

PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held via Zoom on 11th July 2022

Attendees:	Steve Lacey	Chair	(SL)
	Mel Melville-Brown	Vice Chair	(MMB)
	Charles Greenlees	Treasurer	(CG)
	Allan Simpson	Secretary	(AS)
	Bruce Foster	Committee	(BF)
	Diane McGregor	Committee	DM ^c
	Gill Seymour	Committee	(GS)
	Toni Fairhead	Committee	(TF)
	Sue Gregory	Committee	(SG)

1. Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies received from Andy Carpenter (Trustee), Ailie Henry (Trustee) and Richard Ayres (Trustee).

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting 25th April 2022

- 2.1 The minutes of the 25th April were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 Action 8.3 - Complete.

4. Treasurer's Report

- 4.1 Charles Greenlees (CG) treasurer tabled management figures to the 30th June 2022, see Annex A, and considered there were no areas of no concern at the moment.
- 4.2 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair commented that table money seemed to be down and perhaps it should be something to keep an eye on.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

- 5.1 Allan Simpson (AS) reported that as of 11th July 14 members had not yet renewed their membership and that a final reminder would be sent out towards the end of the month.

6. Competitions Committee Report

- 6.1 Bruce Foster (BF) reported the following:

The Summer Cup competitions were ongoing with current leaders being:

Summer Cup - Andy Carpenter

Summer Tudor Cup - Malcolm Jones

Alan Hughes Cup - Suzanne Cornish and Allan Simpson

- 6.2 BF stated that with the criteria being 13 sessions with the best 8 of 13 counting very few qualify.
- 6.3 BF further stated that the Competitions Committee would be looking to have an Autumn Teams competition.
- 6.4 With Karen Murphy and Bruce Foster no longer members of the competitions Committee a new committee will need to be formed.

7. Conduct and Disciplinary Committees

- 7.1 It was agreed that the members of the Conduct Committee would be the same as last year, being Andy Carpenter, Bruce Foster and Toni Fairhead. It was further agreed that as previously the Disciplinary Committee would be formed as required.

8. Membership Questionnaire

- 8.1 Mel Melville-Brown (MMB) stated that there had been a good response to the membership questionnaire with 86 out of 127 members responding. MMB outlined the following key findings from his analysis of responses received, see Annex B. Those outlined were:
- Members do want to return to F2F;
 - >50% of those who responded also want to play online;

- Parking was indicated as a problem although very low numbers deterred by a parking problem;
 - Monday and Thursday afternoons were the most popular sessions with Tuesday and Friday evenings also indicating the potential for viable number of tables;
 - There was a definite No to playing other games at the club;
 - The club was seen as a pleasant environment to play bridge and the facilities adequate with members feeling safe and welcomed;
 - A small number of respondents indicated a keenness for bridge lessons.
- 8.2 MMB finished by adding that filters could be used to 'slice' some areas of the responses to drill down for more detail.
- 8.3 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair stated that responses were positive and more people like what's going on in the club than dislike.
- 8.4 There was some discussion on improving on-line games, encouraging hosts so that members without partners aren't discouraged from attending a session as well as encouraging members to seek partners through the Pianola Partner Finder facility.
- 8.5 SL stated the potential for beginners' lessons in the Autumn looked quite encouraging and that himself and Charles Greenlees should contact the previous list of teachers to work out a plan.

9. Bridge Sessions and Table Money

- 9.1 Bruce Foster (BF) stated that currently PBC and Newton Abbott BC play on BBO on a Tuesday with each club achieving 3 to 4 tables and that it might be beneficial to approach NABC about joining together to have a better tournament with 7 to 8 tables and hosting the games on alternate weeks. The Committee agreed that an approach to NABC should be made.
- 9.2 It was agreed that the following bridge sessions and table money would continue at the moment:
- Monday afternoon - Online on RealBridge table money £2.50.
 - Tuesday afternoon - F2F Social Bridge, however there has been insufficient numbers over the last few weeks and this session will be suspended until, September if attendance doesn't improve.
- Post Meeting Note:** Tuesday afternoon social bridge suspended until September.
- Tuesday evening - Online on BBO table money 3BB\$, see 9.1 above.
 - Thursday afternoon - F2F with table money either £2.50 without tea break service or £3.00 with tea break service. Complimentary tea and biscuits.

- Friday evening - F2F weekly until end of August and then reviewed, table money £2.50. Complimentary tea and biscuits.

9.3 It was agreed that the donation to ECats for the Kidney Research and British Heart Foundation Sim Pairs on the 7th July should be £4 of the £5 table money per player.

10. Building Maintenance and Improvements

10.1 Nothing to report.

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 will be held on 5th September via Zoom at 4-00 pm.

Allan Simpson
Secretary