

Bawburgh Bridge Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 15 January 2024

Present: Anne Plunkett, Gill Newnes, Graham Hardman, Paula Morton, Bet Davies, Graham Morton, Catherine Jeffries. Apologies for absence were received from Clive Turner

- 1 Minutes of the meeting held on 11 September were agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising.
2. Directorial matters.
Following training there were now six qualified TDs and seven Bridgemate operatives.
- 3 Training
Classes and supervised play sessions have continued with a good attendance. There are now enough helpers available to provide a much closer level of supervision where beneficial. There is a wide range of standards.
4. Financial matters
CJ presented the latest accounts. The club's finances were still in good shape but a building society account with a decent rate of interest was still being sought.
5. Hospitality
Three events had been held since the last committee meeting and there are various items now held towards future events. The Ploughman's Lunch scheduled for Thursday 22 February already has 22 pairs. It was agreed to hold this year's Xmas parties a week earlier.
6. Membership
Since the last meeting 9 new people have joined. Current membership is 231. EBU do not charge clubs P2P for any members under 26 and therefore it was agreed we should not charge any junior members table money or a membership fee but if they attended other events such as a Ploughmans they would be charged the full amount. A system is now in place to implement having a category of Junior membership.
The Membership secretary will not be seeking re-election at the AGM and it was agreed to seek a volunteer from the membership. **Action GH**

7.. Competitions / Future programme

Bridge Day is changing from Thursday 9 May to Wednesday 8 May and future events will alternate. Draw for Teams is on 20 March and GM will seek participants at the beginning of March. **Action GM**

8. IT

The home page needs to be updated The website would benefit from a wider overhaul and a volunteer is needed to undertake this. **Action GH.**

9. Any other business

Heating in the Hall

It was agreed that keeping the curtains drawn would help reduce heatloss and the TD at the Wednesday session should leave the curtains drawn.

Thursday attendance

GH had contacted the members who used to play regularly on Thursdays pre-Covid and now no longer came to see if there was anything we could do to encourage them but they all had valid reasons for no longer attending. The low attendance on Thursdays was discussed at length and it was agreed to send a questionnaire to all members to get their views. AP had already drafted something which she would refine and make paper copies available as well.

Action GH/AP

9. Date of next meeting

To be held on Monday afternoon at 13.00 on Monday 15 April 2024 at Bawburgh Village Hall.