

PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM AND IN PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB ON 7TH OCTOBER 2024 AT 5PM

Attendees:	Steve Lacey	Chair
	Mel Melville-Brown	Vice Chair
	Allan Simpson	Treasurer
	Andy Carpenter	Secretary
	Bruce Foster	Committee
	Rachael Walters	Committee
	Gill Seymour	Committee

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Charles Greenlees, Ailie Henry and Diane McGregor.

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting 19th August 2024

2.1 The minutes of the Committee meeting were accepted.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Steve to check PAT Testing with Steve Ekland.

4. Treasurer's Report

4.1 Allan presented the Financial Summary up to 30th September. Total Income was £17,440.56. Total Expenditure was £14,342.74 with depreciation of £1,481.00. There is a surplus of £1,616.82 to 30th September. There was a water problem in the downstairs ladies' toilet which has now been resolved but caused an increase in water costs. There has also been an increase in catering help and refreshment costs as the club has been open more in 2024 – face to face bridge recommenced on Mondays in June 2023.

4.2 There are no significant changes to the budget from the beginning of the year. In repairs and maintenance we will not be painting the outside of the building this year. New cards for the new duplimator cost £480.

4.3 The Mark 4.6 duplimator is beyond economic repair. Jannersten has offered a refurbished Mark 4.6 machine at a cost of Euros 1,800 (£1,500) with a trade in of our old machine of Euros 500. It was agreed that we should accept this offer. We are keeping our Mark 4.4 machine as a back up. The refurbished machine may be sold to Tavistock Millennium Bridge Club (or another bridge club) in due course.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

5.1 Allan reported that there are 111 members currently. One applicant will not be accepted to membership until they have played 3 times in the club. They will attend lessons on Monday evenings and then go on to play on Tuesday afternoons.

6. Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) progress report

6.1 Allan and Andy reviewed and made minor changes to the Constitution based on the Charity Commission guidance. Allan awaits a signature from Charles on the Trustee declaration. Then the submission to the Charity Commission will be completed. The sub-committee met on Monday 30th September and went through and agreed the submission documents.

7. Bridge it's a big deal event

7.1 Steve said the event went very well. Rachael advised that the taster session had 7 attendees who played minibridge with the team. There was a good atmosphere. All the attendees are coming to bridge lessons. On the Sunday duplicate session there were 9 tables with representation from Newton Abbot, Tavistock and Fort Stamford. Allan said that Rachael had done an exceptional job with her helpers. One point that was made was that lessons should go slowly so that attendees could learn more easily. The EBU are intending to make Bridge – It's a big deal an annual charity event.

7.2 Allan advised that charitable donations of £50.50 were received on Thursday, £180 from table money on the Sunday and further donations of £230 totalling £460.50. The EBU target was £60,000 and to this morning they have reached £90,328 plus £4,476 of gift aid.

7.3 The Committee agreed to run the event again next year with the Duplicate session on the Saturday and the Taster session on the Sunday.

7.4 Mel has been in contact with the Age Awareness group encouraging a link up for lessons etc to help improve peoples mental and social wellbeing.

8. Building Maintenance

8.1 Steve to check PAT Testing with Steve Ekland.

9. Correspondence

9.1 None

10. Any Other Business

10.1 Tom Gall has offered to cater for the Christmas party. Steve and Gill to speak with Tom. It was agreed that the Christmas party would be held on Thursday 12th December in the evening.

10.2 Rachael said that we needed to re-emphasise the etiquette on bridgemates with Norths. Steve will do this on Thursday and Andy on the next Friday session.

10.3 Andy, Mel and Bruce will arrange a rota to play with one of the players who doesn't have a regular partner on a Tuesday evening.

10.4 Judy Ripley has offered to look after the lending library. This offer was accepted.

11. Date of Next Meeting

11.1 The date of the next meeting is Monday 18th November at 5pm.