

Minutes of Berwick Bridge Club Committee Meeting

Held Tuesday 12 March 2019 in Parish Room

Present: Christine McCreath, Garneth Ellis, Louis Moore, Jane Smithson, Trish Frew, Paul Gipson, Kate Mole, John Smithson, Len Hutton

Apologies received from Nicola Corbyn, Peter Calder.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Christmas Party. This was considered a success, a comment was made that the meal might be improved by only serving hot food. It was noted that the limited kitchen facilities available at the hall makes this a challenge but that the suggestion would be made to the caterer.

Berwick Congress 2019. 48 pairs have currently entered (maximum 54 pairs). 52 pairs is optimum number for teams,

Ruth Forrest is to cater at a cost of £12.00 a head, however she will charge an additional £1.50 head for provision of soup/ bread to serve at lunch time (we will continue to charge £3.00/head for this).

It was agreed that we would not provide prizes for bronze players this year, but this decision will be reviewed before next year, it was suggested that awarding bronze prizes might help to attract entries, however they will require to be advertised in the pre congress literature.

AGM 2019. Names were put forward for both Vice President and potential committee members, Paul and John retire by rotation. Trish to put nomination form on notice board.

Lindsay Individual. A request had been received from a member that master points should be awarded for this event. After some discussion it was agreed, that as this is a handicapped competition, that the status quo should be maintained and master points not awarded.

Host for Summer Bridge. A request has been received from Janet Beattie suggesting that an individual might be available on a rota basis to act as a "host" for each evening. Duties would include making up a pair if required, assistance in running of bridge, offering advice if sought. A list will be placed on the notice board looking for volunteers.

Bobby Allan Competition. This has been rescheduled by the SBU and is now programmed to take place one week later than the Charity Challenge Simultaneous Pairs next spring. It was agreed that we would program these as currently scheduled on concurrent weeks for 2020 and then review.

Response to Keeping Bridge Alive Initiative. It was agreed that as a club we would not make a contribution to this appeal.

Installation of Defibrillator on the Parade. A request has been made to all users of the Parish Hall to contribute to this. A donation of £300.00 was agreed.

AOCB - Dealing Machine Operatives. After some discussion it was agreed that, at present, no additional members need to be instructed in the use of the machine.

Individual identification numbers for Bridgemates. Most congresses and some other clubs use SBU membership numbers for identification purposes on Bridgemates. It was agreed to use this method at Berwick next season.

Simultaneous Pairs Competitions. Louis mentioned that hands for these could be uploaded onto Pianola doing away with the requirement for printed booklets, this would reduce entry fees by 50p head.