford Bridge Club had rejoined the English Bridge Union in May 2020. The main driver had been the need to enable Club members to play virtual pairs on-line in a 'Club' situation..

8. Bridge Base On-Line

Reported: that the Club had been organising its own weekly on-line bridge events - on Wednesday and Friday evenings - since mid-June. The events had been both successfully organised and popular with the membership with nearly 60 members registered to play on-line.

Agreed: a vote of thanks to Leslie, Pam (directors) and Carol Gillespie (scorer) for the work to both set up and run these events.

Noted: that Christine Creamer was willing to learn how to perform the Director role and that Leslie

Fowle, John Gillespie, Pam Pelling, Hugh Creamer and Christine Creamer would be prepared to act as scorers.

Reported: that the training costs, affiliation fee and insurance had already been covered (by July 7th) by income accruing from table money rebated by Bridge Base On-line.

Noted: that the table money surplus repaid to the Club was likely to exceed £1000 by the end of the year.

Agreed: in principal to refund any surplus to the membership at the end of the year on the basis of the participation history of the membership.

9. Isolation Newsletter

Noted: that 19 editions of the Newsletter had been produced since March.

Agreed: a vote of thanks to John Gillespie and to continue producing them for the time being although a reduction to once a fortnight might be considered later on.

10. Year 2021

Agreed: that an AGM should, if possible, be held at Wave Leisure and that it be moved from Friday January 15th to Tuesday January 19th

Agreed: to recommend to the AGM that 2020 subscription period be extended until such time as face-to-face bridge could be restarted.

Agreed: to recommend to the AGM that when face-to-face bridge restarts table money be increased from £1.50 to £2.00 to cover the EBU playing surcharge.

Noted: that face to face bridge was highly unlikely to restart this year or even early in 2021. In any event it could not restart until government advice was favourable.

11. Social Matters

Noted: that the planned celebration of Joyce Rowell's 90th birthday in July had had to be cancelled. The Club had sent flowers and a bottle of Prosecco.

Agreed: that it was highly unlikely that the Club Christmas Party would take place as planned.

12. Any Other Business

There was a lengthy discussion on the subject of to what extent the Club should mark the death of current and past members.

Agreed: that each case should be considered on its merits and should also take into account the financial position of the Club at that time. No donation should exceed £50.

13. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

To be decided.

