

PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of the committee meeting held via Zoom on 22nd May 2023

Attendees: Steve Lacey	Chair
Charles Greenlees	Treasurer
Allan Simpson	Secretary
Diane McGregor	Committee
Bruce Foster	Committee
Sue Gregory	Committee
Gill Seymour	Committee
Mel Melville-Brown	Vice Chair
Andy Carpenter	Trustee

1 Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Ailie Henry (Trustee)

2 Minutes of Committee Meeting 17th April 2023

2.1 The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true record. Proposed CG, Seconded BF

3 Matters Arising

3.1 There were no matters.

4 Duties of Secretary

4.1 Sue Gregory offered to be the Minute Secretary. She will no longer be a Committee member as now an Officer.

4.2 Allan Simpson still is the Membership Secretary

4.3 Now need 2 more Committee members. Suzanne Cornish was co-opted onto the Committee as a Committee member.

4.4 Charles Greenlees offered to be a Trustee and a Committee member.

4.5 Possible Members to be co-opted onto the Committee were suggested.

5 Monday Afternoon Bridge

5.1 At the AGM held on 28th April there was a vote in favour for the Bridge to be played F to F on a Monday afternoon at the club. 10 members voted for this, 8 abstained and 4 were against. Charles said that out of the 130 members of Plymouth Bridge Club only 10% had voted for this change.

However, the vote was carried at the AGM and online Real Bridge will change to F to F on a Monday from 5th June.

5.2 Steve would contact Ali Blake to organise the dealing of the cards.

5.3 Directors and Scorers will be needed. Steve willing to direct and Allan willing to score.

5.4 Rachael has organised a host rota for both Monday and Thursday.

5.5 Andy said that the club ought to have an online game in the afternoon. A hybrid session was suggested but this was not popular when previously tried. Alternate Mondays of Real Bridge and F to F was dismissed.

5.8 Steve suggested that F to F bridge should go ahead on a Monday for a trial period of 6 weeks. This was agreed by the Committee.

5.9 Bruce suggested a Wednesday afternoon for an online game on Real Bridge. Bruce willing to set this up and advertise it to other clubs. This will start on 21st June and Directors will be needed.

5.10 Allan said Jenny Northmore had offered to run a social game on a Sunday with Tea. It was decided to address this at the next meeting.

6 Issues arising from the investigation of incident that occurred on 23rd March

6.1 The Committee discussed the implications of and argument that arose from an incident at a table where the director was one of the players.

We agreed the following :

Should this situation arise in future and there is another director present in the game, that "independent " director should be asked to rule on the issue in question.

Clearly when there is no alternative director, the tournament director must adjudicate.

We wish to emphasis that always the directors' decisions must be accepted without argument.

7 Treasurer's and Membership Secretary Report

7.1 Charles gave the Treasurer's Report as Allan just taken over. The Club is breaking even. The membership subs are to come in. The insurance is expensive. A new lap top was purchased.

7.2 Income and expenditure to be presented for 2 years instead of 3. Must try to increase the income because of rising energy costs.

7.3 Bruce wanted the club to put some money into a Savings account. Allan will look into this.

7.4 Membership- 31 had not renewed their Membership. 5 not re- joining, 3 playing in their own club.

7.5 Jane McMullin wanted to thank Alex Lehmann and Charles for the lessons on zoom.

8 Competition Committee

8.1 The decision was made not to hold any competitions as the numbers were too few, except for the Beryl Edmonds cup.

9 Director and Teacher training

9.1 Sue will arrange to do the teacher course in Exeter in September supported financially by Plymouth Bridge club.

9.2 Charles asked if Nikki Bellers was helping with the lessons as PBC had contributed to her teaching course. Steve to email her to help with the lessons.

9.3 Andy will organise the Director's Training.

10 Bridge Lessons

10. 14 people attend on a Tuesday morning for lessons and on Tuesday afternoon there are usually 4 tables with half an hour instruction first.

11 Building Maintenance and Improvements.

11.1 Ailie Henry was meeting the person who was going to clean the outside of the club building and get an estimate.

11.2 Charles was going to get an estimate for a PAT test of all the Club's appliances.

12 Correspondence

12.1 none

13 Any other Business

13.1 none

14 Date of Next Meeting

14.1 Monday 26th June after the Bridge session at the club and on zoom. Time 4.30 pm.

Susan Gregory

Secretary