

WILTON BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING
AT HILLCOMMON
WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2026 at 1.30 pm

MINUTES

1. **Apologies** – none

Present: Sally Haddon, Kirsten Horton, Marilyn Sheppard, Lyndys Geen, Daphne Greatorex
Linked: Sally Evans, Pip Verge

2. **Matters arising from minutes of 19 November 2025**

a. **Spare Partner scheme**

The Committee has agreed that a letter should be sent to Paul Gilbert requiring him to discontinue his activities.

ACTION: Sally E and Pip

The club has been advised by the EBU that we should amend our constitution to include clear disciplinary protocols and procedures. The committee will therefore further explore what needs to be done.

ACTION: Lyndys to look at the constitution

- b. **SURE** (Somerset Unit for Radiotherapy Equipment) Charity week – beginning 02 March 2026
SURE is a local independent registered charity for local people. Their objective is to raise funds to help provide top class cancer diagnosis and treatment at the Cancer Centre at Musgrove Park Hospital.

All table money for the week will be donated to SURE and members will be invited to add to this.

c. **Subscriptions**

The Committee discussed at length alternatives and they felt the current system is the most economical for members and does not disadvantage members who are only able to come to one session. The subscription for the year will remain at £5 per session and table money at £2.50.

d. **Defibrillator training**

The club is arranging a training session and interested members will be invited to attend. It is hoped that at least 3 regular members from each session will attend and directors will be invited. Date to be confirmed.

ACTION: Kirsten to check on hall availability on Saturday afternoons in March and April

ACTION: Pip

3. **Treasurer's report and banking arrangements**

C/F Kirsten will consult with members who have accounting experience about the possibility of re-vamping the format of the balance sheet/accounts for the future.

Pip and Kirsten have now got Internet banking to work. The committee agreed that the finances are in good order and the agreed support of SURE can proceed.

4. **Membership Secretary's report**

The club currently has 116 members.

82 are listed to play on Tuesdays and table numbers average 10 since Christmas

62 are listed to play on Wednesdays and table numbers average 5.5 since Christmas – one session had to be cancelled because of a fault with the heating. On Weds 4th there were 7 tables and 28 boards were played.

80 are listed to play on Fridays and table numbers average 10 since Christmas.

7 members have not played since the AGM.

Waiting lists: Tuesday - 8 with 2 pending Wednesday – 0 Friday – 15 with 6 pending

5. **Arrangements for contacting members if a session has to be cancelled**

In case of an emergency cancellation the committee will endeavour to phone members for that session ensuring that they take responsibility for contacting partners. In case of inclement weather creating difficult access to the venue a warning will be placed on the website but members are responsible for their own travel arrangements.

6. **Any Other Business**

a. **Directors meeting led by Nigel on 12 Feb** – all are attending.

The directors will be advised that an INCIDENT RECORD BOOK will be introduced asap in which occurrences of bad/rude behaviour will be logged as well as accidents.

Members will be encouraged to call the director to the table not report it after the event.

b. **Scorebridge licence**

A secondary licence has been purchased for Jeremy Watson who is the IT support for the club.

c. **Replacement of Bridgemates**

Jeremy and Marilyn have investigated the cost of replacing or refurbishing the faulty Bridgemate(s). The committee was keen that other options are also researched.

ACTION: Marilyn to enquire about other systems available and report back to the next meeting.

d. **Paul Wickham Teams Competition Friday 13 March** – Monica directing

Biennial competition held on alternate Tuesdays and Fridays during March.

The competition is open to ALL members regardless of their usual playing days. However, because of the necessary movement, numbers have to be multiples of 4 so members will have to sign up in pairs either on the board at the club or by email to wiltonbridgeclub@outlook.com

Members play with their regular partner and draw for team mates on the day.

ACTION: Marilyn to post sign-up sheet on the board and put notice on website.

ACTION: Kirsten to buy the prizes.

7. **Date of next meeting: Wednesday 22 April at 1.30 pm at Hillcommon**

Meeting finished at 3.30 pm