

## PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB

### Minutes of Committee Meeting held via Zoom on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

<b>Attendees:</b>	Steve Lacey	Chair	(SL)
	Charles Greenlees	Treasurer	(CG)
	Allan Simpson	Secretary	(AS)
	Bruce Foster	Committee	(BF)
	Diane McGregor	Committee	DM <sup>c</sup>
	Gill Seymour	Committee	(GS)
	Toni Fairhead	Committee	(TF)
	Sue Gregory	Committee	(SG)
	Richard Ayres	Trustee	(RA)

#### **1. Apologies**

- 1.1 Apologies received from Mel Melville-Brown (Vice Chair), Andy Carpenter (Trustee) and Ailie Henry (Trustee).

#### **2. Minutes of Committee Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

- 2.1 The minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> July were accepted as a true record.

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

- 3.1 Nil.

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

- 4.1 Charles Greenlees (CG) treasurer tabled management figures to the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022, see Annex A, and considered there were no areas of no concern at the moment. CG stated that the club was well in credit with costs comparable to 2021 and the gas and electricity tariff was fixed until August 2023.

- 4.2 CG further stated that Income and Expense looked like a loss but the purchase of Air Purification Units are in this year with grants received in the previous year. Steve Lacey (SL) Chair suggested that a footnote to that effect should be added in the 2022 end of year accounts.
- 4.3 In response to a question from Bruce Foster (BF) CG explained that room hire had increased due to no or little room hire during Covid, room rent being increased and room rental is now paid in advance. Income from room hire is also subject to Corporation tax.

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

- 5.1 Allan Simpson (AS) reported that current membership stood at 121 and whilst a few previous members left for various reasons 11 previous members let their membership lapse this year. AS also stated that it was interesting to note that 46 members had not played in a duplicate session since April although some would have played in Tuesday afternoon social bridge sessions but not many.

## **6. Competitions Committee Report**

- 6.1 There was no report other than to note that autumn competitions started on the 1<sup>st</sup> September.

## **7. Conduct and Disciplinary Committees**

- 7.1 Nothing to report.

## **8. Bridge Lessons**

### **Beginner's Lessons**

- 8.1 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair reported that beginner's lessons would be starting in the club on a Tuesday morning with the first lesson taking place on 26<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Intermediate Lessons**

- 8.1 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair stated that intermediate lessons will also take place in the club on a Tuesday afternoon with Charles Greenlees (CG) confirming that Alex Lehmann would not be holding intermediate lessons online. Sue Gregory (SG) offered to help with these lessons every other Tuesday.

- 8.3 The arrangements for these lessons will include a lesson of approximately 30 mins followed by playing hands specifically related to the lesson topic. Any member not wishing to attend the lesson but wishing to play social bridge could then come into the club at 1-30 pm.
- 8.4 It was agreed that there should be a delay in starting these lessons to get arrangements agreed and that they would start on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October.
- 8.5 SL suggested that he, CG, SG and RA should get these sessions organised.

**Action SL, CG, SG and RA**

## **9. Bridge Sessions**

- 9.1 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair opened the discussion by saying that the current arrangement seems to work well. Allan Simpson (AS) suggested that the Monday afternoon RealBridge session be moved to F2F in the club. Whilst not relishing the thought of facing the difficulties of parking and getting to the club in the rain AS considered that the current Thursday F2F session provided a better playing environment and felt more like a 'club' session than sessions played online.
- 9.2 This was discussed with the majority agreeing that Monday afternoon sessions would move back to F2F in the club for a trial period starting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October with the decision reviewed at the next Committee meeting.
- 9.3 Richard Ayres (RA) commented that there was obviously some risk associated with doing this.
- 9.4 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair requested AS to inform all members accordingly.

**Action AS**

- 9.5 All other bridge session would continue as they currently are.

## **10. Correspondence**

- 10.1 Allan Simpson (AS) secretary had previously forwarded an e-mail to Committee members from a Company offering to market the bridge club through a 'My Caddie App' they had developed for Borringdon Golf Club. At a cost of £20 per month for a 2 year contract the Committee considered that there would not be sufficient return.
- 10.2 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair requested AS to thank the Company for their offer but that the club did not wish to pursue any further.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> October at 5-00 pm in the clubhouse and also on Zoom for those unable get to the club.

Allan Simpson  
Secretary