
WORTHING BRIDGE CLUB

Committee Meeting

Friday 21 April 2023 at 10.00am

Byron Road

MINUTES

Present: Ernie Rivett, Eileen Perrigo, Alexa Baxter, Debbie Hildick-Smith, Nigel Utting, Judy-Ann Cheevers, Robert Pepper

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Lynda Smith, Chris Constable
- 2. Minutes of the meeting 30 March 2023** were approved.

3. Matters Arising:

Colin has agreed to run the Welcome Pairs event at Worthing, 3 September. SCCBA has agreed with our suggestion that for this year only we extend the entry to those who have learnt bridge in the last 6 years (rather than 5) as Covid effectively stopped two years of lessons and students. Jim at Horsham has said he will promote it but they are having problems getting the students who are learning online playing face to face bridge. Colin has said that if there is no interest from outside the club we will run it in a format for Worthing students only, so it will go ahead.

4. Treasurer's Report (AB)

- a) The EBU is not taking monies for BBO at monthly intervals so it is not possible to tally the monies for this item until year end.
- b) The average number of tables is now around the 2022 level. There is an average of 6 tables per F2F session.
- c) The overheads for running the club are similar to 2022 (excepting the Duplimator purchase).
Other Expenses (ER).
- d) Peter Mansell has been offered the contract to paint the exterior in July for £1,530.
- e) A quote from Mr Cooper for the outside door is expected. (ER)
- f) The electrician is required for various maintenance jobs: replace spots, safety checks and the heater in the female toilets. (ER)

5. Membership Report (LS)

There are no new members since the last meeting but we have 2 people who have filled out the joining form but not paid yet.

Those reaching end of probationary period are Liz Hoskins 6 May and Sandra Curry 13 May.
(LS)

6. Spring Festival (ER)

- a) Sunday Teams will be £15 per head, based on numbers. This covers food, Director and PTP. There are currently 3 teams of less experienced players and 11 teams of experienced. A further inexperienced team is pending. (EP)

- b) The laptop will need its software updating before the SF for use upstairs. Updates will include EBU scores, pairs and teams. NU and EP will manage the upstairs session. (NU/AB)
- c) The Teams event will comprise 2 sessions of 20 boards with lunch in between. Boards need to be duplimate as 1 set. The sessions will be run separately, experienced and less experienced, and will each have its own prizes. We are aiming to make a small profit on the entire week and prizes have been adjusted to reflect this. The smaller group 1st prize will be £40 i.e., £10 each. 1st prize for the larger group will be £60 and 2nd £40.
- d) Pairs events: we currently have between 3-16 pairs. Again, cash prizes will be restructured to yield a small profit. E.g., if we have 7 tables, table money will be £84. After Director and PTP costs the remainder will be split into 1st £40 and 2nd £20. For stratified levels the prize money will be split 3 ways, £20 each.
- e) It is proposed that a trial run on the updated laptop be held on a pairs session to check the handicap results. Also handicap trial for Wednesday afternoon. (AB)
- f) A pianola will be sent to all team captains to make payment ASAP and by 3rd May latest via Bank Transfer, cash or cheque. This reduces late cancellations. (NU)
- g) A free drink (not spirit) will be offered on Sunday. The lunch will be purchased in advance by a team coordinated by EP. NU is on salads, ER desserts, J-AC will get recyclable plates, cutlery etc from Wilco. There will be separate food tables upstairs and down. (EP)
- h) ER has contacted the engraver Bob Cole recommended who will engrave this year's trophies for £10 per item. The remaining glasses will be distributed to winners.
- i) ER has secured Sabina Surrey as a reserve for teams.
- j) ER will notify last years' winners to return their trophies by 3rd May.
- k) The EBU have approved the handicap ER has devised which is to be applied to the relevant sessions. It will be explained at the start of each. The session result will be sent to EBU prior to the handicap being applied and prizes will be awarded on the results post-handicap.

7. AOB:

- a) Venture Pairs will be held on Sunday 30 July. Inexperienced players NGS 6 or below paired with a player with NGS 7 or above. (EP)
- b) Criteria for our competitions on the website will be checked and updated where necessary. (AB/RP)
- c) We are purchasing a dustpan and brush for members to use. (AB)
- d) Nick will purchase a new refillable sanitiser for the entry. (Nick)
- e) After investigating the options for Council bins, we are staying as we are.
- f) REP attended an EBU online seminar on websites. The main message is that the ability to teach is vital to growth, which we already do. We should look at evening classes to include people still working.
- g) There are reports that some WBC information on the SCCBA site is incorrect/out of date. (NU)

The date of the next meeting is:

Friday 26 May, 10.00am at Byron Road.