

West of England Bridge Club

Minutes of a Committee meeting held at the RAFA Club on Wednesday 26th July 2023

Present: Chris Frew (Chair), Jan Duncan, Jane Chapman, David Jones, Alan Peak-Payne, Bill Ashford,.

Apologies: Jen Challoner, Bernice Horseman

1. Minutes of previous meeting (Wednesday 26th April 2023)
The minutes were agreed and signed.
2. Matters to note, arising since last meeting:
 - 2.1 Readmission of the recently-resigned member. Noted that he did not wish to accept the proposal for readmission.
 - 2.2 Directors, and director cover over the summer – discussed below 5.1.1
 - 2.3 David to introduce Matchpoint scoring on Friday afternoons with immediate effect where there are 5 or more tables.
 - 2.4 Prizes to be retained.
3. Actions Arising from AGM –AlanPP to invite Philip Lidstone to attend next committee meeting if still interested in joining the Committee
4. Officers' Reports:
 - 4.1. (Membership Secretary) Jane to send out reminder to join to all members – this to be done before lapsed membership records are disposed of at the end of August.
 - 4.2. (RAFA Liaison) Jan had nothing to report.
 - 4.3. (Treasurer) Loan repaid to Alan Evans
5. Substantive matters debated:
 - 5.1 Rotas. Several of the **rotas** had not been fulfilled. It was agreed that
 - 5.1.1 the default **Directors rotas** would remain as David on Monday; Bill on Wednesday; David on Friday afternoon [to liaise with Jane]; David on Friday evening.
Where the default Director is unavailable they will co-ordinate a replacement.
 - 5.1.2 The **spare player** for three sessions will continue to be the Director
 - 5.1.3 **Biscuits and milk** will continue to be co-ordinated by Jen and Jan.
 - 5.2 Jane to consider how we can keep a **membership record** separately from Pianola.
 - 5.3 We considered the club facilitating a **Duke of Edinburgh** scheme; several issues were noted – child safety etc – Chris to follow up.
 - 5.4 It was noted that there were several dilapidated and **dirty bidding card sets** – Bill to look into and replace along with new sets of playing cards.
6. Communication to members None.
7. Christmas Party

In Jen's absence no decisions were made but issues for consideration were brought forward.

 - Should we have sit-down or buffet?
 - How do we invite –from all playing sessions? Do we need to restrict numbers?
 - Will the bar be open? Can we bring our own wine?

8. Any Other Business

Is a Burns Night feasible for next January? Action Jen

9. Date of Next Meeting:

4th October 2023, 6 pm.

Agreed

Date(CHAIRMAN)