

## PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB

### Minutes of Committee Meeting held via Zoom on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

<b>Attendees:</b> Steve Lacey	Chair	(SL)
Mel Melville-Brown	Vice Chair	(MMB)
Charles Greenlees	Treasurer	(CG)
Allan Simpson	Secretary	(AS)
Bruce Foster	Committee	(BF)
Sue Gregory	Committee	(SG)
Andy Carpenter	Trustee	(AC)
Richard Ayres	Trustee	(RA)

#### **1. Apologies**

- 1.1 Apologies received from, Diane M<sup>c</sup> Gregor (Committee), Toni Fairhead (Committee), Gill Seymour (Committee) and Ailie Henry (Trustee).

#### **2. Minutes of Committee Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

- 2.1 The minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> September were accepted as a true record.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

- 3.1 Item 8.5 - Complete.
- 3.2 Item 9.4 - Complete.
- 3.3 Item 10.2 - Complete.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

- 4.1 Charles Greenlees (CG) treasurer tabled management figures to the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022, see Annex A, and considered there were no areas of no concern at the moment.

- 4.2 CG advised the Committee that whilst Eileen Clout will still be involved with BriAnMAS, the club's cashless system, she has withdrawn her services as the club's independent examiner and thought that Andy Carpenter might undertake this role but as a Trustee thought it inappropriate. He then considered that Bruce Foster could do it.
- 4.3 Richard Ayres (RA) commented that as the task is to verify the accuracy of the accounts prepared by the treasurer and accepted by the Committee for presentation to members at the AGM a Committee member acting as independent examiner would be more inappropriate than a trustee.
- 4.4 Allan Simpson (AS) stated that he has the accounts for a pre-school independently checked and suggested he could ask the person who did this if they would be prepared to do it for the bridge club. This was agreed by the Committee.

#### **Action AS**

#### **Post Meeting Note**

The role on Independent examiner of the club's accounts will now be undertaken by Karen Murphy.

### **5. Membership Secretary's Report**

- 5.1 Allan Simpson (AS) reported that since the last meeting Will Reader, a previous member, had re-joined the club. The current membership was now 122.

### **6. Competitions Committee Report**

- 6.1 Andy Carpenter (AC) reported that the Mayflower competitions were currently running and the annual Children-in Need (CinN) Sim pairs will be taking place on the 10<sup>th</sup> November with table money at £5 with all proceeds going to the charity.

### **7. Bridge Lessons**

- 7.1 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair reported that the current beginners lessons that he and Richard Ayres (RA) were running with members of Plymouth U3A was going well with a regular attendance of 7 having started out with 10 and the first set of 10 lessons will be delivered by Christmas.
- 7.2 SL further advised that RA will be taking a step back from teaching from the New Year and that he himself would be away for January and February.

- 7.3 Charles Greenlees (CG) stated that the daughter of the Director at a recent bridge holiday ran a bridge school and with few club teachers that might be a solution.
- 7.4 RA stated that the purpose of the current beginners' course was to attract new members. SL suggested that online lessons was probably not the solution but needed an alternative for beginners beyond Christmas.
- 7.5 SL further stated that the short improver's lesson on a Tuesday followed by a bridge session using the previous Friday boards is being well supported but would need to be covered whilst he is away in January and February. It was agreed that SL should approach Ruth Edmondson to see if she could cover these sessions in his absence. Sue Gregory stated that she could also help on a rota basis.

**Action SL**

## **8. Bridge Sessions**

- 8.1 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair stated that it was necessary to review how the club offers current bridge sessions. Tuesday evenings on BBO alternating with Newton Abbott Bridge club is running satisfactorily with Thursday afternoon and Friday evening F2F sessions also seem to be okay at the moment. However, there is still something of a question mark hanging over the Monday afternoon session.
- 8.2 Following discussion on the pros and cons of a hybrid session and whether to try an afternoon F2F session on a Wednesday it was agreed that a couple of options should be put to members before making any changes to the current Monday session.

**Action SL**

## **9. Building Maintenance & Improvements**

- 9.1 Nothing being undertaken at the moment but the condition of the outside of the building was discussed with a view to having it at least cleaned next year.

## **10. Correspondence**

- 10.1 Allan Simpson (AS) secretary stated that an e-mail had been received from Michael Hamon as DBA West representative stating that the DBA will send a shareholder to the EBU AGM at the end of November and asking whether there was anything the club feels should be asked.
- 10.2 There was nothing the club wished to raise AS to inform Michael Hamon accordingly.

**Action AS**

**11. Any Other Urgent Business Notified to the Chair**

11.1 Nil

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

12.1 The next Committee meeting will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> November at 5-00 pm on Zoom.

Allan Simpson  
Secretary