

PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held via Zoom on 9th August 2021

Attendees:	Steve Lacey	Chair	(SL)
	Charles Greenlees	Treasurer	(CG)
	Allan Simpson	Secretary	(AS)
	Martin Berkien	Committee	(MB)
	Diane McGregor	Committee	(DM ^c)
	Gill Seymour	Committee	(GS)
	Bruce Foster	Committee	(BF)
	Toni Fairhead	Committee	(TF)
	Andy Carpenter	Trustee	(AC)

1. Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies received from Karen Murphy (Committee), Ailie Henry (Trustee) and Jenny Young (Trustee).

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting 21st June 2021

- 2.1 The minutes were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 Item 5.4 - Action Complete

Item 8.8 - Action complete.

4. Treasurer's Report

- 4.1 Charles Greenlees (CG) treasurer had, previous to the meeting, supplied financial management figures to the 31st July 2021, see Annex A and in answer to a question asked prior to the meeting stated that the Sundry receipts entry was for Government grants.
- 4.2 CG considered the clubs' financial position remained stable with good income from online sessions.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

- 5.1 Allan Simpson (AS) informed the Committee that there were currently 124 members. 9 existing members did not renew their membership and their membership has now been recorded as lapsed.

6. Competitions Committee Report

- 6.1 Andy Carpenter (AC) stated that the summer competitions had now ended and the autumn competitions will start in September.
- 6.2 AC also sought the Committee's approval to introduce a handicap team's event from September with the handicap regulated by NGS Grades. These to be held on a Wednesday evening avoiding any team events already planned with other bridge clubs. This was agreed by the Committee.
- 6.3 AC also informed the Committee that team events had already been agreed with SW Scotland and Tyler Hill, both return matches.

7. Re-opening the Bridge Club

Bridge Sessions

- 7.1 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair stated that as agreed at the last meeting a sub-committee had met to agree a proposal to be tabled at this meeting. The proposal, Annex B to these minutes, was then discussed.
- 7.2 The Committee agreed that although restrictions had been lifted the sensible approach was to open F2F sessions gradually and to start on the 7th September with the Tuesday afternoon social session.

- 7.3 Mel Melville-Brown (MMB) suggested that, depending on interest, there might be a need in the beginning to limit the numbers playing to ensure members feel comfortable.
- 7.4 It was also agreed that a rota of volunteers prepared to run these sessions be established to spread the load and that pre-dealt boards would be used.
- 7.5 The Committee agreed to consider when Monday and Thursday afternoon sessions would move from online to F2F at the next Committee meeting and agreed it would be sensible to open one of these sessions F2F and progress to both when appropriate. It was also agreed that hybrid sessions could be used with those wanting to play F2F in the club and those wishing to remain online playing the same session and combining results.
- 7.6 Tuesday and Friday evening would remain online for the foreseeable future with Wednesday evenings used for team events.
- 7.7 Bruce Foster (BF) had done a survey of other local bridge clubs and PBC are not in a minority of those not yet open for F2F sessions.

Room Lettings

- 7.7 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair informed the Committee that existing organisations that use the club premises would seek to return in September and outlined a set of price increases for the various club room used, see Annex B. The increases covered a general increase as well as additional cleaning costs.
- 7.8 Charles Greenlees (CG) outlined issue with cleaning, especially if rooms are let to different groups, namely U3A groups, on the same day. It was agreed that these groups would be informed on what rooms could be used on particular days in order for them to be cleaned between use.
- 7.9 It was considered inappropriate for users to self-clean after use so that the club maintained some sort of Quality control over the cleaning.

Practical Issues

- 7.10 The practical issues proposed in Annex B were agreed and that it would be an expectation that those entering the club would be double vaccinated or have an exemption.
- 7.11 There was some discussion on whether this should be stipulated but generally agreed that as a private organisation the club could set its own policy and expect those hiring the premises to follow that policy.

8. Building Maintenance and Improvements

8.1 Nothing to report.

9. Online Bridge

9.1 Online bridge continues to provide a good revenue stream for the club.

9.2 Bruce Foster (BF) enquired if the income from RealBridge was any different to that from BBO. Charles Greenlees (CG) replied that RealBridge is marginally better than BBO.

10. Correspondence

10.1 Allan Simpson (AS) stated that the annual EBU Club Information Form had been received and as there were no changes to last year the EBU would be informed accordingly.

11. Any Other Urgent Business Notified to the Chair

11.1 There was no other urgent business to discuss.

12. Date of Next Meeting

12.1 The next Committee was arranged for 13th September at 17-00 hrs.

Allan Simpson
Secretary