

MINUTES OF THE BWS ORGANISERS' MEETING HELD ON 17 JULY 2021

Present: Dave Tilley, Jim Steele, Linda Banks, Chris Collison , Mike Dennis

Apologies: Helen Wright, Norman Cope, Richard Aubery

1. **Alan Crabtree**

David advised that he had received a mail from Alan Crabtree, who was standing down from the group after recently retiring as Chair of Brierfield. David and the entire committee wished to place on record our appreciation for his previous contributions to the group.

2. **DT's Report**

David updated the meeting on his personal situation, which affects his availability for bridge sessions. The group noted this. Sessions are covered by Josh Clarke and Adam Wiseberg.

The teams' session has been suspended due to poor level of interest. There are further items mentioned below in the minutes.

3. **BWS update**

David gave an update and feedback on some TD issues. The workload per session seems proportional to the number of tables; above ten tables the TD is fully occupied so it's not practical to play in the session. We agreed to try a modified system of letting the TD play and be paid £25 with less than ten tables, and with ten or more the TD would still be paid £40 but should not play. This will start from 1/8/21.

Committee discussed recent LCBA plans about setting up a county-wide online club organized by a private concern. Linda had circulated to the committee and after some discussion, we agreed to wait and see how this developed and to continue the present system. This would be reviewed once face to face bridge restarted and we could get a better idea of the effects on session attendances (see item ten)

4. **Sit outs and Robots**

DT had received some feedback from some East/West players, especially about missing two boards when there was a sit out. We agreed everyone should be able to play at least eighteen boards per session and approved the use of

substitutes and robots where necessary, the results against robots would not be counted. Charges for two robots would be shared between the two clubs.

6. Warrington BC Update

Jim gave an update on Warrington BC's plans for reopening and teaching. The Club has a strong partnership with the local U3A. Teaching is likely to restart in September; the intention is that U3A will still run years' one and two , and WBC will run year three , hopefully on the same site to allow maximum cooperation between the sessions .

This will take place on Thursday mornings and means a clash with the current gentle duplicate session. This will be reviewed, and either cancelled or rearranged.

The Club has changed treasurer. Helen has stepped down and Janet Jagan has stepped into the role.

We are still discussing a return to normal bridge. The next committee meeting at the end of July would confirm details.

The members survey showed some interesting results. These were discussed.

7. Brierfield update and issues

There has been an issue occasionally with members not being able to log on , due to a glitch with the weblink. It was agreed to post a link to enable players from the club to log on via their website, Jim asked for the links each week to continue to be sent.

8. Stretford BC

The Club was actively discussing reopening plans and would be doing so in the near future.

9. Invoicing Update

No issues at the moment with the current system functioning well .

10 Current Sessions

As already discussed, there will be no change but this will be reviewed after face to face bridge has restarted . The committee felt there would still be a demand

for online bridge but at this stage it is not possible to predict which sessions should be provided.

11. Psych Book

There had been no entries during the period.

12. Any Other Business

There were no other items.

13 Date of Next Meeting

This would take place probably sometime in the week starting 6/9/21.