

Seaford Bridge Club

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 31st March, 2017, 7, Steyning Road, Seaford.

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

1. **Apologies for absence** All members present and the Chairman welcomed Alan and Pam to the Committee.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 27th January, 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Minutes of the AGM** The Chairman thanked John for Chairing the AGM in his absence.
Agreed: Minutes to be checked for accuracy and typos etc. for consideration at June meeting.
4. **Matters Arising**
 - 4.1 Bridgemate Phone **App** (Minute 4. 27/01/17 – Moved to 15.1 below)
 - 4.2 Keyholders (Minute 13.1 27/01/17) The Chairman reported that the list has now been updated and amended. Keyholders are Directors (see 8. below for names), John Gillespie and Chairman.
5. **Correspondence**
There had been no correspondence received.
6. **Membership**
 - 6.1 application from Kathy Flood
Agreed: Secretary to write to Kathy notifying her of the Committee's decision and to welcome her to the Club. **CG**
 - 6.2 Martin Haigh's ongoing visitor status (Minute 5. 18/11/16 & 4. 27/01/17)
Agreed: status rescinded.
7. **Welfare of Members**
Noted: We were pleased to hear the Chairman report that two members with long term illnesses will be returning to the Club in the near future.
8. **Directors and Scorers for 2017/2018**
Confirmed as:
Directors Martin Auger, Hugh Creamer, Lesley Fowle, Jo Green, Alan Hughes, Peter Parsons, Pam Pelling
Scorers Michele Conway, Lesley Fowle, John Gillespie, Peter Parsons, Sheila Smith.
9. **Treasurer's Report**
 - 9.1 *Subs* to date £750, Cash in bank £3,500. Forecast £2,800 (loss £500).
 - 9.2 *Reported* amount of increase to 60+ Club for use of premises not yet agreed by their Chairman.
10. **Christmas Party**
 - 10.1 *Results of Survey* (previously circulated) *Noted:* 38 returned, 62% in favour of a party.
Agreed: Secretary to post results on website, noticeboard and a print copy for non-tech users. **CG**
 - 10.2 *Agreed* Date of 2017 party 15th December (or 8th as second choice). Secretary to contact same caterer as last year (Janice Jemmett) to book date. **CG**
 - 10.3 *Agreed:* Michele to be asked to undertake organising the table props and catering **TT**
liaison as last time. Committee, nearer the date, would be more prescriptive about choices and timing of food served to aid Michele in her communication with Jan.
Agreed Hugh to organise the evening's play and entertainment. There would be competitive bridge with prizes (Alan to assist Hugh in this). John offered to provide a light-hearted quiz. **HC/AH**

11. Newsletter

Agreed: will contain list of (and thanks to) Directors, Scorers, Committee Members and their duties; thanks to those outside the committee: Heather, Joyce, John, for their ongoing help, and Michele for agreeing to facilitate the Christmas party; competition and Party dates.

Agreed: will also include notice (circulated at meeting) re. plea to keep noise level down.

Agreed: publish via website, noticeboard and a print copy for non-tech users. **(TT/CG)**

12. Club Facilities, equipment and Committee Member Posts

12.1 *agreed:* New packs playing cards . Order 1 change for each venue rather than hold large stock.

12.2 *agreed:* Pam – Welfare contact; John – refreshments; Alan – equipment; Carol and Hugh C. – Website;

13. Substitute committee member to Look after website in Carol's absence

See 12 above.

14. The Constitution – need to update?

Agreed: The need for a working group to look at the Club's Constitution to reword/clarify grey areas.

Agreed: Working group to consist of Hugh (Chair) Alan and John. To report back to next meeting.

HBS/AH/JG

15. New Technology – Next Steps?

15.1 John investigated and found that the Bridgemate phone app. which was thought might be a cheaper option would still require the Club to invest in the Bridgemate System.

Agreed: no further action necessary

15.2 Bridgemate. Sufficient funds and encouragement at AGM to proceed investigating.

Agreed: The need for a working group to look at logistics of laptop/tabletop machines used in two venues; and how we might eventually introduce the system to the club.

Agreed: Working group to consist of John (Chair), Hugh and Tony.

JG/HC/TT

16. Diary Dates

Next Competition Friday 2nd June.

17. Any Other Business

John reported a request from a member that those playing East should be required to initial traveller.

Agreed: Not to reintroduce as this had been the practice in the past but did not stop errors as players still only gave a cursory glance at the results.

18. Date and Venue of Next Meeting: Thursday, 1st June, 7.00pm, 59 Sutton Drove, Seaford.