

PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held via Zoom on 22nd November 2021

Attendees: Steve Lacey	Chair	(SL)
Mel Melville-Brown	Vice Chair	(MMB)
Charles Greenlees	Treasurer	(CG)
Allan Simpson	Secretary	(AS)
Bruce Foster	Committee	(BF)
Martin Berkien	Committee	(MB)
Toni Fairhead	Committee	(TF)
Karen Murphy	Committee	(KM)
Gill Seymour	Committee	(GS)
Andy Carpenter	Trustee	(AC)
Ailie Henry	Trustee	(AH)

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies received from Diane McGregor (Committee).

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting 18th October 2021

2.1 Issue 2 of the minutes dated 24th October were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Item 11.2 from 13th September minutes - Cancelled. It was agreed not to progress with a WhatsApp Group and instead provide members with instructions on using the Pianola partner finder facility. AS was asked to advise members accordingly.

Action AS

Item 7.8 - See agenda item 7.

Item 7.11 - Complete.

Item 9.3 - See agenda item 9.1.

4. Treasurer's Report

- 4.1 Charles Greenlees (CG) treasurer tabled management figures to the 31st October 2021, see Annex A, and advised there were no concerns with the club finances.
- 4.2 CG stated that members' accounts in the BriAnMAS system were slightly behind but were now getting back on track.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

- 5.1 Allan Simpson (AS) informed the Committee that as more clubs are opening F2F sessions there seems to be some bridge players seeking clubs still running online sessions, especially in the afternoon. AS advised that the club had received requests from bridge players in Truro, Oxford and elsewhere to play in club RealBridge Thursday afternoon sessions.
- 5.2 AS asked if these players should be categorised as online players only, having no stake in the club, without a change to the Constitution.
- 5.3 Martin Berkien (MB) considered that the more members we have the better. After discussion it was agreed that anyone wishing to play in club online sessions could submit a membership application form for consideration by the Committee should they so wish to do so after having played 3 times.
- 5.4 AS also advised that a membership application form is due to be received from Frances Ryan who wishes to join the club to play in Tuesday afternoon sessions. The Committee agreed to accept the application proposed by AS seconded by SL.

6. Competitions Committee Report

- 6.1 Andy Carpenter (AC) reported that the handicapped teams' competition was progressing with the handicaps being difficult to overcome.
- 6.2 AC also reported that in the Children in Need charity pair's event Alex Lehmann and Charles Greenlees were the highest placed club members with an overall ranking of 37 from a field of 1110 pairs. It was agreed that all table money for the event should be donated to CinN.
- 6.3 AC advised that the Mayflower Cup competitions are ending at the end of November and new competitions for the Winter Cups will start in the New Year.

7. Bridge Sessions

7.1 - F2F Sessions

- 7.1.1 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair stated that the question now was when and how we move to more F2F sessions. Tuesday afternoon social bridge has in the main attracted members who have not played online and averages between 3 and 5 tables.
- 7.1.2 Toni Fairhead remarked that the Tuesday session provided a good transition from lessons to actual games and a few beginners now regularly attend.
- 7.1.3 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair and Andy Carpenter (AC) commented on the first Friday evening F2F session held on the 19th November with 4 tables. The regular Friday evening session on BBO was also held and attracted 5 tables. AC advised that the next Friday evening F2F session is being held on the 3rd December. Bruce Foster (BF) stated that he is happy to continue to direct the Friday evening BBO sessions.
- 7.1.4 The introduction of hybrid games was then discussed with an agreement that we should trial a hybrid game on Thursday 6th January 2022. Those who wished to play online and those wishing to play F2F in the club would play the same hands as 2 different sections of the same game and the scores would be merged.

7.2 - Online Sessions - Bridge Etiquette

- 7.2.1 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair enquired why the item was on the agenda. Allan Simpson (AS) responded that a few members are unhappy that some players eat and drink whilst playing as well as conducting post mortems at the table.
- 7.2.2 It was agreed that directors should remind players at the beginning of sessions and can now also put a notice on a banner at the top of a RealBridge session as a reminder to players. If there are any specific concerns about behavior at the table the correct course of action would be to raise a formal complaint.

8. Bridge Lessons

- 8.1 Charles Greenlees (CG) reported that intermediate lessons are going well and another course of 10 lessons will start in the New Year.
- 8.2 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair stated that he and Richard Ayres would run a beginner's course F2F in the club in the New Year but a start date had not yet been decided. These will more than likely be held on a Tuesday morning.

9. Building Maintenance and Improvements

9.1 Nothing to report.

9.1 - Air Purifiers

9.1.1 Toni Fairhead (TF) outlined her findings on investigating the fitting of air purifiers in the main bridge room. TF informed the Committee that there was a huge range on the market for both domestic and medical applications. Domestic purifiers mainly dealt with fumes and pollen etc so therefore a medical unit was more appropriate.

9.1.2 TF advised that she had approached 2 companies that dealt with purifiers for medical applications and that it was recommended that we should aim to meet a 10 x air change per hour requirement so would probably need 2 units especially taking the room users' age profile into consideration.

9.1.3 After discussion it was agreed that if the club invests in air purifiers it should cover the upstairs main room as well on the basis that the club is the landlord of the building and should provide the safest environment possible for all users.

9.1.4 Steve Lacey (SL) Chair proposed that further investigation should be delegated to the House Committee (SL, CG & AH) together with TF. This was agreed by the Committee.

Action SL, CG, AH & TF

10. Correspondence

10.1 There was no correspondence to discuss.

11. Any Other Urgent Business Notified to the Chair

11.1 Nil

12. Date of Next Meeting

12.1 The next Committee was arranged for Monday 10th January 2022 at 17-00 hrs.

Allan Simpson
Secretary