

West of England Bridge Club

Minutes of a Committee meeting held Wednesday 6th March 2019

Present: Chris Frew (Chair), Alan Evans, Bill Ashford, Jen Challoner, Bernice Horseman, Jan Duncan.

Apologies: Alan Williams

- 1 Minutes of 16th January meeting
Approved, and signed by Bernice as Vice Chairman.
- 2 Actions arising. Most actions arising from the 16th January Committee meeting are included in New/Major Business items below. Other actions:
 - 2.1 (from AGM) Jane Chapman wants a secure bike rack. AE has told Ash of LifeCycle Bristol. Chris has now raised the item with Keith Milsom. **Action: in progress.**
 - 2.2 (3.5) Review of Membership and Playing Charges from 2019/20. Chris's action was to recirculate the minuted agreement of 21-3-18. Action completed.
However Bernice and Jan felt strongly that, had they appreciated that the 'first full year membership for £5' was enduring, rather than a transitional device for 2018/19, they would have opposed. After extended discussion Chris summarised that, for practical reasons we need to implement as minuted this year, but the new Committee may reconsider for next year.
 - 2.3 (3.3) Partner Finding. Laurie now has a list of all members and contact details.
- 3 New/Major Business items
 - 3.1 GHS clubhouse refurbishment:
 - 3.1.1 Outstanding issues: Chris has written re (I) mirror in ladies: now installed (ii) security box for stairlift controls: both users now have their own keys. The bookcase has gone to Laurie's.
Action: Alan E will show Jen how the Key Safe works
 - 3.2 Venue options: news and views.
We want to keep in contact with options identified in our contingency plans. **Action: Chris** to write.
 - 3.3 Burns' Night post mortem.
Jen summarised as a great success, feeding 67 people - a record number. Jen recorded thanks to her Potato Team, and Lesley Reed for her gift of 130 sausages.
Jen also felt that it was anomalous that non-members pay the same as members for attendance. Differential pricing of £7 members, £10 non-members was agreed and will apply to all Fun Events in future; beginning with Bastille Night - to be held on 24th July, to ensure Jen's availability.
 - 3.4 Review of AGM matters (15th May)
Jane Chapman has recently retired and is happy to be a candidate for Committee. Chris will put the formal Calling Notice and form for Committee nominations on the noticeboard – though potential candidates will need to unlock it to sign up!
Jan volunteered to acquire prosecco and nibbles to entice attenders.

- 3.5 Review calendar dates of upcoming competitions
Next event: Nick Barham-Hall Cross-imped Pairs championship 18th March. Chris is housing one of the pair of trophies for this event; the other is missing.
- 3.6 Any Other Business, including Members' reports
- 3.6.1 Rationalisation of Directors' fees. We agreed targeted increases, to apply immediately:
Mon pm £35
Mon eve £35
Weds eve £35
Thurs pm at Jen's discretion; currently £15 to each organiser, £20 to Alan E
Fri eve £40 (while table numbers persist)
- 3.6.2 Lilian Skinner funeral arrangements. Stop Press: since Committee, a date has been fixed: 1st May, 1:30pm at Worle Crematorium, then 3:00 pm at Filton Golf Club. Chris is driving, Bernice will come, other spaces available.
- 3.6.3 GHS infrastructure: the external door light needs to be repositioned, and the paving slabs by the entrance are wobbly. **Action: Alan E** to write to Ash.
- 4 Date of Next Meeting:
Wednesday 1st May, **6:00 pm**, at GHS.

Agreed

Date