

## PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB

### Minutes of Committee Meeting held via Zoom on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

<b>Attendees:</b> Steve Lacey	Chair	(SL)
Mel Melville-Brown	Vice Chair	(MMB)
Charles Greenlees	Treasurer	(CG)
Allan Simpson	Secretary	(AS)
Bruce Foster	Committee	(BF)
Karen Murphy	Committee	(KM)
Toni Fairhead	Committee	(TF)

#### 1. Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies received from Diane McGregor Committee, Gill Seymour Committee, Andy Carpenter Trustee and Ailie Henry Trustee.

#### 2. Minutes of Committee Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022

- 2.1 Subject to paragraph 6.1 being amended to read *Horsham Bridge Club Team Match - Horsham Bridge won 86 - 54 minutes dated 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022* were accepted as a true record.

#### 3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 Paragraph 7.1.1. - Action complete see agenda item 8.

Paragraph 10.1 - Action complete.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report

- 4.1 Charles Greenlees (CG) treasurer tabled management figures to the 31st March 2022, see Annex A, and considered there were no areas of no concern at the moment.
- 4.2 Allan Simpson (AS) observed that F2F table money was still shown as zero and at a previous meeting it had been discussed that with a line entry in the accounts F2F table money should be shown. CG agreed to look into it.

## 5. Membership Secretary's Report

- 5.1 Allan Simpson (AS) reported that as of 15<sup>th</sup> April 46 members had not yet renewed their membership but more subscriptions had recently been received.

## 6. Competitions Committee Report

- 6.1 Bruce Foster (BF) reported the following:

**Handicapped Teams** - Now finished with one final match agreed not to be played. The winning team was the 'Chatterton Team' comprising of Alison Chatterton, Pam Harrison, Martin Berkien, Len Beale and Olive Green.

**Beryl Edmonds Cup** - Won by Jim Dunn and Malcolm Jones

### **Spring Competitions Winners**

**Spring Cup** - Dave Gribbins

**Tudor Spring Cup** - Sue Gregory

**Jan Plumb Cup** - Suzanne Cornish & Allan Simpson

## 7. Bridge Sessions

- 7.1 Bruce Foster considered that running 2 sessions at the same time wasn't working and suggested that the Friday evening BBO session should finish.
- 7.2 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair suggested waiting to see what numbers were like on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April to see whether turn out had been affected by the Easter holidays. As a questionnaire is about to be distributed to members Toni Fairhead (TF) suggested holding off until results of the questionnaire are known. Karen Murphy (KM) considered that it might be a case that F2F is preferred during the Summer but online bridge being a preference for the Winter.
- 7.3 After discussion it was agreed to see what the numbers were like on the 28<sup>th</sup> April and if poor stop Friday BBO tournaments but to keep all options open. If reasonable numbers played on the 28<sup>th</sup> April the BBO sessions would continue.

- 7.4 Allan Simpson (AS) as Membership Secretary asked if having previously agreed that visitors at Friday evening F2F sessions could pay the same table money as members as we are now in a new membership year should visitors now pay the usual increased table money.
- 7.5 It was agreed that from the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 visitors to F2F sessions should pay an additional £1 table money.

## **8. Membership Questionnaire**

- 8.1 A draft questionnaire produced by Mel Melville-Brown (MMB) to be sent to all current members had previously been distributed to the Committee for comment.
- 8.2 MMB stated that he would refine some questions to take into account discussions held earlier about bridge sessions.
- 8.3 The method of distributing the questionnaire to all current members to ensure as large a response as possible was discussed. It was agreed that the questionnaire should be posted to all current members, using the addresses held within Pianola and that a stamped address envelope should be included for responses.

**Action AS Secretary**

## **9. Building Maintenance and Improvements**

- 9.1 Nothing to report.

## **10. Preparations for the AGM**

- 10.1 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair stated that a proposal to hold the AGM via Zoom rather than in the club had been received from Bruce Foster (BF).
- 10.2 It was agreed that the AGM would be held in the club and that it would also be held on Zoom and the TV screen in the club would display the Zoom meeting in the club room.
- 10.3 As paragraph 10.11 of the club constitution includes "*In cases of contested elections for officers, trustees and committee member positions secret ballots are always held*", the committee discussed the implications of this with having the meeting on Zoom as well as in the club.

10.4 After discussing options it was agreed that in view of the statement in the constitution only those members present in the club would be able to vote for committee contested positions.

**Post Meeting Note** - Since the meeting the Committee has reconsidered para 10.4 above and accept that those members attending the AGM via Zoom, could if they wished to vote do so by e-mail within a set time frame.

10.5 Allan Simpson (AS) reported that he had received a motion for discussion at the AGM from a club member and read it to the Committee.

10.6 Whilst the Committee acknowledges and accepts that any member has the right to raise a motion for discussion at an AGM it was considered that the motion raised was inappropriate at this time especially until we see how the club emerges from a 2 year hiatus in F2F bridge. Steve Lacey (SL) Chair stated that he would discuss the proposed motion with the member concerned.

**Post Meeting Note** - Following discussion with SL the member has formally withdrawn the motion.

## **11. Correspondence**

11.1 There was no correspondence to discuss.

## **12. Any Other Urgent Business Notified to the Chair**

12.1 Nil

## **13. Date of Next Meeting**

13.1 The next Committee meeting to be arranged after the AGM in agreement with the new Committee.

Allan Simpson  
Secretary