

PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held via Zoom on 28th November 2022

Attendees: Steve Lacey	Chair	(SL)
Mel Melville-Brown	Vice Chair	(MMB)
Charles Greenlees	Treasurer	(CG)
Allan Simpson	Secretary	(AS)
Bruce Foster	Committee	(BF)
Sue Gregory	Committee	(SG)
Toni Fairhead	Committee	(TF)
Andy Carpenter	Trustee	(AC)

1. Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies received from Diane M^cGregor (Committee), Ailie Henry (Trustee) and Richard Ayres (Trustee).

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting 31st October 2022

- 2.1 The minutes of the 31st October were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 Item 4.4 - Complete covered by a PMN.
- 3.2 Item 7.5 -See agenda item 7.
- 3.3 Item 8.2 - Complete.
- 3.4 Item 10.2 - Complete.

4. Treasurer's Report

- 4.1 Charles Greenlees (CG) treasurer tabled management figures to the 31st October 2022, see Annex A, and considered there were no real issues and the club was breaking even at least at the moment, however the Committee should be mindful of reduced player numbers.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

- 5.1 Allan Simpson (AS) stated that there was no change in membership which remained at 122.

6. Competitions Committee Report

- 6.1 Andy Carpenter (AC) reported that the current competitions were about to end with the next competitions being the Winter Cups and the sub-committee was looking at a competition involving more than one session.
- 6.2 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair suggested a recommendation should be circulated to the Committee for consideration.

7. Bridge Lessons

- 7.1 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair reported that a couple of lessons had been added to the current beginner's course which will end before Christmas. It is then intended that the beginners would join the Tuesday afternoon improvers' session which provided a short lesson followed by playing hands.
- 7.2 SL suggested that a new beginner's course would then start from next Easter.
- 7.3 SL reported that the Tuesday afternoon session providing a 30 minute lesson followed by afternoon play had been fairly well supported. In his absence Ruth Edmondson had agreed to run these sessions from the 10th January to the end of February.

8. Bridge Sessions

- 8.1 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair opened discussions by saying that the current arrangements seemed to be working okay and asked Andy Carpenter (AC) for his views on the Friday F2F session. AC responded that an evening session would probably be a struggle regardless of the evening.
- 8.2 Charles Greenlees (CG) considered that there seemed to be a reasonable core of players for all existing sessions and saw no reason to change.

- 8.3 Allan Simpson (AS) stated that the response from the e-mail offering options for Monday & Wednesday sessions was inconclusive and there was no real desire to have either an online or a F2F session on a Wednesday and agreed with CG's comments.
- 8.4 It was agreed that all current bridge sessions should remain as they are at present.
- 8.4 CG enquired if an approach had been made to Plymouth University to attract possible new players. Mel Melville-Brown (MMB) replied that he had drafted something but as students would be dispersing soon for Christmas he intended leaving it until the New Year.
- 8.5 CG stated that he now had a contact with the university and would pass details to MMB.

9. Building Maintenance & Improvements

- 9.1 Nil.

10. Correspondence

- 10.1 Nil

11. Any Other Urgent Business Notified to the Chair

- 11.1 Nil

12. Date of Next Meeting

- 12.1 The next Committee meeting will be held on at 5-30 pm on Zoom on the 16th January 2023.

Allan Simpson
Secretary