

## PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB

### Minutes of Committee Meeting held via Zoom on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

<b>Attendees:</b> Steve Lacey	Chair	(SL)
Charles Greenlees	Treasurer	(CG)
Allan Simpson	Secretary	(AS)
Diane M <sup>c</sup> Gregor	Committee	(DM <sup>c</sup> )
Bruce Foster	Committee	(BF)
Sue Gregory	Committee	(SG)
Andy Carpenter	Trustee	(AC)
Richard Ayres	Trustee	(RA)

#### **1. Apologies**

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

#### **2. Minutes of Committee Meeting 16th January 2023**

- 2.1 The minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> January meeting were accepted as a true record.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

- 3.1 Item 6.4 covered under agenda item 6.
- 3.2 Item 8.3 covered under agenda item 7.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

- 4.1 Charles Greenlees (CG) treasurer tabled management figures to the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023, see Annex A, and stated that the report is now being presented as an Income and Expenses report which is slightly different than previous reports.
- 4.2 CG considered there was no real reason for concern as figures for the first couple of months are always skewed due to insurance being paid in January. CG also stated that there was circa £57k in a bank account.

- 4.3 Richard Ayres asked what interest is being earned on the £57k to which CG replied very little.
- 4.4 After discussion on possible accounts for holding this money it was agreed that the money should be accruing something and that CG assisted by Bruce Foster (BF) should investigate options and report at the next Committee meeting.

**Action CG & BF**

## **5. Membership Secretary's Report**

- 5.1 Allan Simpson (AS) stated that there was no change in membership which remained at 122. There was however 3 possible membership applications being received shortly.

## **6. Competitions Committee Report**

- 6.1 Andy Carpenter (AC) reported that current competitions will be ending on the 31<sup>st</sup> March and that he would be standing down from the Competitions Committee at the AGM as he considered competitions are not viable at the moment.
- 6.2 AC explained that he had looked at the current competition for the Rupert Shiner Salver and only a couple of pairs actually qualified as members are not playing enough sessions with regular partners.
- 6.3 Richard Ayres commented that competitions possibly work better on an individual basis.

## **7. Director and Teacher Training**

- 7.1 Allan Simpson (AS) secretary stated that this item had been included on the agenda at the request of Mel Melville-Brown Vice Chair who chaired that last Committee meeting. It was to discuss whether the club should subsidise any member wishing to undertake director and/or teacher training courses.
- 7.2 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair stated that he would encourage any member to undertake director and/or teacher training.
- 7.3 There was discussion on how the training could be provided but considered the first action should be to canvas membership interest in attending director and/or teacher training.

**Action AS**

## **8. Building Maintenance and Improvements**

- 8.1 Charles Greenlees reported that the boiler had recently been serviced, the fire alarm system upgraded and a carpet repair undertaken.
- 8.2 Allan Simpson (AS) considered that all the club's portable appliances should be PAT tested. This was agreed and will be arranged by the club's House Committee. It was also agreed that quotes should be obtained to clean the outside of the building.

**Action House Committee**

## **9. Preparations for the AGM**

- 9.1 By a majority it was agreed that the 2023 AGM would be held in the club. The date agreed was the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023 with the meeting commencing at 17-30 hrs.
- 9.2 All necessary notices and correspondence to be actioned by the Secretary.

**Action AS (Secretary)**

## **10. Correspondence**

- 10.1 Nil

## **11. Any Other Urgent Business Notified to the Chair**

- 11.1 Charles Greenlees (CG) raised the subject of beginners' courses and that due to U3A insurance requirements if another course of beginners' lessons was held in the club all attendees would need to be U3A members.
- 11.2 There was discussion on whether this was correct especially as the club has its own public liability insurance. Richard Ayres (RA) stated that the U3A were adamant that only U3A members attend a U3A Group. Steve Lacey (SL) Chair suggested that a conversation was needed with the U3A to see if non U3A members could attend bridge lessons with U3A members seeing they were being held in the club.

**Action RA**

## **12. Date of Next Meeting**

12.1 The next Committee meeting will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 4-00 pm.

Allan Simpson  
Secretary