

WEST OF ENGLAND BRIDGE CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – January 13,2016

Those Present: Gareth Evans, Chris Frew, Alan Evans, Jan Duncan, Bernice Horseman, Jen Challoner, David Jones

1. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with no matters arising.

2. Chairman's Report (Gareth Evans)

Pianola

Pianola have said they will be looking at our requirements shortly.

The Friday league question had now been resolved.

Golden Hill

Gareth had emailed Martin Jones but as yet has had no response. He will try again before the next meeting.

Subscriptions

As West of England is a not for profit club he saw no reason to increase the membership fee or the table money this year.

Directing

Directing duties had been organised whilst Gareth is away. Gareth thanked Alan Evans for arranging this.

3. Treasurer's Report (Chris Frew)

Chris Frew proposed moving £30,000 to the HTB 120 Day Notice Business Savings Account (Issue 1) paying 1.6% p.a. variable. This was agreed. Account signatories to be Gareth Evans, Bernice Horseman, Chris Frew and Alan Evans. Transactions to require any two signatories. Chris Frew to organise.

4. Golden Hill Liaison Officer's Report (Alan Evans)

Golden Hill had contacted Alan about the rubbish situation after the Christmas Party.

The heating problem had now been resolved.

5. Tournament Secretary's Report (David Jones)

The West of England team won the County qualifier for the Garden Cities Teams of 8 held on 10th January 2016 ahead of two strong Bristol teams thereby qualifying for the Regional Final to be held in early May. The team was Aidan Schofield and Suzy Lawson, Robert Covill and Steve Turner, Eric Page and Colin Oakley, Jeremy Rickard and David Jones.

The Committee congratulated them.

Dates for West of England club competitions for 2016 will be proposed by David shortly and once agreed posted on the web site.

6. Fun Secretary's Report (Jen Challoner)

The Christmas Party was a great success and Jen gave thanks to the Committee and her 'elves' for their help.

Gareth , on behalf of the Committee, thanked Jen for organising such a splendid event.

A few issues arose about the food/quiz but these will be discussed at a meeting closer to the next Xmas party.

Burns night – Wednesday 27th

Jen has organised this event and it is all in hand. Tickets are being sold at £6 to include food, play and a tot(s) of whisky.

Doors to open at 6.30 with play to start at 7.15. Food to be served between 9- 9.45.

Whisky has been kindly donated by Alan Peake-Payne and Robert Covill.

Thursday sessions

Numbers have been increasing with the last few sessions reaching 6 tables.

The Thursday xmas lunch had been a great success.

Lorna Watson has been giving bridge lessons at Stoke Lodge but would like to teach her pupils at WoE on Tuesday mornings. She will advertise and charge £12 for the two hour session. We would pay her £50 for these sessions. This would, hopefully, serve as a link for her pupils to then join our Club. It was proposed that she start these sessions in early Feb for a 8 week taster session to see how it goes.

Gareth said that Jen should also be paid for her work and time spent on the Thursday afternoons.

Presentation by Robert Glass on Wellaware

Robert Glass met with the Committee to talk about Well Aware, with the intention of raising awareness of the organisation to the club members via posters, leaflets, the Club website, and a short 15-20 mnute chat to players on its main bridge evening (before play starts). This was agreed.

7. Any Other Business

Chris Frew said that Arnold Taylor has had to stop coming to the Club for various reasons. As Arnold is a founder member of the club and has helped and supported the club over the years it was felt that we would acknowledge this at the next AGM in May.

Bernice said that she would start to collect membership subscriptions at the beginning of March.

The existing printer is being temperamental so we may think about replacing it.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9th March 2016 at 6.15 pm

Signed Date