PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB CIO

MINUTES OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD IN PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB ON 21st SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 4.30PM

Attendees:	Jeremy Henderson	Chair
	Mel Melville-Brown	Vice Chair
	Allan Simpson	Treasurer
	Andy Carpenter	Secretary
	Diane McGregor	Committee
	Gill Seymour	Committee
	Rachael Walters	Committee

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Steve Lacey and Ailie Henry.

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting 27th July 2026

2.1 The minutes of the Committee meeting were accepted.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 None

4. Treasurer's Report

4.1 Allan presented the Financial Summary up to 31st August. Total Income was £16,567. Total Expenditure was £13.725 with depreciation of £1,176. There is a surplus of £1,666 to 31st August. Allan advised that without the contribution of room hire table money would need to be increased.

4.2 It was agreed that room rates be increased from 1st January 2027. The Chess club have agreed to change to Tuesday evenings. The backgammon group has cancelled their bookings going forward.

4.3 Kate Ledger's teacher training has been paid for and she will catch up on the sessions she missed. We will be reimbursed by the EBU as we have a free place.

4.4 We have bought 2 extra sets of boards that can be used in the duplimator.

4.5 Following the trouble with the bridgemate server a new lead has been obtained and that is working well to date. Allan has obtained a quote for 10 new mark 3 bridgemates, which come in packs of 5 with a charging box, of £2,620. A set of 5 bridgemates costs £760.
The old bridgemates were serviced 3 years ago. We are going to rotate the higher numbered bridgemates to the lower numbers to see whether that gives us extra life and review the position at the next Committee meeting.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

5.1 There are currently 118 members. It was agreed that Steve Winzer be accepted as a member.

Jeremy will follow up membership application forms with Lewis and Karen.

6. Plymouth Congress

Jeremy has spoken to the Chair of the Devon Bridge Association. There are only 2 green pointed events allowed per county, which are already allocated. The Chair suggested that we work alongside Cornwall with a Cornwall green pointed event. Jeremy has spoken to Cornwall Bridge Association and they will look at the possibility and come back to us.
Jeremy has also spoken to Ruth Edmondson who advised looking at the John Woolcott numbers (a blue pointed event).

7. Property sub-committee report

7.1 Mel has been away. He was pleased that the work on the upstairs room had been done. A working party will now clear the room.

7.2 Mel will obtain quotes for the window replacement and the front door.

8. Building Maintenance

8.1 The dripping tap in the kitchen has been repaired.

8.2 Allan and Clare will complete the risk assessment of step ladders form.

9. Correspondence

9.1 The Children in Need Sim Pairs will be held on Thursday 12th November. Two ex-members have agreed to donate the balance of their table money accounts to Children in Need.

10. Any Other Business

10.1 The air purifiers have been repositioned and will be serviced.

10.2 The 12.45pm afternoon start time was discussed and it was agreed to keep it there for the time being. This matter could be put to a vote at the Annual General Meeting.

10.3 For health and safety reasons it was agreed that:
i shoes should be worn in the club
ii drinks should not be placed on the card tables but should be placed on the small side tables.

10.4 The club's Christmas event will be held on Thursday 10th December.

10.5 Rachael will organise another 9 high event in January accepting visitors.

11. Date of Next Meeting

11.1 The date of the next meeting is Monday 16th November 2026 at 4.30pm.