

## West of England Bridge Club

Minutes of a Committee meeting held at the RAFA Club on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Present: Alan Evans (Chair), Bridget Johnson, Chris Frew, Jan Duncan, Jane Chapman, David Jones.

Apologies: Jen Challoner, Bernice Horseman, Bill Ashford, Alan Peak-Payne

1 Minutes of previous meeting (19<sup>th</sup> October 2022):

The minutes were agreed and signed.

2 Matters to note, arising since last meeting:

- 2.1 Alan E reworded our session details on the website
- 2.2 Alan P-P action re matches vs. UWE and Bristol University: C/F
- 2.3 Alan P-P installed plants and pots, to general acclaim
- 2.4 Jan reported that RAFA Club are relaxed about us moving pictures and putting up our own.
- 2.5 Gordon Allen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday was marked.

3 Officers' Reports:

- 3.1 (Treasurer) Bill sent a written report. The accounts are awaiting audit which Tom Nolan has kindly agreed to do. Bill will let the Committee know when they have been finalised. They can then be submitted for approval at the next AGM.  
The Club is in a financially solid position, thanks to increased income from table money. There is now sufficient money in the rapid access deposit account to fund any extra demands on our finances which gives a little more flexibility.
- 3.2 (Membership Secretary) Bridget circulated a list of current members who have not as yet renewed, for session Directors to chase if/when they appear.
- 3.3 RAFA Liaison (Jan) Jan reported that the planned Monday meeting was postponed.

4 Substantive matters debated:

- 4.1 Christmas/New Year Opening. We will cancel the afternoon sessions on Monday and Friday afternoons 23<sup>rd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Thursday afternoons and Wednesday evenings will go ahead as usual, though David will direct on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>. Friday evening 23<sup>rd</sup> will go ahead, and Jan will poll then as to whether we play on Friday 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 4.2 Dogs. We officially like dogs, and will welcome Olwen's dog, provided hygiene and member safety concerns can be resolved.
- 4.3 Match Point vs. Cross-IMP scoring. David will talk to his Friday afternoon group about the merits and mysteries of scoring systems, and seek their view on whether to change. This may not take place until the new year. So, if we introduce a Quarterly Competition for Friday afternoons for 1Q23, it will be on the same basis as Monday afternoons.
- 4.4 Spare Player Pool. Spare players have been available for all relevant sessions without the need for any bureaucracy, so let's not introduce it.
- 4.5 Marks of Appreciation. Committee members and others volunteer for tasks to make the Club run, with no more reward than heartfelt thanks. This will continue to be our policy.
- 4.6 Masterpoint promotions. Despite urging from the EBU, we will not routinely announce Masterpoint promotions.

5 Communication to members

**Action: Alan E** – to email a Christmas message to all members, to include Christmas/New Year opening times and other cheery stuff.

6 Any Other Business

Alan E suggested an AGM in May. [Subsequent to meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> May would suit the Secretary.]

7 Date of Next Meeting:

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023, 6 pm. Agenda to include discussion on restarting Monday evenings.

Agreed .....  
.....(CHAIRMAN)

Date