PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB CIO

MINUTES OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD IN PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB ON 27th JULY 2026 AT 4.30PM

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

1. Apologies

1.1 None

2. Minutes of Committee Meetings 11th May 2026, 1st June 2026 and 15th June 2026

2.1 The minutes of the Committee meetings were accepted.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 None

4. Treasurer's Report

4.1 Allan presented the Financial Summary up to 30th June. Total Income was £12,784. Total Expenditure was £10.695 with depreciation of £874. There is a surplus of £1,215 to 30h June. The Budget sheet update for 2026 was also presented.

4.2 Charity Commission Annual Report
Allan advised that the Annual Return for the Charity Commission has now been completed.

4.2 HMRC
Allan and Andy have completed the reconciliation of the Balance Sheet at 31st December 2025. Net assets are £90,167 at 31st December 2025. The 2025 Corporation tax return has been submitted using the commercial software.

4.3 Gift Aid
Gift Aid on 2026 subscriptions has been claimed and paid in the amount of £210.

4.4 Gas, Electricity
The new gas and electricity tariffs have been put in place for 2026-2029 with Positive Energy. Gas is 4.1296p and Electricity is 25.523p. There were 2 other more expensive quotes.

4.5 The spare cards have been advertised but there has been no interest. We should dispose of the old cards and retain the new packs of cards.

4.6 It was agreed that room rates be increased from 1st January 2027 – Main room downstairs £31.50 per session, Large room upstairs £28.00 per session, trophy room £25.50 per session. Sessions are morning/afternoon/evening. The Chess club have taken the proposal to change to Tuesday evenings to their Committee and we await a response.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

5.1 There are 116 members after the completion of the 2026 renewal process. 2 players have not renewed and 4 players have lapsed. It was agreed that Ray Chalmers and Janet Burroughes be accepted as members.

6. Plymouth Congress

Jeremy would like us to reinstate the Plymouth Congress and this was agreed for Spring 2027. Various hotel options were suggested – Future Inn, Copthorne, Leonardo. We would use a County director - Jeremy Child. There would be a pairs competition on Saturday and a teams competition on Sunday ideally both green pointed. There would a mini congress for 9 high players.
A sub-committee will be formed to organise the event comprising Jeremy, Mel and another person who will be invited to join the sub-committee. Devon W Section money may be available – Mike Hamon. Logistics were briefly discussed re tables, bidding boxes, bridgemates and boards.
There had been a facebook message from Julie at Hyde Park Social Club offering the social club for bridge events.

6. Property sub-committee report

6.1 Mel has been away for a month. He will now work on the prospectus for planning permission for parking in the front garden.

6.3 A committee working party would look to clear the upper rooms by the end of August.

6.4 Quotes will be obtained for the window replacement and the front door.

6.5 The scrabble and other games will be kept in a games cupboard.

7. Building Maintenance

7.1 Ailie advised that the smoke alarms had been checked and the fire board updated.

7.2 The dripping tap in the kitchen will be repaired.

7.3 Clive Gliddon will be asked to join the Building maintenance team.

7.4 Mel and Clare will complete the risk assessment of step ladders form.

8. Correspondence

8.1 None

9. Any Other Business

9.1 Rachael will organise another 9 high event in September or October accepting visitors.

9.2 Following the success of the EBU Summer Sim Pairs it was agreed that we would participate in the EBU Autumn Sim Pairs accepting visitors.

10. Date of Next Meeting

10.1 The date of the next meeting is Monday 21st September 2026 at 4.30pm.