

SEAFORD BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of the 4th Committee Meeting of Seaford Bridge Club held on
Monday October 5th, 2020 at 2.00 at 21 Churchill Road, Seaford

Present: Martin Auger, Christine Creamer (co-Chair), Leslie Fowle (co-Chair),
John Gillespie and Pam Pelling

1. Apologies for Absence

Martin Almond, Francoise Basden-Smith and John Hughes. Martin, Francoise and John had volunteered not to attend so that the meeting would conform with the current Covid-19 regulations related to indoor meetings (the 'rule of 6').

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the committee meeting of 27 July 2020 were agreed and signed.

3. Matters Arising

Wave Leisure.

Reported: The Secretary had written to Wave Leisure to advise that the Club would not be in a position to resume bridge at the Centre until there was a relaxation in government guidelines relating to the use of public indoor venues. Wave had responded that they had no intention, in the immediate future and under current restrictions, of resuming indoor social activities. They would advise as soon as there was a change in the situation.

4. Correspondence

Received: (i) various emails from the EBU and Sussex Bridge largely related to virtual bridge issues.
(ii) an invitation from Fidentia Insurance to renew the club's insurance.

Noted: The insurance had been renewed at a cost of £64.68 and would run until 31.10.21.

Agreed: If the Covid-19 situation remained unchanged in 2021 to review our options before renewing with Fidentia.

5. Treasurer's Report

Reported: that the current account balance for the Club was £8149.92.

Agreed: that BBO rebates would be paid to participants on an annual basis on May 31st. If face-to-face bridge did not resume refunds would only be made to those members providing bank details to the Treasurer.

6. Membership Report

Noted: (i) Membership had increased from 95 to 96 since the last meeting with the addition of Ann Yeldon. Ann's application had been agreed among the committee by email.

- (ii) It was anticipated that membership applications would be received from two members of East Dean Bridge Club. These would be considered by email.

Agreed: Guests/visitors may participate in BBO sessions. They will be charged \$3 and not receive a rebate.

To be resolved: Can a 'non-EBU' member play BBO with Seaford?

7. Online Bridge Report

Reported: 32 sessions had now taken place and 3 Directors and 3 Scorers had been trained.

Noted: that as a 'winter experiment' a third weekly session would run on Tuesday afternoons commencing on 6.10.20.

8. 2021 AGM - Contingency Plans

Noted: (i) The Club is, in the current circumstances, able to postpone the next AGM.
(ii) The Officer and Committee appointments can roll over until such time as an AGM can be held.

Reported: (i) Martin Almond wishes to resign as Membership Secretary and from the Committee.
(ii) Carol Gillespie is willing to take over as Membership Secretary but does not wish to be on the Committee.

Agreed: (i) To approach Ruth Skinner with a view to filling the Committee vacancy.
(ii) Christine to prepare a report to members incorporating Chairman's comments and a Treasurer's Report in lieu of the information that would have normally been provided at an AGM. The same information would be reproduced in the Newsletter.

9. 2021 Subscriptions, Table Money and Visitor Charges

Noted: Subscriptions and table money had been agreed at the previous committee meeting, i.e. Subscription: £15.00; Table Money: £2.00

Agreed: (i) The Visitor playing fee would be £4.00.
(ii) The annual subscription would not be requested from members until such time as normal bridge is resumed. In the meantime, the Club would alert any member who paid by standing order to suspend the payment.

10. Club website

Noted: Comments from the web administrator that committee members should feel free, if they so wished, to change content on the website and/or amend the

online Director/Scorer schedule. However changes to the database should be directed through the web administrator.

- Agreed:
- (i) The website menu should be updated to include items for material relating to BBO, EBU and SCCBA
 - (ii) John to prepare a new web site 'front sheet' to reflect current Club activity and that this should be refreshed more regularly.
 - (iii) Pam to prepare a brief article about the 'Club in lockdown' for Seaford Scene.

11. Online Bridge - A Beginner's Guide

Received: A draft beginner's guide prepared by Christine Creamer together with some suggested amendments.

Agreed: To adopt the guide with amendments and possibly some appropriate 'screen shots'; circulate to the membership; and place on the club web site.

12. Christmas

- Agreed:
- (i) To make a donation of £50 to St Wilfred's Hospice.
 - (ii) To prepare a Christmas communication to members incorporating 'seasonal photos of the committee members' and Hugh Creamer to be asked to provide a musical offering possibly with Roger Chapman.

13. Isolation Newsletter

Reported: That 26 editions had now been produced and indications were that the content was being well received. Since the beginning of October frequency has been reduced from weekly to fortnightly.

14. Any Other Business

There was no other business

15. Date/Venue of Next Meeting

To be determined. Possibly in the week before Christmas.