

## **BWS committee minutes - 30/3/21**

**Present:** Dave Tilley, Jim Steele, Linda Banks, Norman Cope, Mike Dennis

**Apologies:** Alan Crabtree, Helen Wright, Richard Aubery, Chris Collison

**Minutes of the Last Meeting** were read and accepted.

Proposed Norman, Seconded Linda

**Matters arising** (that are not on today's agenda):

We are still having an occasional delayed start for various reasons, we discussed enforcing a cut off time which led on to the subject of half tables. It was felt that we should try to avoid half tables if possible. DT already uses a personal list of potential stand-by players, we suggested this was publicised more and expanded to facilitate optimum numbers of whole tables. Standby players would not be charged, and it would be made clear on score sheets/club returns who they were so Clubs knew (not to charge them)

DT will put organise this info in the next newsletter which could go on each Club website.

The guidance chart for alerting /announcing. DT in process of finishing, again to go in newsletter and Club websites

Teams of four lockdown teams was not well supported. Jim is happy to run another one, DT again to place details on newsletter > club websites

### **Dave T's Report**

Some further discussion took place on the delayed start, all information above.

DT reported that attendances at all sessions were really strong, although this week had been a little quieter, possibly due to good weather and relaxed restrictions, golf, etc.

Recent issue that concerned DT appeared now to be resolved.

The Festival of Bridge 2021 was discussed. A draft programme was presented and discussed.

As the Pro-Am session was imminent, it was felt rather short notice to stage the Pro-Am this Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April, so it was agreed to hold the usual improvers' session & lesson this week and the Pro-Am the following Thursday, giving time to canvas the improvers and organise partners for them etc Jim would contact the regulars with cut-off replies to DT by noon the day before.

Thursday evening	Teams Night – assemble own teams
Friday	Normal Duplicate
Sunday	Normal Duplicate
Monday	Normal Ten-High Afternoon
Monday Evening	Goulash Night - unusual hands.
Wednesday afternoon	Potentially Stratified Pairs, if unable to organise, Normal Session
Thursday - (8/4 )	Pro-Am Session

Friday evening -                      Stretford Salver: duplicate pairs for the trophy donated by Stretford BC

Programme to go on club website, is it worth an email to all players to highlight the events??

*At this point Norman asked to deal with an AOB which was pressing and needed discussion before he had to leave; see AOB's*

### **Invoicing**

Dave gave an update on Stretford's situation, including changes to the Treasurer. They are nearly up to date and will complete the last two months to the end of March over the Easter weekend, so that the other Clubs will be able to settle their outstanding fees at that point.

Jim shared several spreadsheets which he has used to tabulate the activity at WBC since last summer, allowing WBC to predict their dues to Stretford, and a combined player contact list as mentioned earlier.

Jim will forward to DT to use when completing the "shared" finances.

### **Charity Payments (2020)**

SBC is in the throes of replacing Don Monks, who passed away in October. Irene is covering but has not been in best of health and they expect the relevant information to be available by early in April and payments made.

### **Cover for DT**

There is already a small pool of TD's, Dave felt this was adequate at present and will support any members wishing to help as well. There was also a discussion about having a playing TD, Jim and Mike have seen this work at Antrobus Bridge Club (who are using Real Bridge). We will try this.

### **Current Sessions**

We decided to continue the present sessions with no new additional sessions. Random "visitors" (i.e. strangers not playing with a member), These to be handled by the TD. If the visitors could be attached to a Club, DT to advise that club for charging. If not, Stretford would invoice and collect.

### **Psych Book**

There were no new entries

### **Any Other Business**

- DT mentioned an MCBA event on 24/4. The County Intermediate Swiss pairs event would take place. The cut off would be Jack High or Regional Master and below. The

event would also be followed with a seminar on the hands organised by Michael Byrne. Cost is £5. A number of BWS members had played and enjoyed the recent Cantor Cup event and we would encourage our members to take part once again.

- Norman raised the future of BWS and how it would operate. It was suggested we should canvas all members about their future intentions about playing bridge. WBC discussed this in their committee meeting last weekend and suggested drafting a survey questionnaire, which has also recently been tried by Deva Bridge Club, they have shared their questionnaire and the answers. Mike agreed to forward this information to the BWS committee, together with a draft that WBC are developing of their own version,
- We felt it would be good to ask a common set of questions, although each club might have different priorities and could modify the survey if needed.
- DT will publicise the survey in the next newsletter and we will draft the questionnaire and covering information in the meantime

**Date of Next Meeting:**

10am on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May, assuming DT is not working, otherwise the week before or after this date. DT to advise once shifts are known.