SEAFORD BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Friday March 22nd at 4 Crown Hill

Present: Martin Auger, Leslie Fowle (Chair) John Gillespie, Pam Pelling, Ruth Skinner

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Bridget Constantinos and Pam Vickery

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 18 January 2019 were agreed and signed.

3. Matters Arising

(i) *Accident Book*
Now procured and located in the BridgeMate case

(ii) *Potential New Directors/Director Training*
David Manthorpe and John Nott have expressed interest in becoming Directors.

Agreed to explore the possibility of arranging training (in the 60+ Club?) for 8 to 10 persons (to include all existing directors).

4. Correspondence

(i) Email from Hugh Creamer advising that wi-fi has now been installed at the 60+ Club.

(ii) Letter from 'Mr Bridge' advising a special card purchase offer – 72 packs for £36 if ordered by March 31st.

Agreed to: Purchase 216 packs (after the meeting this was changed to 288 packs.) 36 packs each for Alfriston and Newhaven bridge clubs). Total cost to Seaford BC = £108

5. Treasurer's Report

Reported that the current account balance at 21.3.19 was £3567.81.

Subs had been paid by 81 members (inc 2 free 90+ memberships).

John and Martin to get together to finalise membership list although it's now clear that there are membership vacancies available.

6. Apportionment of Duties

The following responsibilities were agreed:

Resource management – Ruth
Refreshments – Pam and Bridget
Card Sender – Marie
Directors/Techie Rota - Leslie

7. Dates for the Coming Year

The following dates were agreed:

Summer Competition - June 21
Autumn Competition – September 10
Winter Competition – December 6
Christmas Party – December 20
2020 AGM – February 18

8. **BridgeMate Update**

Concern was expressed about boards on occasion still being played out of order.

It was agreed that we would remind players about this. Also, it was agreed that, wherever possible, the correct result for all boards played out of sequence would be entered at the end of the evening before results were produced. This to be the case rather than penalising the offending 'north' which might ultimately result in east/west being unfairly penalised.

Recent feedback from Southdown Bridge Club suggested they were still not interested in using BridgeMate but they were looking into procuring a dealing machine (see following minute on dealing machines).

9. Dealing Machines

The most basic Duplimate machine would cost about £300. The most expensive £3000+. If Southdown were able to procure a dealing machine, then between both Seaford and Southdown a BridgeMate/dealing machine set up could exist.

It was agreed that the Chair would make contact with the Chair of Southdown Bridge Club (Chris Creamer) to sound her out about sharing the cost of a high spec DM. If there was genuine interest, we would await the outcome of the Southdown AGM on April 25th to see what their membership decided. However, it was also agreed that Seaford BC would not be interested in a low spec solution.

10. Any Other Business

(a) It was reported that a discussion had taken place with Seaford Tennis Club in Blatchington about the use of their premises for playing bridge should the possible developments at 60+/Wave Leisure come to fruition (lack of availability/ excessive charges). Leslie and Tricia Howlett had visited the Club who were very positive. There was sufficient space for up to 15 tables. Tuesday afternoon would not present a problem, but the room would not be available on a Friday until after 7.00. The cost would be similar to now but because STC is a charity, payment would be in the form of a 'donation'.

It was agreed to arrange a visit by the committee to STC

(b) The question of the start time of the Friday evening bridge session was discussed. It was felt that in order to encourage new members who might still be working we might consider a later starting time, e.g. 7.00.

It was agreed that Leslie would sound out opinion at that Friday evening's session.

11. Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

Friday May 10th, 14.00 at 4 Crown Hill