

PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held via Zoom on 13th September 2021

Attendees:	Steve Lacey	Chair	(SL)
	Charles Greenlees	Treasurer	(CG)
	Allan Simpson	Secretary	(AS)
	Diane McGregor	Committee	(DM ^c)
	Gill Seymour	Committee	(GS)
	Bruce Foster	Committee	(BF)
	Toni Fairhead	Committee	(TF)
	Karen Murphy	Committee	(KM)
	Andy Carpenter	Trustee	(AC)

1. Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies received from Mel Melville-Brown (Vice Chair) and Ailie Henry (Trustee).

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting 9th August 2021

- 2.1 The minutes were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 There were no matter arising from the 9th August meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report

- 4.1 Charles Greenlees (CG) treasurer tabled management figures to the 31st August 2021, see Annex A and advised that income from RealBridge shown for 2020, 2019 and 2018 was actually income for chess club room rental and will be shown as such on financial statements from September onwards.
- 4.2 There were no questions on the accounts. Steve Lacey (SL) Chair asked the treasurer if there were any areas of concern to which the treasurer replied no.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

- 5.1 Allan Simpson (AS) informed the Committee that since the last meeting there had been 3 membership applications received and accepted, Randall Williams, Jo Randall and Brian Lupton. All joined the club in order to play in the handicapped teams' competition. Pam Harrison has now submitted an application to play in the same competition which was approved by the Committee.

Post Meeting Note - A further application from Bev Hale has now also been received, as it's on the same basis as those mentioned above, acceptance by the Committee has been assumed.

6. Competitions Committee Report

- 6.1 Andy Carpenter (AC) stated that the Mayflower Cup competitions had now started and will carry over to F2F sessions when these resume. Handicapped team matches had also started and matches will generally be played once a month through to April 2022. The Committee agreed that all those playing in the handicapped teams' competition should be club members.
- 6.2 AC reported that there will also be Teams of 4 matches against other clubs with the next one being Thursday 16th September against SW Scotland.
- 6.3 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair asked if substitutes could be used in the handicapped team matches should there be a backlog of fixtures. AC responded that it could be something to be considered.

7. Re-opening the Bridge Club

- 7.1 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair opened the discussion by stating that it now seemed probable that F2F sessions could open in October.
- 7.2 This was generally agreed and Toni Fairhead (TF) considered that if we didn't open then when would we open and what criteria would need to be met in order to do so.
- 7.3 It was agreed that the Tuesday afternoon social bridge session should still be the first F2F session to resume and that it would start on Tuesday 5th October at 1-00 pm with table money at £2-00 per member.

- 7.4 Charles Greenlees (CG) confirmed that the club now had a foot operated hand sanitiser for the front lobby, bottles throughout the club and plenty of anti-bacterial wipes.
- 7.5 Gill Seymour suggested that some signage should be strategically displayed throughout the club, Allan Simpson (AS) agreed to produce.

Action AS

- 7.6 SL Chair stated that the Committee would review again at the October meeting with a view to opening other F2F sessions. SL also agreed to let clubs hiring rooms know that the club would be available for use from Monday 4th October.

Action SL

8. Building Maintenance and Improvements

- 8.1 Nothing to report.

9. Online Bridge

9.1 Preferred Bridge Platform

9.1.1 Diane McGregor (DM^c) reported that she had conducted a straw poll during an afternoon session to determine whether members preferred BBO or RealBridge and advised the Committee that some members preferred BBO rather than the club's current preferred platform RealBridge.

9.1.2 Whilst the Committee acknowledged the preference of some members it was agreed that it would maintain the status quo.

9.2 Tuesday Evening Sessions

9.2.1 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair advised the meeting that it is likely that Plymstock Bridge Club will resume their Tuesday evening session, which could impact on the club's Tuesday evening online session on BBO.

9.2.2 There was discussion on what other evening the club could possibly play if we were to consider moving to another evening. Andy carpenter (AC) advised that in general there were 4 pairs playing in the club Tuesday evening session who do not normally play in the club and at most there might be 3 pairs that would play at Plymstock. Also there were some club afternoon players that play occasionally on Tuesday evenings.

9.2.3 SL concluded that the consensus appeared to be not to discourage PBC players from playing F2F at Plymstock but to continue with the club online Tuesday evening session and review at the end of the year.

10. Correspondence

10.1 There was no correspondence to discuss.

11. Any Other Urgent Business Notified to the Chair

11.1 Whilst not urgent business Steve Lacey (SL) Chair agreed that Karen Murphy (KM) could put a topic to the Committee.

11.2 KM suggested that the club set-up a WhatsApp group for anyone wishing to join. Km advised that it works well for other bridge clubs for things such as finding a partner and arranging an evening of social bridge. The Committee had no objection and KM agreed to set it up.

Action KM

12. Date of Next Meeting

12.1 The next Committee was arranged for 18th October at 17-00 hrs.

Allan Simpson
Secretary