

Summary of Bridgemate/Table Money increase poll

Responses 68 (74.7% of membership). Of those expressing an opinion:

In Favour 42 (61.76%)

Against 26 (38.24%)

No member objected to an increase in table money *per se*.

Comments re. Bridgemate Purchase

Those in favour:

1. Liked it because they had experienced using it as a player (Eastbourne, Patcham, and previous clubs played at)
2. Found entering scores easier than traveller (and no table scorecards)
3. Made movements easier (esp. on arrow switches and other complicated movements by telling each pair where they should be)
4. Ask Patcham for volunteer assistance with initial sessions
5. Would receive results or partial result quicker (Dolly, Sylvia and Jo)
6. Ask members to make a one-off payment of £25.00

Received from Alistair Dunbar (last Friday) to be considered at our meeting, but seems sensible to include here rather than separate item on Agenda

7. Make a joint purchase with Southdown
8. Rather than raise table money ask members for interest free loans e.g. £100 each repayable over a few years. (Alistair is willing to loan same).
9. Cancel weekly prize money

The following came from 5 members responses (I have not included CGH's paper which members will have received previously. You will note from the check sheet that after sending out his thoughts, and prior to close of poll, both responded 'yes' to the question)

1. Club not large enough
2. Poor return on money expended (outlay, maintenance)
3. Club plays at two different sites
4. Query re wi-fi connection
5. Players will hang around for results creating noise and distraction esp as only 1 or 2 players can look at the screen.
6. Would/Could current scorers cope with new duties involved in Bridgemate?
7. Re Scorers: time save at end would be balanced by more time spent setting up at beginning
8. Scorer may have own play interrupted to sort out Issues e.g. boards played in incorrect order, incorrect score added.
9. Late movement change
10. Would Bridgemate lead to more players insisting on playing E/W
11. Dealing machine should be considered first