
WORTHING BRIDGE CLUB

Committee Meeting

Friday 2 June 2023 at 10.00am

Byron Road

MINUTES

Present: Ernie Rivett, Robert Pepper, Eileen Perrigo, Alexa Baxter, Debbie Hildick-Smith, Judy-Ann Cheevers, Lynda Smith, Chris Constable

1. Apologies for absence: Nigel Utting

2. Minutes of the meeting 21 April 2023 were approved.

3. Matters Arising:

4. Treasurer's Report (AB)

- a) The Spring Festival made a modest profit £247.96.
- b) There has been a predicted increase in overheads for wages and utilities.
- c) PTP did not go out, as stated previously payments do not follow a calendar month.
- d) The costs for updating the Honours Board and cup engraving have yet to come but are accounted separately to the Spring Festival.
- e) It was agreed that AB would look at accounting software packages on which to run the club finances. The maintenance of the current set of spreadsheets is onerous and prone to error. It will also support succession to a future Treasurer. AB

5. Membership Report (LS)

The club wishes to extend a warm welcome to our newest members. Since the AGM in March the following people have completed their probation and we wish them every success and enjoyment of the game at WBC.

Welcome to Tony French and Paul Anderson.

- a) One other form received but they have not paid.
- b) Reaching end of probationary period - Artur Lybacki - 19 June
- c) Sadly, Doris Strauss has passed away. Doris was a longstanding member of WBC and a Director for many years. She was also an honorary member. The Committee would like to acknowledge her valuable contribution to the club.
- d) We currently have 192 members. (LS)
- e) In future new members and deaths of members will appear on the website to reflect the record in the minutes. (RP)

6. Review of the Spring Festival (ER)

- a) Our thanks go to Eileen Perrigo on the organisation of the Teams event. Thank you for all the hard work.
- b) Informal feedback to members of the committee includes lack of salmon when some members got to the table as it had been snapped up before them. There should have been enough for everyone but a review of food takes place for every event and this has been noted. (EP)
- c) The inexperienced teams were disappointed that the announcement of their results was an afterthought downstairs so we will tighten this up for the SF next year.
- d) ER will organise a camera to be handy for a timely photoshoot of winners. (ER)
- e) The preparation of the food is working well but it was agreed that Nick should be asked to work on the Sunday in 2024 (if possible) because there is too much to do during the day for Directors to play, Direct and sort the food out. (?)
- f) ER noted that attendance at the SF was good and was pleased that the handicapping system we used was effective. Thanks go to Ernie for sorting that out.

7. Defibrillator

- a) The club received an email about maintenance of the Defibrillator. The PadPak 350P and 360P have been recalled. [The Defibrillator was checked after the meeting and we do not have the specified part so no action is required.](#)
- b) There is a Green Pack kept with the Defibrillator which has past its expiry date and needs replacement. (ER?)

8. AOB

- a) RP will remove website notices for the SF including results and the gallery. The paperwork has already been removed. (RP)
- b) Venture Pairs entries are now open. The event is on Sunday 30th July. Pairs are comprised of one player with an NGS of 6 or under and the other with NGS 7 or over. EP has produced a list of eligible 6 and under members to encourage them to find partners. A completed pairs list will go up this week. Committee members are encouraged to play. (EP)
- c) A pianola will go out on the result of the Teams questionnaire. The majority response was for an evening session, once a month on a Thursday evening. The competition will begin on Thursday 27th July and requires a minimum of 4 teams. The Alan Jeffrey players (NGS 7 and under) can be seated upstairs. The Chairmans Cup players NGS 8+ is open to everyone and will continue on the Thursday evening session. Directors are reminded to set the correct EBU code for the Thursday afternoon session: 4+ tables should be coded 10. This will enable NGS grades to be applied fairly for this session. (EP)
- d) Alice Louis has asked how NGS is calculated. There is an extant explanation, DHS has a copy and has attached to the minutes. It's not straightforward so may need editing. (ER)
- e) ER called for Committee members to seek out 2 working clocks, perhaps from Charity Shops to replace the faulty ones. (ALL)
- f) It was agreed not to mend the large clock downstairs as it has been tried before and failed so is not cost effective.
- g) EBU has sent a notice to all clubs re the National Handicap Pairs event on Sunday 10th September which we will host again in 2023. NU will notify the clubs who attended last year. (NU)
- h) RP noted that an agreement from 21 April minutes to rescind the decision to make voluntary payments for tea/coffee was not recorded. This is now in effect and no payment is required

- i) It was agreed that standard EBU penalty rulings for not turning off mobile phones during a session will not be applied. (ER)

The date of the next meeting is:

Friday 14th July, 10.00am at Byron Road.

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