

PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held via Zoom and in Plymouth Bridge Club on 11th September 2023

Attendees:	Steve Lacey	Chair
	Mel Melville-Brown	Vice Chair
	Allan Simpson	Treasurer
	Sue Gregory	Secretary
	Gill Seymour	Committee Member
	Bruce Foster	Committee Member
	Rachael Walters	Committee Member
	Andy Carpenter	Trustee
	Ailie Henry	Trustee

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Diane McGregor, Suzanne Cornish and Charles Greenlees

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting 26th June 202

2.1 The minutes of the 22ndMay Committee meeting were accepted as a true record subject to the amendment below.

Item 8.1 should read as follows:

"Diane gave Ailie her contact for cleaning of the building in late May and Ailie dealt with the matter. The quote given which included VAT was £1108 and the work was carried out. The invoice agreed with the quote which has been paid. Ailie did the site inspection with the contractor and spent most of the day at the club when the cleaning took place".

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Item 5.4 Allan and Steve will ask previous beginners attending the improver lessons to join the club.

3.2 Rachel presented a detailed discussion paper on the proposed open day designed to attract new members - which was accepted by the committee.

It was agreed to delay the event until next year after the current planned series of lessons were underway and after the Sunday afternoon event proposed by Jenny Northmore.

3.3 It was agreed a Christmas party in the club would be arranged on a date in December.

4 Treasurer's Report

4.1 Allan presented the Income and Expenditure up to 31st August.

£50,000.00 had been transferred to Investment Accounts. Allan advised the existing fixed energy tariff was coming to an end and the new rates would be 54% higher for electricity and 120% higher for gas. This increase was an issue for future letting charges. Andy asked why the letting revenue was lower than 2022 and Allan explained that the rent from the chess club was paid in early September whilst in 2022 it was paid in August.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

5.1 Allan stated that membership now stood at 108 with 14 members not re-joining. There were 70 active playing members and 3 lapsed members had rejoined to attend the Improver lessons.

6. Letting Fees Review

6.1 Allan presented a discussion paper setting out the history of recent letting fee increases and suggesting what future lettings fees could be in the light of increased energy and other costs. It was agreed that in principle letting fees should be consistent between organisations although it was recognised that some of the clubs may be struggling for numbers. Allan would further develop his proposals for consideration at the next meeting. The intention is to introduce the new fees in the New Year.

7. Director and Teacher Training

7.1 The classes for the beginners and the improvers were going to start on October 3rd. Sue Gregory is doing the teacher training course. Sue asked if the club would pay her petrol money, this was agreed.

8 Building Maintenance and Improvements

8.1 A fluorescent light has been secured and PAT testing had been arranged.

8.2 Ailie said the fire check was completed.

8.3 It was agreed that the outside of the building needs to be repainted and the building sub-committee would investigate how to achieve this.

9 Correspondence

9.1 The EBU had written advertising "a gentle duplicate session" which was available on You Tube.

"How to run a Club Duplicate session, Director and Scorer Training was also on zoom from the EBU, cost £60 per trainee.

10. Any Other Business

10.1 No more practice boards were needed.

11. Date of Next Meeting

11.1 The next Committee meeting will be held F to F and via Zoom on Monday 23rd October at 5 pm.

Sue Gregory Secretary