SEAFORD BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Friday 26th May 2023 at 41 Valley Drive, Seaford

Present: Pam Pelling (Chair), Leslie Fowle, John Gillespie, Ruth Skinner, Jean Judson and Francoise Basden-Smith

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from John Hughes

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the committee meeting held on 24th March 2023 were agreed and signed.

3. **Matters Arising**

- Member Welcome Packs

Noted:
These are now available to be given to new members

4. **Correspondence**

Received:
(i) an email of thanks from Vicky Cosstick on behalf of the Catholic Chaplaincy at HMP Lewes in respect of the Club's sponsorship of her recent fund-raising sponsored walk.
(ii) an email of thanks from Viv Reynolds, Chief Executive of the St James' Trust, in respect of the Club and the SCCBA's fund-raising arising from the Charity SIMS Pairs event held in February

5. **Treasurer's Report**

Received:
A report from the Treasurer in which he advised that the balance at the bank was £5276.70.

Noted:
That the Club had as yet to be notified in respect of an increase in the hire charge rate at St Thomas More.

6. **Membership Report**

Noted:
Club membership now stands at 92..

7. **Welfare Report**

Agreed:
(i) to send a thank you card to Heather Hedges following her resignation as Partner Finder.
(ii) to present flowers to her at next Wednesday evening's bridge session.

8. **Bridge Teaching**

Reported:
(i) a small group - usually two tables - has been attending regularly on Wednesday evenings.
(ii) there will be one further lesson in May and then lessons will cease until October.

9. Sausage Solstice BBQ

Agreed:
(i) to hold the event on Wednesday June 21st between 6.00 and 7.30 at St Thomas More Hall, to be followed by a shorter bridge session.
(ii) the Club to provide free hot dogs, wine and soft drinks to be followed by lemon drizzle cake.
(iii) there will be a limit of 60 for the following bridge session but no limit on those who can attend the BBQ.
(iv) table money will be levied as per normal for the bridge session.
(v) attendance at the bridge will be on a first come first service basis to be organised by Leslie.

10. Online Bridge Sessions with Eastbourne BC

Reported:
(i) Eastbourne has been pleased with the Friday night sessions especially in view of the increased numbers participating.
(ii) Seaford has had some reservations regarding the set up of the sessions.
(iii) there hasn't been an increase in the number of Seaford participants.
(iv) the principal benefit for Seaford has been the decrease in the need for Seaford members to act as Directors.

Agreed:
To keep matters under review and discuss at the next committee meeting

11. Partner Finder

Reported:
Heather Hedges wishes to step down as the bridge club Partner Finder with effect from June 1st.

Agreed:
To commence using the online partner finder facility provided by Bridgewebs.

Noted:
That there might be a reluctance on the part of some members to use an online facility.

Agreed:
(i) Jean to provide screenshots to members illustrating how the online partner finder works.
(ii) to enquire whether the TV located at STM Hall might be available for a demonstration of the online partner finder.

Noted:
If all else failed members contact details were available on the club website for members to find their own partners.

12. Any Other Business

Agreed:
(i) to both reprint old and source new member interviews in the Club Newsletter.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Friday September 15th (2.00pm) at John’s.