

WEST OF ENGLAND BRIDGE CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – November 18, 2015

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

1. Minutes of the last meeting

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

2. Chairman's Report (Gareth Evans)

Wellaware

Robert Glass has mentioned his volunteer work for this charity and wondered if we could support it. It was agreed that we should invite Robert to our next Committee meeting to tell us more about Wellaware.

Pianola

Pianola had promised to make some changes to the software but as this has not happened to date Gareth has agreed to chase it up.

3. Tournament Secretary's Report (David Jones)

Trophies

Trophies had now been ordered for the presentation at the Christmas Party.

Garden Cities

We hope to be represented by one or more teams in this competition.

4. Golden Hill Liaison Officer Report Alan Evans)

Christmas

The Club is **open** on 21, 23, 28 and 30 December.

Alan will ask on Friday 20th November whether there would be support to hold an American Summer on Friday 1st January. [He has subsequently polled people and there was insufficient support].

Thursday afternoon sessions will not run on 24 or 31st December.

Licence

The Licence for a bar extension has been arranged for the Christmas party.

5. Fun Secretary Report (Jen Challoner)

Christmas Party

Jen and **Jan** to sell tickets at £7 per playing member (52 total) £5 per non playing guest. No partner is needed for the event.

Ian Mundy will do the food. **Gareth** is to be Tournament Director and MC., **David** will compile 6 interesting boards to include in the 18 boards we are planning to run. **Chris** will be the photographer, **Alan** to be the ticket collector and liaison officer with Sue from Golden Hill. **Laurie** will sell the raffle tickets. **George Whyte** will do the quiz (20 questions). **Steve Tomlinson** will let us know if he will be the question master.

Jen has bought the raffle, hamper and fun prizes and she and Laurie will decorate the room on Wednesday 16th December.

Timetable

5.30 The Committee arrive to set up room. Ian will arrive with the food but alas he cannot stay as he has another commitment.
6.30 Guests arrive
7.00 Play starts (18 boards) with various fun prizes for the bridge.
9.00 – 9.30 Food to be served
9.30-9.45 Trophies to be presented
9.45-10.45 Quiz
10.45-11.00 Some Fun? All will be revealed on the night
11.00 Raffle and winner of ticket prize

Thursday Bridge

The Thursday teaching group started on 5th March with 4 people and now averages 3 or 4 tables.

David Jones and Robert Glass have been invaluable and greatly appreciated by the class.

They sometimes do short lessons at the beginning of each session.

A few have been coming on Wednesday and Friday evenings which was one of the aims.

In February a discussion will be held about plans for the future of the group and this will be reported back to the Committee meeting in March.

Jen said special thanks to Robert, David, Laurie, Alan, Jane Drew and Bernard.

Gareth, on behalf of the Committee, said a big thank you to Jen and her helpers for all the energy and enthusiasm they have displayed whilst setting up and supporting the Thursday group.

Zodiac Pairs

This item is to be removed from the calendar.

6. Any other Business

Redevelopment of Golden Hill

Gareth Evans will talk to Martin Jones in the new year.

Sticky cards.

Several members had complained about the state of the cards. It was agreed that committee members should make a note of any cards which require replacement.

Christmas party

It was agreed that there would be no arrowswitching at the Christmas party to enable one EW and one NS winner.

7. Date of next meeting

Wednesday, 13th January 2016 at 6.15 pm

Signed

Date