PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of the committee meeting held on Monday 7th October 2019

Present: Steve Lacey Chair

Ailie Henry Jenny Young Richard Ayres Robert Kilby Martin Berkien

Linda Parry Secretary
Charles Greenlees Treasurer

Alan Simpson Membership Secretary

Gill Seymour Lettings

| | MINU | JTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING + MATTERS ARISING | | | |
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| 1.0 | No Apologies The minutes of the last meeting were approved as an accurate record of the meeting. | | | | |
| 2.0 | | | | | |
| 3.0 | Matters arising from those minutes – | | | | |
| | 3.1 | The Privacy Policy has now been updated on the website. | | | |
| | 3.2 | A communication has been received from the Plymouth University, for volunteers to help with Students learning to play bridge. The EBU is involved and will send Trainers to teach them. The project is sponsored by Domino's Pizza. Our Club might assist with playing sessions, lending equipment etc. | SL | | |
| | | SL is awaiting a final official request. | CG | | |
| | 3.3 | CG is still investigating the prospect of us becoming a 'cashless' club and will report back in December. | | | |
| 4.0 | Treasurers Report | | | | |
| | The ⁻ | Treasurer provided a statement of the accounts to September 2019 | | | |
| | 4.1 | | | | |
| | - | Three parts through the financial year, the Club has made a small surplus. Repairs + purchase of new Bridgemate probably account for this. | | | |
| | - | Increase in Room Hire rates might have an effect on surplus. | | | |

| Building Maintenance and Improvements The Committee has not met since the last meeting. | |
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| Competition Committee | |
| 6.1 | |
| Terms of reference were provided by RA. A schedule of events will provided shortly. | RA |
| 6.2 | |
| Malcolm Jones has now joined the Committee and going forward, responsibilities will be divided thus:- | |
| Charitable events – Malcolm | |
| Website – Andy | |
| Cups and brief to Chair – Richard | |
| 6.3 | |
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| 6.4 | |
| - AS raised 2 points:- | |
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| b) Children in Need Event - This is not chargeable by the EBU. Can <u>all</u> the takings be donated, rather than deduct a contribution to the Club? | |
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| | Membership | | | |
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| 7.0 | Report from the Membership Secretary | | | |
| | 7.1 | | | |
| | - 3 new applications have been received and were approved:- | | | |
| | Peter Dwyer; Frederika Bradbury; Bernard Moles | | | |
| | 7.2 | | | |
| | - Membership now stands at 126 | | | |
| 8.0 | Future Special Events | | | |
| | 8.1 | | | |
| | - RA had previously stated that there used to be more events & suggested a 'Special Events Champion' might be co-opted to the Committee. It was agreed that he would continue to pursue this with various possible candidates and an advertisement on the notice board might also be posted. The outcome will be discussed at future meetings of the Committee. | RA | | |
| | 8.2 | | | |
| | - Ongoing arrangements for the Christmas Party were discussed. | | | |
| | JY decided to withdraw from organising the Christmas party. After some discussion, AH agreed she would take on the Planning and arrangements. With support given to her at the Meeting, the matter was closed. | ΑН | | |
| | - Bridge over Christmas/New Year | | | |
| | Friday 20 th Dec no evening session Monday 23 rd Dec as normal Tuesday 24 th Dec Closed Wednesday 25 th Dec Closed Thursday 26 th Dec Closed Friday 27 th Dec No evening session | | | |

| 9.0 | Lettings/Room Hire | | | | |
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| | GS reported the following bookings:- | | | | |
| | Sunday, Dec. 1st, Chess Club has booked the Club all day. Arrangements to be made for assembling the boards on an alternative day. | | | | |
| | 11th December, the U3A will be holding their all day Christmas Party, upstairs and downstairs. | | | | |
| | There will be no bridge that day. | | | | |
| | - 12 th Jan. Chess Club booked for the afternoon but, downstairs only. | | | | |
| | - Cost of room hire increases from 1 st Jan. 2020 | | | | |
| | - GS reported that both the Chess Club and U3A are unhappy with the increase and would like to meet to discuss. SL, CG and GS will arrange a meeting. | SL,CG, GS | | | |
| 10.0 | Correspondence | | | | |
| | No correspondence has been received. | | | | |
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| | DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 4 th November, 2019 | | | | |