

**WIMBLEDON BRIDGE CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES**

Held on Wednesday May 5th, 2021, 1630, by Zoom

PRESENT: Graham Balin; Juliet Blows; Denny Endicott; Hal Hazine; June Middleton; Brigitte King

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

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2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

These were amended, agreed, approved and will be signed in due course.

3. ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

- Club reopening timescale: Still looks like 21/6/21. Need to paint the windows in the hall and replace some rotten wooden panels in the kitchen in May/June. HH got a quote for main room windows and kitchen woodwork = £1870 all in from MJH. Suggestion is to get this done while we paint the training room. Agreed to go ahead with MJH on 26/3. HH informed MJH on 26/3. They started work on **28/4/21** – currently the kitchen ceiling is left to dry. Afterwards the volunteers will paint the training room. The Manager has a quote for carpet cleaning for £420, after decorating. Approved on 21/4/21 to do in June.
- Ramp up plan for face-to-face play: which potential sessions to start with? Ramp up every 2 weeks based on demand (with online also). JM suggested that of the 13 sessions we had before lockdown, the 6 best attended were as follows and are probably the best to start with – so that we can debate and revise (with volunteer directors?):
 - Tues AM & Fri AM Gentle. Start at 10.30? Clash with Tuesday am online? Or keep it at 10am?
 - Mon Supervised play. make it 10.30 am
 - Wed Ploughman's at 11 am– but maybe with no food initially (BYO)
 - Monday evening duplicate
 - Saturday afternoon duplicate
 - A weekday afternoon duplicate?Simple (Green card) v Normal (Shirley's suggestion. Includes 5 card majors etc). Tues and Friday Gentle duplicates. Will invite Shirley and Hilary to a meeting to discuss, decide and update the website.

4. RESILIENCE

Some items from 'How we work':

- Cashless system; Went live in March 2021 with the link on the WBC website. **Action:** DE to update the user guide with regular processes and regular tasks in mind so that we do not have key person risk.
- WBC investigated possible alternatives to the BBO platform, such as Real Bridge or Pianola Play.
 - Pianola play: Tried a 3 table duplicate with some volunteers on 25/2/21. HH gave feedback to Pianola about history, small cards and convention card. Pianola took this on board and confirmed that the hybrid version will come out in June. May try it then to evaluate.
 - Realbridge: Tried it and decided to move Tuesday supervised to Realbridge from May 4th. We are evaluating to see if we should move other Supervised sessions to Realbridge.

5. FINANCIALS

DE is working on working out how many people have paid their subscription. (We may check and conclude that if a member's balance is negative at a certain point soon then they have not paid).

Calum is working to finalise the balance for the last financial year and get approval from the examiner this month.

Action on 26/3/21: DE to present this year's budget framework with assumptions to discuss on 19/5. Numbers are not important to start with but a single spreadsheet for online and face to face is needed.

6. FORWARD SCHEDULE OF COMPETITIONS

Surrey events in May – Mary Edwards pairs competition on BBO on 2nd May. The pairs winners of the event on 18th April (2.30 pm) will represent WBC. It was won by John Dagnall and Andrew Bannock. They indicated that they will enter the competition from somewhere else. Hence Easter and Bhuma entered for the WBC.

The WBC Spring Super League has been won by The Haphazard Gamblers – Dominic Flint, Pamela Flint, Lars McBride and Sati Mackenzie. This has been announced on the website and we shall give bridge books as prizes to be presented at the AGM. They will represent WBC at the Wanborough cup on 20th June on Realbridge. The Manager registered THG who will be joined by last year's entry (Roger Pratt's team). Agreed that THG can play this time even though Sati is not a member.

HH asked the Manager on 28/3/21 to give the £200 worth of vouchers to Lichen from First for Bridge for winning the WBC Winter Teams League, to be presented at the AGM.

Need a 6 month rolling schedule and an owner. This will enable the club to plan our special events and decide criteria upfront on how to choose WBC entries. Ann has kindly agreed to own this for the committee. Agreed on 21/4/21. List from July 2021.

The committee will decide the WBC representation on external tournaments, based on WBC event participation.

And will put registration on the web site – (assume it shows interest more than anything)

Debated with the Manager on 26/3 the following:

- Potentially 'Play with Experts'- Decided this is too difficult to organise and timing is not right
- NGS X – Decided timing is not right
- Teams event – This would be on Realbridge and in addition to the current Teams League. Carried forward.
- Blue Pointed session. Carried forward

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Training plans: Agreed on 12/3/21 that it is best to have the open day in the club on 26th June, assuming the lockdown is over by then. The existing banner has been put up outside the club. The committee will distribute fliers for local supermarkets etc. Agreed on 7/4/21 to create a new banner announcing the club opening. "Club opening on 21st June – Open day on 26th June 11.00-13.00" to put up after 17th May. **Order in May.** Need to order fliers as well, like last year.

Agreed on 7/4/21 to target to start in club teaching from 20th September. HH shared the suggested schedule with the committee on 21/4/21. Discuss and refine as needed after the club opens.

Spring ladder for Supervised and Duplicate sessions, running from 1/4/21 to end of June with 8 sessions needed to qualify. Agreed on 12/3/21 and HH informed Calum. John McLeod sent a letter on 22/4 suggesting more than 8 should be used as the average. HH discussed with Calum and suggests "there is no right or wrong number to use to calculate ladders. We want to encourage members to play online. Hence lower number of 8 used in the online ladders". Agreed.

Agreed to start a new league for summer to complete by opening in June. Only 6 teams confirmed. HH to ask teams if they want to have it with 2 matches with each. As one team pulled out, it was cancelled on 23/4/21. The new league likely to be in Autumn.

New members: Allan Pratt, joined on 3/4/21.

Minutes: Agreed on 21/4/21 that any minutes we put on the website are the final version (not draft) as we do them interactively and review before putting them there. This is more efficient.

AGM: move to July as we would not know 8 days after opening the club as to what the interest may be. Agreed to move to 28th July on 21/4/21.

HH asked about EBU insurance email. DE confirmed on 5/5/21 that we have a separate insurance policy and are not affected.

8. ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD

Order one Dealing Machine (or repair) when face to face has gathered pace: HH/Manager
Any purchase for full cashless for bridge playing? RBC cash machine at £1800?

Fire Emergency Plan: Manager

Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan: Manager

Advertising and Business Development: Denny

Charitable Status Working Group (CSWG):

AGM – 28/7/21 may be delayed to make it face to face (place holder)

Date of Next Meetings: 16.30 Wed 19th of May 2021 on Zoom. Recurring every other week.

The meeting closed at 17.26