

PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held via Zoom and in Plymouth Bridge Club on 26th June 2023

Attendees:	Steve Lacey	Chair	(SL)
	Allan Simpson	Treasurer	(AS)
	Sue Gregory	Secretary	(SG)
	Diane M ^c Gregor	Committee	(DM ^c)
	Gill Seymour	Committee	(GS)
	Bruce Foster	Committee	(BF)
	Charles Greenlees	Committee	(CG)
	Rachael Walters	Committee	(RW)
	Suzanne Cornish	Committee	(SC)
	Andy Carpenter	Trustee	(AC)

1. Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies received from Mel Melville-Brown (Vice Chair) and Ailie Henry (Trustee).
- 1.2 Rachael Walters was formally co-opted to the Committee.

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting 22nd May 2023

- 2.1 The minutes of the 22nd May Committee meeting were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 Item 5.10 -to be discussed under Membership. (Jenny Northmore's suggestion)
- 3.2 Item 7.3 - To be dealt with by Allan after the Treasurer's Report

4. Treasurer's Report

- 4.1 Allan had presented the Treasurer's Report Income and Expenditure up to 31st May. Bruce asked why the General Expenditure was so high at £922.38, but the club had purchased a new printer and laptop.

4.2 There were no other questions.

4.3 Allan stated there was £56927.08 in the current Account and we could invest up to £50,000. Allan tabled proposals for Virgin Money and Nat West. It was decided to invest £10k and £40k in Nat West 35 day and 95 day Liquidity Manager Accounts respectively and nothing in Virgin Money.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

5.1 Allan Simpson (AS) stated that membership now stood at 116 with 2 past members re-joining. In June there were 69 active playing members. 15 members had not played since 2021. Bruce said that out of the 116 members 61 play regularly. Allan's report shows that 74 members have paid their annual sub compared to 104 members at the same point last year.

5.2 Steve lacey said we had to boost the Membership. Gill Seymour commented that table money was not our only source of income as we rented out the rooms to other organisations.

5.3 Rachael said that we could hold an event on a Saturday, an open day. Then there was Jenny's idea for a Sunday of Bridge and a tea. Rachael and Diane would organise the open day. Steve would contact Jenny.

5.4 Allan was concerned about the beginners not joining the club and not paying the visitor's fee either. Steve to look into this.

5.6 The F to F held on a Monday and Thursday was successful so far with 6 to 7 tables. There were usually 3 or 4 tables F to F on a Friday. Tuesday evening on BBO with Newton Abbot was successful. A Wednesday afternoon competition on Real Bridge was not successful. It was decided to try this again in the Autumn.

6. Competitions Committee Report

6.1 As there were no competitions being held, this item would no longer be a standing item on the agenda.

7. Director and Teacher Training

- 7.1 Allan Simpson (AS) sought clarification on what happened between the club and Nikki Bellers regarding a 2022 bridge teacher course. The outcome was that the club didn't pay for Nikki to attend a teaching course in 2022. The club paid initially which was refunded by the EBU after Nikki attended the course as bridge clubs are allowed a free place every 2 years. Allan stated that this meant Sue Gregory had to pay £190.00 for the course she registered for in September this year and therefore the club should now reimburse Sue. It was agreed to reimburse Sue the £190 cost that she had already paid for the teaching course for 15th to 16th September. Steve said he had contacted Nikki and she would be giving lessons in the club in September on a Monday.
- 7.2 Director Training. Andy would try to organise this via Zoom one evening, either in the summer or in the Autumn.

8 Building Maintenance and Improvements

- 8.1 Diane McGregor (DMc) reported that a quote to clean the outside of the clubhouse was £1150.00 + VAT. Diane was going to supervise the cleaning of the building.
- 8.2 Ailie had circulated an email about the tea room door and the outside door, the problems had been resolved. The back yard had been cleared and the front area was to be cleaned. A new rail was ordered for the Ladies and the 6 monthly fire check is being carried out.
- 8.3 Charles Greenlees (CG) has decided to stand down from the Building Committee.

9 Correspondence

- 9.1 Sue had received an email from Rachel Crozier asking about lessons. Allan too has a list of names for lessons which he will give to Steve.

10. Any Other Business Notified to the Chair

- 10.1 There was some concern about the cleanliness of the tea towels. Steve would mention this to Clare. Suzanne was concerned about the eating at the bridge tables. This should not be happening.

11. Date of Next Meeting

11.1 The next Committee meeting will be held F to F and via Zoom on Monday 11th September at 5-00 p.m.

Sue Gregory Secretary