

PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held via Zoom on 11th December 2023

Attendees: Steve Lacey	Chair
Mel Melville Brown	Vice Chair
Allan Simpson	Treasurer
Sue Gregory	Secretary
Charles Greenlees	Committee
Bruce Foster	Committee
Rachael Walters	Committee
Ailie Henry	Trustee

1 Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies received from Diane McGregor (Committee), Gill Seymour (Committee) Suzanne Cornish (Committee) and Andy Carpenter (Trustee)

2 Minutes of Committee Meeting 23rd October 2023

- 2.1 The minutes of the above Committee meeting were accepted.

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 There were no matters Arising.

4 Treasurer's Report

- 4.1 Allan presented an Income and Expenditure summary up to 30th November indicating total expenditure of £15,860.08 and total income of £16,914.97 and stated that overall club funds were looking healthy.
- 4.2 Allan suggested that Clare's pay should be reviewed every year and proposed that it should be loosely linked to the National Minimum Wage (NMW) with any increases effective from April 1st. Following discussion an appropriate percentage increase was unanimously agreed to take effect from 1st April 2024.

- 4.3 Allan reported that the U3A would no longer be hiring the use of club premises for Mahjong or vintage game sessions due to lack of numbers.

Post Meeting Note: The chess club has requested their normal room usage and paid in advance for the period January to June 2024.

- 4.4 Allan also suggested a change to the credit given to those that offer to be a host on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Currently all hosts are given a session credit if they play or a credit on the next occasion they play if they have to go home. Allan's suggestion was that if a host has a wasted journey and has to go home then a credit should be applied in the next afternoon session they play in. However, if a host plays in the session they hosted then only a £1 credit should be applied, similar to that for session directors and scorers. There was a brief discussion but it was agreed that the existing arrangement should be retained. Steve also thanked Rachael for organising the host system.

5 Membership Secretary's Report

- 5.1 Allan reported that membership applications from Jeremy Henderson and Val Leeming had been accepted since the last meeting. Allan also tabled membership applications from Anne Gilkes and Ken Hosgood. After discussion it was agreed to accept the application from Anne Gilkes but at this time not to accept the application from Ken Hosgood. Allan to inform Ken accordingly.

6 Future Social events

- 6.1 It was agreed to run a further Sunday event after the success of the first one in November. Allan to ask Jenny Northmore if she wanted to run it again.
- 6.2 The Christmas party was still going ahead despite illness. Air Purifiers to be switched on.

7. Bridge Lessons

- 7.1 The Bridge lessons finish at Christmas. Steve will be away until 6th March and therefore the beginners will be encouraged to attend the Tuesday afternoon session which will be treated as supervised play. Steve will produce a rota for people to supervise the Tuesday afternoon sessions. Bridge lessons would begin again in March or April.

8 Arrangements for appointing Trustees

- 8.1 It was agreed to wait until the AGM to appoint another trustee.

9 Building Maintenance and Sub Committee Report

9.1 Ailie had a quote for the painting of the outside of the building and another quote had been requested from Gintaras.

10 Correspondence

10.1 None

11 Any Other Business

11.1 Allan proposed that the club should seek to become registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) especially as we owned our own premises.

11.2 It was agreed that this should be investigated further, and Allan will produce a paper for discussion at the next committee meeting and if agreed a proposal would be put to the AGM.

12 Date of next Meeting

12.1 Monday 11th March at 5 pm. The AGM to take place on Monday 25th March.

Susan Gregory- Minute Secretary