PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB

**Minutes of the committee meeting held on Monday 12th August 2019**

Present:Steve Lacey Chair

 Richard Ayres

 Jenny Young

 Robert Kilby

 Charles Greenlees Treasurer

 Linda Parry Secretary

 Alan Simpson Membership Secretary

 Gill Seymour Lettings

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|  | **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING + MATTERS ARISING** |  |
| **1.0****N.B** | Apologies: Martin Berkien Ailie Henry  Pete Tunnicliffe Competitions Committee**SL** announced that, sadly, Pete has tendered his resignation from the Committee. Sincere thanks must go to Pete, from everyone at The Club, for all the dedicated service he has given over the years. He will be sorely missed by the Committee. |  |
| **2.0** | The minutes of the last meeting were approved as an accurate record of the meeting. |  |
| **3.0** | **Matters arising from those minutes –** 3.1 The Privacy Policy has not yet been updated on the website. As stated above, **PT** will no longer be responsible for the website but, **AS** volunteered to take over. **SL** will arrange for him to be given the correct permissions to enable him to make amendments from here on.3.2 Bridget and Ruth will recommence their evening lessons on September 26th, a week before the daytime lessons. **CG** reported a smattering of interest has been shown from outside the Club but no definite figures at this time. | **AS, SL** |
| **4.0** | **Treasurers Report**The **Treasurer** provided a statement of the accounts to July 2019**4.1*** Whilst there was a drop in table money, probably due to no Mon/Weds evenings, it is hoped that Wednesday afternoon may balance some of this out.
* Gas & Electric has been fixed with Opus for the next 4 years
* A request to combine Chess Club income with Room Hire was made and **CG** will investigate this.

**4.2*** An increase in cost of Room Hire + frequency of increase were discussed and the increase was agreed at £5 for each room, per session,(including use of kitchen) to: -

Main downstairs room £20Main upstairs room £17Upstairs Committee room £15**The increase will take effect from January 1st, 2020**The U3A booking for a 2 day Mah Jong Festival has not yet been finalised and the charges for this event have been communicated at current prices. Any review of this will be discussed later, should it be necessary.**4.3**- **CG** pointed out that the physical counting of monies received was very time consuming; some clubs have explored other methods of collecting these. It was agreed that there would be no change at this time but may be reviewed when a change of Treasurer came into effect in the future. | **CG** |
| **5.0** | **Building Maintenance and Improvements****5.1**- Extra grip handle at main entrance is now in situ; ramp explored but, after discussion with affected members, not going forward at this time.**5.2** - All electrical items have now been PAT tested & Certificate obtained; similar Certificate for gas to already in place.**5.3**- Following a Member’s complaint, **CG** has kindly removed all the weeds on the frontage of the Club.**5.4** **Ref. possibility of a flat on the third floor of the PBC property -** The Building Sub-Committee met recently and, taking into account Member feedback, their recommendation is that the Club should not proceed with the proposal at this time. The estimated cost of approx. £30,000 would leave the Club with no financial reserves and any income resulting from the project would be taxable. This was agreed. **JY** has spoken with the Building Design Consultant and he has kindly waived any fee for his services. |  |
| **6.0** | **Competition Committee****6.1** - As already reported, Pete has resigned from the Committee and so this sub-committee has lost its’ Chair. The option of co-opting another Member was discussed but, it was agreed that Richard will discuss with Andy Carpenter, the other member, as to whether they would continue without co-opt and report back.**6.2**- **AS** suggested a ‘Teams’ event might happen, supported by **SL** who also added that a ‘Swiss Teams’ event would enable Members to practise for future County events. This will be discussed further at a future meeting. |  |
| **7.0** | **Membership**Received a report from the Membership Secretary**7.1** - No new applications have been received.**7.2**- Last years’ Membership was 135 – this has reduced to 122 this year. Despite reminders by letter and e-mail, there were 13 no responses. He confirmed that the EBU cleanses its’ database annually and the no responses would be deleted if no play at an EBU registered club was submitted in a 12 month period. |  |
| **8.0** | **Future Special Events****8.1**- **RA** 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 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.**8.2**- Arrangements for the Christmas Party were discussed. The date of 5th December was mooted and agreed. Charge agreed as £10 per head and Claire to be asked to attend for 11/2 hrs. As before, a maximum of 44 persons would be able to attend. **AS** volunteered to be Scorer and **SL** will be Director. **JY** kindly volunteered to be the Organiser this year and will look for support from various Members when she has finalised her requirements. | **RA** |
| **9.0** | **Correspondence****9.1**- **JS** reported that the U3A have requested a date for their all day Christmas Party. It was agreed that the 11th December was most suitable. Any PM bridge could be held in the Committee room, using travellers. |  |
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|  | **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Amended to 7th October, 2019 |  |