



YORK BRIDGE CLUB

Club Committee Meeting Minutes – 05/05/25

Attendees:

Robin Loft (RL), Mike Waller (MW) (trustee representative), Linda Kitchen (LK), Andrew Barnes (AB), Mike Barnard (MB), Ruth Mattingly (RM), Rose Townsend (RT), Andrew Merrison (AM), Lynda Baker (LB), Jonathan Sanders (JS) (Minutes)

1. Health & Safety matters: RL found the external plant room door unlocked recently. Unknown who left it open. An email has been sent to all keyholders reminding them of the importance of keeping this locked. RL confirmed that the fire evacuation plan has been updated.
2. Upcoming calendar events/Potential clashes: Swiss pairs clash with Byrne seminar. Been moved to 17/05 and moved on calendar. 28th June teams of four needs to be moved to the 21st on calendar as agreed AM to action.
3. Upcoming competition review: JS said that an email to members will be sent out today. Meetings with original review working group to take place around 20/05 to agree changes. Proposals will then be sent to the committee.
4. Glorious 12th: JS suggested themed prizes to make it stand out. The committee authorised at total spend of £35 for two prizes. JS to arrange and purchase.
5. Club Committee Promises: RL- There has been an increase in TDs and scorers. We have more scorers, 1 more TD. Re committee promise to offer all new members dedicated playing partner for 4 sessions: trustees do not want formal mentoring. All commitments met, though TD commitment needs to be consolidated with more TDs
6. Training of Scorers (and TDs) for Teams on a Saturday: JS reported that for the April teams of 4, there was no scorer present. RL attempted to set up movement on EBUScore, but wasn't able to, so the session was run informally without scoring on EBUScore. RL has since found a suitable movement for 3 tables. RL highlighted the lack of scorers.
7. Next Social Event of 2025 Bastille Day social: It will take place Saturday 12th July. JS will do flyer design and quiz that will include music questions, there will be a raffle and a fancy dress competition with a prize. The group is going to look at having a crepe stall possibly provided by a company. Also looking at a series of fun French-themed challenges to be completed in teams.
8. An initiative to re-energize lapsed scorers & TDs to participate in sessions: Strategies are needed to encourage current TDs and Scorers to fulfill this role more as there are several trained TDs and scorers who do not run sessions. It was agreed the club could do more to encourage members to participate more in this regard. Action: RL will draft an email to be sent to all members encouraging lapsed TDs and scorers to offer their services and for any people who are considering becoming scorers to consider attending the new course.

9. General Teaching monthly review: AM/MB - Term 2 completed, term 3 courses have started, or are about to start. There are not enough new learners currently start a new beginners course. First step took place on Saturday 3/5 and had 11 pairs. MW said that the teaching system is producing very positive results and this is down to the efforts of those involved. First How To Survive Your First Duplicate session is being run on Saturday 31/05. Azizah's class had a couple of students drop out, but 2 other students have taken their place mid-course.
10. RL reported that 2 spreadsheet competent updaters are required to co-manage the Club's TD & Scorer roster. RL made a request to the committee to help identify 2 people who might take this role. RL is currently doing it
11. Gentle Duplicate potential changes: In future a couple of other TDs are going to attend the session and assist when and as needed.
12. Training of Dealers & Scorers: AB reported that he presented his proposal at trustee meeting and this was favourably received. New scorers will be recruited via a course that will be run later this year by Phil Godfrey. A as yet not appointed scorer-organiser will look to identify current gaps and weaknesses to be addressed by subsequent course. This will enable scoring to take place in simulated environment, so that trainee scorers can progress to scoring a session when they feel confident and competent.
13. Succession planning: RL has requested other committee members to consider how knowledge of specific roles can be shared so that other committee members can help fulfill the role if that officer is unavailable or stands down.
14. Initial financial returns (Confidential & Provisional) RL circulated these documents for viewing by committee and explained the contents.
15. Conduct Concern An incident recently arose regarding inappropriate conduct at a table and this will be addressed with the relevant member using the agreed process.
16. AGM: The AGM will be advertised and members can be nominated and seconded for the committee and Chair. The AGM will take approx. 1 hr max and will be followed by free bridge. RL detailed the agenda for the AGM. MB announced that he won't be standing for committee at next AGM.
17. Next date for CC meeting 6th June 5.00pm?

AOB:

18. AM stated that old worn bidding cards will be replaced this week.
19. The cleaner is going on holiday on 31/05 for 8 days. The club has decided not to employ a cleaner for holiday cover.
20. The next committee meeting will take place on Friday 06/06/25 @ 6pm.