

PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held via Zoom on 16th January 2023

Attendees:	Mel Melville-Brown	Vice Chair (Mtg Chair)	(MMB)
	Charles Greenlees	Treasurer	(CG)
	Allan Simpson	Secretary	(AS)
	Diane M ^c Gregor	Committee	(DM ^c)
	Bruce Foster	Committee	(BF)
	Sue Gregory	Committee	(SG)
	Toni Fairhead	Committee	(TF)
	Andy Carpenter	Trustee	(AC)

1. Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies received from Steve Lacey (Chair), Gill Seymour (Committee) and Ailie Henry (Trustee).

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting 28th November 2022

- 2.1 The minutes of the 28th November were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 Item 6.2 covered under agenda item 6.
- 3.2 Item 7.2 covered under agenda item 7.
- 3.3 Item 8.4 Approach to Plymouth University. Mel Melville-Brown (MMB) reported that an e-mail had been sent to the Student Union and also requested details on how the e-mail could be channeled through to university staff.

4. Treasurer's Report

- 4.1 Charles Greenlees (CG) treasurer tabled management figures to the 31st December 2022, see Annex A, and considered there was no real reason for concern.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

- 5.1 Allan Simpson (AS) stated that there was no change in membership which remained at 122.

6. Competitions Committee Report

- 6.1 Andy Carpenter (AC) reported that he had looked at the possibility of a multi session competition but when looking at the Thursday afternoon sessions played in November was surprised to find that there were 26 one off pairs with only 6 pairs playing regularly across the four weeks. It is therefore not useful to run a competition with such a small number of pairs.
- 6.2 Toni Fairhead (TF) commented that, as a relatively new player, she found there was a gap between lessons and other aspects of bridge and asked whether it was possible to have a competition solely for beginners moving to improvers.
- 6.3 There was then some discussion on whether competitions provided an incentive to play in club sessions. Bruce Foster (BF) commented that the club used to have more competitions because the club then had more members. BF also commented that he considered competitions don't encourage members to play and this was the consensus of opinion of those present.
- 6.4 It was however agreed that AC be asked to give some consideration to a competition for those with lower NGS rankings, although the club does currently have competitions for those with NGS rankings between 4 and 6.

Action AC

7. Bridge Lessons

- 7.1 Charles Greenlees (CG) reminded the Committee that a new course of beginners' lessons is due to start after Easter.
- 7.2 It was unanimously agreed to minute a vote of thanks to Ruth Edmondson for running the Tuesday afternoon improvers lessons and following bridge session until the end of February whilst Steve Lacey is away on holiday.
- 7.3 Sue Gregory (SG) informed the Committee that she had received an e-mail from the EBU advertising both teacher and director courses although they were expensive.

8. Bridge Sessions

- 8.1 Discussion on this item continued on from the previous item with respect to training.
- 8.2 The Committee was advised that Andy Carpenter (AC) had delivered some Director training at the end of November. AC remarked that this was low level training covering the first 2 sessions of the EBU 4 session Director training course but adequate for directing at club level bridge.
- 8.3 Mel Melville-Brown (MMB) meeting chair wondered whether the club should subsidise in some way members who would be keen to undertake directing and/or teacher training through EBU courses. MMB requested that an item on Directing and Teaching courses be included on the agenda for the next Committee meeting.
- Action AS**
- 8.3 Charles Greenlees suggested that perhaps AC could deliver another director training session in the club. It was agreed that AC should e-mail members to determine interest.

9. Building Maintenance & Improvements

- 9.1 It was reported that the club fire alarm system had been serviced.

10. Correspondence

- 10.1 Nil

11. Any Other Urgent Business Notified to the Chair

- 11.1 Nil

12. Date of Next Meeting

- 12.1 The next Committee meeting will be held on Monday 13th March at 5-00 pm.

Allan Simpson
Secretary