

BWS Organisers' Meeting

Saturday 11th December 2021 at 9am

Present: David Tilley, Linda Banks, Jim Steele, Norman Cope, Mike Dennis, Helen Wright (from 9.30)

No Apologies

1. David welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Brierfield will continue to be part of BWS, until at least their AGM early 2022. In view of the falling numbers in some sessions, Jim wondered about the possibility of finding another club to join BWS. This could be a possibility whether or not Brierfield stayed with BWS. David suggested a possibility of joining with Adam Wiseberg [Adam Wiseberg Bridge, Cheshire \(bridgewebs.com\)](http://AdamWisebergBridge.Cheshire(bridgewebs.com)), who runs sessions on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons at 2pm, on RealBridge, as well as an IMPs tournament on Sunday evenings. An issue might be how that would fit with our Monday afternoon 10-high, as that wouldn't be compatible with Adam's session. It was suggested that we might run our 10-high at another time in the week. Or, we could run a session with two flights, one for less experienced and the other for more serious players. All this is conjecture at present, but David would discuss with Adam to explore the possibilities. It was agreed to give this, and other options, some consideration and look at it again at the next meeting. **Action DT**
3. Sessions over the Christmas period: BWS will run the all the usual sessions over the Christmas/New Year period, with an additional session on Tuesday afternoon, 28 January on BBO starting at 1.30pm.
4. There was some discussion about the possible effect on F2F sessions following the latest revised rules on face coverings. It was agreed to review the number of online sessions at the next meeting.
5. Monday afternoon attendances have dropped off slightly since it was changed from BBO to RealBridge. Jim said that he had looked at table numbers at all our on-line sessions over the past couple of months, and the small decline was typical. There are some people who dislike RealBridge and strongly prefer BBO; the converse is also true. We agreed to keep things as they are for now, with two of our sessions on BBO and two on RealBridge. Again we will monitor this and review at the next meeting.
6. Use of Robots: as previously agreed, where robots are used we will strip the results relating to games against robots. There was an oversight on Monday evening, 29 November, when this wasn't done. DT will adjust the scores and circulate the revised results. **Action DT**
7. It was agreed we would keep to present arrangements for TD fees until the end of December, ie £25 for up to 10 tables, and £40 for 10.5 tables or more. We agreed to change from 1st January to a differential based on number of boards: £25 for up to 20 boards and £40 for 21 boards and above. This is in line with IBEX charges. We will also restrict the number of boards to a max of 20 for sessions with fewer than 8 tables. David will check that Adam and Josh are happy with this. **Action DT**
8. Hybrid F2F/on-line sessions: A member had asked whether we could look at the possibility of arranging hybrid bridge sessions. We discussed the options, and decided that our cross-Club sessions didn't lend themselves to hybrid bridge, and it offered us no real advantages. A big disadvantage would be that it would be unnecessarily messy.
9. AOB - Linda reported that Brierfield will charge table money of £3 from 1 January. This will be in line with what Stretford and Warrington have charged for some considerable time.
10. The next meeting will be Saturday 15 January on Zoom, at 9.30am