

PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held via Zoom on 10th January 2022

Attendees: Steve Lacey	Chair	(SL)
Mel Melville-Brown	Vice Chair	(MMB)
Charles Greenlees	Treasurer	(CG)
Allan Simpson	Secretary	(AS)
Bruce Foster	Committee	(BF)
Martin Berkien	Committee	(MB)
Diane M ^c Gregor	Committee	(DM ^c)
Toni Fairhead	Committee	(TF)
Karen Murphy	Committee	(KM)
Gill Seymour	Committee	(GS)

1. Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies received from Andy Carpenter Trustee, Ailie Henry Trustee and Jenny Young Trustee.

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting 22nd November 2021

- 2.1 Minutes dated 26th November 2021 were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 Item 3.1 - Complete.

Item 9.1.4 - See Agenda item 9.1.

4. Treasurer's Report

- 4.1 Charles Greenlees (CG) treasurer tabled management figures to the 31st December 2021, see Annex A, and advised these were the full year accounts and considered there were no areas of no concern.
- 4.2 Allan Simpson (AS) noted that there were separate line entries for RealBridge and BBO and that an extra entry had now been included for F2F sessions. However

the amount entered appeared to be just the two Friday evening sessions held in November and December and asked where the Tuesday afternoon table money had been included.

- 4.3 CG replied that Tuesday table money had been included within the teaching income. It was generally considered that if we have an entry for F2F table money that Tuesday's should be included within that entry. CG agreed to speak with Eileen Clout.

Action CG

- 4.4 CG advised the Committee that having received Covid-19 Hospitality and Leisure grants previously the club could again be eligible for the latest Omicron Hospitality and Leisure grant of up to a maximum of £6K.
- 4.5 AS opened the discussion by stating that as the club had not yet spent the money received under the restart grant it seemed inappropriate to claim additional grants especially in light of a reasonable income being achieved through online session table money.
- 4.6 There was mixed views within the Committee with some who considered the club should not apply for the additional grant and others who considered that if a grant was available and the club eligible then it should be claimed.
- 4.7 Mel Melville-Brown (MMB) wondered whether there were other Covid safe measures that could be considered, beyond the current air purifier study, to make the club more Covid safe.
- 4.8 After further discussion Steve Lacey (SL) Chair called for a vote with the outcome being not to claim on this occasion.
- 4.9 The Committee also agreed to Eileen Clout (EC) being provided with an ex gratia payment for auditing the club annual accounts.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

- 5.1 Allan Simpson (AS) tabled membership applications from Keely Turner and Pamela Robinson, proposed by AS and seconded by Diane McGregor (DM^c). These applications were accepted by the Committee.

6. Competitions Committee Report

- 6.1 Charles Greenlees (CG) provided a competitions committee report on behalf of Andy Carpenter (AC).

- 6.2 CG reported that due to the non-availability of suitable players the club will not be participating in the Devon Club Teams of Eight this year.
- 6.3 CG further reported that the club Spring Cup competitions had now started and the handicapped teams' competition was continuing with the Alison Chatterton team of 4 currently in the lead.

7. Bridge Sessions

- 7.1 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair stated that the question really was when the club should re-open F2F sessions.
- 7.2 Charles Greenlees (CG) stated that Andy Carpenter was keen to continue with the planned Friday evening F2F session on the 14th January.
- 7.3 There was again mixed views within the Committee and with a majority in favour it was agreed to delay opening F2F sessions for a least another 2 weeks with the decision reviewed at a one item Committee meeting on the 24th January at 16-00 hrs.

Action Committee

8. Bridge Lessons

- 8.1 Charles Greenlees reported that the current course of improver lessons was continuing and that a further course of 10 lessons was planned.
- 8.2 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair reported that Richard Ayres and he would start beginner's lessons when circumstances allowed.

9. Building Maintenance and Improvements

- 9.1 Nothing to report.

9.1 - Air Purifiers

- 9.1.1 Toni Fairhead (TF) reported that from the initial investigations there was only 1 contender and within the investigation sub-committee there was a certain amount of scepticism. TF stated that it was hoped to have a conference call with a company representative in the near future.
- 9.1.2 TF also reported that there were now 2 other Companies to consider with one that had supposedly already supplied air purifiers to bridge clubs.

9.1.3 In response to enquiring about maximum usage TF was advised that maximum usage of 48 occupants downstairs and 20 upstairs should be used as a basis.

9.1.4 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair stated that there was more information for the sub-committee to gather and consider before the next steps and thanked TF for the time and effort put in to these investigations.

10. Correspondence

10.1 There was no correspondence to discuss.

11. Any Other Urgent Business Notified to the Chair

11.1 Nil

12. Date of Next Meeting

12.1 The next Committee was arranged for Monday 21st February at 17-00 hrs.

Allan Simpson
Secretary