

PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held via Zoom on 21st February 2022

Attendees:	Steve Lacey	Chair	(SL)
	Mel Melville-Brown	Vice Chair	(MMB)
	Charles Greenlees	Treasurer	(CG)
	Allan Simpson	Secretary	(AS)
	Bruce Foster	Committee	(BF)
	Diane M ^c Gregor	Committee	(DM ^c)
	Toni Fairhead	Committee	(TF)
	Gill Seymour	Committee	(GS)
	Andy Carpenter	Trustee	(AC)
	Ailie Henry	Trustee	(AH)

1. Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies received from Martin Berkien Committee, Karan Murphy Committee and Jenny Young Trustee.

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting 10th January 2022

- 2.1 Minutes dated 12th January 2022 were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 Item 4.3 - Complete.

Item 7.1 - Complete

Ongoing Item 9.1.4 from 26th November minutes - Complete.

4. Treasurer's Report

- 4.1 Charles Greenlees (CG) treasurer tabled management figures to the 31st January 2022, see Annex A, and considered there were no areas of no concern at the moment.

- 4.2 CG proposed that the club cleaner, Claire, should be awarded a wage increase. As a self-employed cleaner the club currently pays Claire £12 a day for cleaning the club 5 times a week with each visit taking more than an hour. The Committee unanimously agreed that this should be increased to £15 per day for 5 cleaning occasions per week.
- 4.3 CG further reported that when the WiFi contract expired he purchased a Vodafone GigaCube as at that time online bridge might have been played in the club with the best option being a 2 year contract.
- 4.4 As it is a personal contract it should now be transferred to Plymouth Bridge Club (PBC). The Committee agreed that CG should arrange for the GigaCube number 07392748844 to be transferred to PBC and also agreed that the club would be liable for all bills for the remainder of the contract.
- 4.5 CG advised the Committee that he is also treasurer to Plymouth Ramblers and proposed that when the Zoom contract is renewed it would make sense to share the cost with Plymouth Ramblers as neither organisation makes extensive use of Zoom. It was agreed by the Committee that on renewal Zoom costs should be shared 50/50 with Plymouth Ramblers.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

- 5.1 Allan Simpson (AS) reported that there had not been any membership applications since the last meeting.

6. Competitions Committee Report

- 6.1 Andy Carpenter (AC) reported that the following competitions were in progress:

Handicapped Teams - With the Alison Chatterton team of 4 currently in the lead.

Beryl Edmonds Cup - Malcolm Jones and Jim Dunn currently in 1st position with 75.00%.

Spring Competitions - Running to 31st March 2022.

Team Match - Horsham Bridge Club 16th March 2022.

- 6.2 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair thanked the Competitions Committee.

7. Bridge Sessions

7.1 F2F sessions

7.1.1 Tuesday Social Bridge.

Allan Simpson (AS) proposed that whilst the Tuesday afternoon sessions attract those who haven't played or prefer not to play online and those who only want a social game of bridge they should continue with the current hosting arrangements. This was agreed.

7.1.2 Thursday Duplicate (Hybrid).

AS stated that again this session attracted those who haven't played or prefer not to play online. However some members seem to be unhappy with merged results possibly due to the disparity in the NGS rankings between F2F and online players.

It was agreed that until the F2F section of the Thursday hybrid games attract more players and the sections become more even in size and strength merged results would be uploaded to the EBU for Master Points (MPs) and the collection of Universal Membership Subscriptions (UMS) but each section would be uploaded separately to be processed for NGS.

7.1.3 Friday Evening F2F

Andy Carpenter reported that it was now intended to hold Friday evening F2F sessions fortnightly in March on the 11th and 25th and then weekly from April.

7.1.4 There was general discussion on measures that could be implemented to encourage members back to F2F sessions. Mel-Melville Brown (MMB) stated that all options are worth exploring and the club still had grant money that could be used.

7.1.5 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair wound up by saying that it is obvious some people are still timid about venturing out and that we should encourage and expand F2F sessions as much as possible.

7.2 Bridge Movements

7.2.1 Bruce Foster (BF) opened discussion on a listing of preferred movements and numbers of boards that had been previously circulated to the Committee.

7.2.2 It was generally considered that for online games RealBridge sessions tended to be quicker than those on BBO with 24 boards and 7 minutes a board being about right for BBO.

7.2.3 After a brief discussion it was agreed that the session Director should be left to decide on the number of boards taking into consideration the online platform used and number of participants.

8. Bridge Lessons

8.1 Charles Greenlees reported that the current course for intermediate players was continuing and that a further course of 10 lessons was planned.

8.2 It was unanimously agreed to minute thanks to Alex Lehmann for the time and effort he devotes to these lessons and the manner in which they are presented.

8.2 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair reported that Richard Ayres and himself would start beginner's lessons, probably after Easter.

9. Building Maintenance and Improvements

9.1 Nothing to report.

10. Preparations for the AGM

10.1 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair proposed that the AGM be held on the 5th May 2022, which was agreed.

10.2 It was agreed that the AGM should be used as a springboard to get members back into the club.

11. Correspondence

10.1 There was no correspondence to discuss.

12. Any Other Urgent Business Notified to the Chair

11.1 Nil

13. Date of Next Meeting

12.1 The next Committee was arranged for Monday 28th March at 17-00 hrs.

Allan Simpson
Secretary