

SEAFORD BRIDGE CLUB

Note: A committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday March 26th. The Covid-19 pandemic resulted in the suspension of the bridge club's activities and it was decided not to proceed with the meeting. However several matters required addressing and the outcomes recorded. All committee members were invited by email to contribute to this process. The following set of 'minutes' reflects this process.

1. Covid-19 – the Coronavirus

The Club met as normal to play bridge on Friday March 13th. Over the weekend of March 14/15 Leslie Fowle (Co-Chair) consulted with other committee members by email with a view to suspending activities indefinitely. This followed similar action taken by Seaford U3A and other local bridge clubs. There was unanimous support for this proposal and on March 15th all club members were emailed to advise of the suspension. In addition a similar notice was uploaded to the Club's Bridgewebs site. Subsequently Waves Leisure and the 60+ Club were advised that for the foreseeable future the Bridge Club would not require the use of their premises.

2. Treasurer's Report

- the current account balance stands at £7420.69
- Waves Leisure had advised that the Club would be due a rebate of £126.00 in respect of pre-payments for sessions which the Club will not take up.
- There are no 2020 membership subscriptions outstanding

3. Membership Report

Reported: that the Club now had a membership of 94.

4. Social Matters

The Summer Social Event planned for July 1st has not yet been cancelled and Francoise reports that she has matters in hand. However there must be considerable doubt as to whether this event will take place as scheduled.

5. Incident on March 4th

Reported : That an incident occurred towards the end of play on the evening of Wednesday March 4th. This involved Alastair Dunbar and another club member and involved a suggestion of 'slow play'. A disagreement resulted which did not involve the Director for that evening. Leslie Fowle subsequently approached Alastair to provide him with the opportunity to give his account of events for consideration at the next Committee meeting. Alastair declined to take up this offer and stated that he no longer wished to play at the Club.

6. Other Matters

- Paradise Park Loyalty Discount cards have been obtained and distributed to members.
- Tony and Helen Thorpe will continue to assist with distributing new playing cards but that Joyce Rowell was no longer willing to assist.
- Colin Graham-Hyde had provided Pam Pelling with comprehensive details on how to organise Teams events
- Dealing Machine discussion to be deferred

7. The Future!

One day, hopefully not too far away, Seaford Bridge Club will resume playing bridge. In the meantime we should try and keep in touch with members in case somebody is in need of assistance. Perhaps one way would be a newsletter – maybe with some humorous items – jokes, bridge stories etc but also checking to see that members are alright. Perhaps we could also organise some on-line bridge play between members.

When the day comes that we can resume bridge it was agreed that given that the Club is currently in a healthy financial position we should:

- replace all the playing cards currently in use. We have ample stocks of new cards
- replace all of the bidding cards
- consider replacing some/all of the bidding boxes
- plan some form of ‘return to normal’ celebration for the membership with the mix of social and bridge to be determined nearer that time.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Who knows but hopefully not too long!

