

## West of England Bridge Club

Minutes of a Committee meeting held at the RAFA Club on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022

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

Apologies: Alan Peak-Payne, Jen Challoner.

1 Minutes of previous meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022):

The minutes were agreed and signed.

2 Matters to note, arising since last meeting:

2.1 The AGM was held on 18<sup>th</sup> May.

2.2 Arising from the AGM: noise level on Friday evenings; Alan Evans has spoken to those involved.

2.3 Alan Evans has dealt with a complaint of slow play.

2.4 Committee members attended the RAFA Club AGM on 15<sup>th</sup> March.

2.5 Our RAFA Club Liaison role has passed from Jane to Jan.

2.6 Friday afternoon sessions were initiated on 1<sup>st</sup> April, but have now been suspended because of low numbers; to be reviewed by September.

2.7 An EBU pack of promotion materials has been acquired.

2.8 Annaphie Rogers' funeral on 30<sup>th</sup> June; several Committee members will attend.

2.9 Alan Williams' wake on 2<sup>nd</sup> July; several Committee members will attend.

2.10 Bridget reported that Pauline Luckwell died in February.

3 Officers' Reports:

No formal reports

4 Substantive matters debated:

4.1 When should we hold the next AGM?

Chris put a case for moving to November, i.e. fairly soon after the financial year (now) ends. However the majority felt that this was not a welcoming time of year and there is insufficient case to move from May. Bill said that he could report financial year to end of August as usual, then offer insights into how the current year was shaping up.

4.2 Action arising from the AGM: choose two Committee members to be 'seconded' rather than 'elected', to comply with the Constitution.

After debate, Alan Peak-Payne and Bernice were chosen.

4.3 Action arising from the AGM: follow up 'inactive' members individually.

Committee agreed that Chris and David should phone inactive members to understand why they no longer (regularly) attend. **First action: Bridget** to supply names and contact details from our membership records.

4.4 Action arising from the AGM: evening tea/coffee.

Evening tea/coffee are now free. Jen will (hopefully) continue to supply tea/coffee and biscuits; David or Jan ensure that the milk is regularly replenished.

4.5 Action arising from the AGM: consider matchpointed scoring for Wednesday evenings

This is the general preference, and we will do it when there are five tables or more. We will also try to produce both handicapped and unhandicapped results

4.6 Should we reintroduce competitions?

After discussion, Committee concluded that player numbers are not yet high enough to reintroduce one-off annual competitions (Lewis Morton, Mixed Pairs, etc). However the Quarterly cumulative competitions for regular players should be reintroduced for Monday afternoon and Wednesday evening sessions, possibly from July. **Action: Chris** to investigate/remember how to set up via Pianola.

4.7 Director and directing issues

We expect that the snags flowing from our hardware/software/app/movement mix will resolve with experience. A suggestion that we increase the Director fee was deemed not affordable at present.

4.8 Defibrillator training

RAFA Club are running a training session on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July for their own needs. **Action: Jan** to ask if we can insert Jane Chapman on to it.

5 Communication to members

**Action: Alan** to consider this meeting's discussion points and issue a general update to members.

6 Any Other Business

- 6.1 This is Bridget's final year as Membership Secretary. Jane has agreed to take over when the time comes. They will manage the transition between them.
- 6.2 Fun Events: to be discussed at our next meeting.
- 6.3 The ACBA AGM is on 14<sup>th</sup> July, at the BBC.

7 Date of Next Meeting:

24<sup>th</sup> August, 6 pm.

Agreed .....  
(CHAIRMAN)

Date .....