

## West of England Bridge Club

Minutes of a Committee meeting held Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

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

Apologies: Alan Williams

- 1 Minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> December meeting  
Approved, and signed by Bernice as Vice Chairman.
- 2 Actions arising. Most actions arising from the 5<sup>th</sup> December 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 will now raise the item with Keith Milsom. **Action: CF.**
  - 2.2 (from June gathering) Redesign of Membership Application form. CF circulated a design; this was discussed and agreed, and is now in Dropbox.
  - 2.3 (3.1.1) Letter of thanks to Henleaze BC was sent by Chris.
  - 2.4 (3.5) Xmas/New Year session cancellations: Action on Alan E completed.
- 3 New/Major Business items
  - 3.1 GHS clubhouse refurbishment:
    - 3.1.1 Outstanding issues: Chris has written re (i) cupboard space. Jen asked Bob Quant if Henleaze BC could squeeze up; no joy. (ii) coat storage. GHS suggestion that we use a changing room is rejected (iii) bookcase removal. Waiting for Chris to fix a date with Laurie, to remove to Laurie's. (iv) Friday bar service – now restored. (v) Noticeboard; GHS considering Chris's suggestion on restoring our old noticeboard. Chris reminded Committee that the Noticeboard has an explicit role in our Constitution.  
New items that need to be raised: (vi) a mirror in the Ladies (vii) storage boxes for the stairlift remote controls, as previously agreed. **Action: CF** to write again.
    - 3.1.2 Stairlift. Actions outstanding:
      - (i) Alan E to learn how it operates - done
      - (ii) **Action: Alan E** to put Operating Instructions into Dropbox.
      - (iii) Action on Alan W to order extra keys: done, but yet to arrive.
  - 3.2 Venue options: news and views.  
Henleaze Bowling Club have requested a meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January.
  - 3.3 Partner finding.  
Laurie has agreed to do this. Committee agreed that he should have a print of members' phone numbers and email contact details. **Action: Chris** to provide.
  - 3.4 Burns Night arrangements  
Jen detailed the arrangements and timings. Steve Turner is booked for the address to the haggis. We will eat at 9:00 pm. Alan E will direct, and will remove all necessary technology on the prior Monday evening. Chris and Jen will fill their cars with side tables on the prior Monday evening. **Actions: Jen, Chris, Alan E.**

- 3.5 Review of Membership and Playing Charges from 2019/20  
 There is still confusion around Membership fees, in particular when and how the ‘early years’ discount expires. **Action: Chris** to confirm his explanation and resend the appropriate Committee minute of 21-3-18.
- 3.6 Review of Committee roles and candidates for 2019/20.  
 Chris reported that Laurie is prepared to stand at the AGM, as is Bridget Johnson. Both Alan Williams and Bernice are standing down at the AGM, and Vicki resigned two months ago. The remainder of the Committee is prepared to stand again. Even if all elected, we would still have one Committee vacancy to be filled. An afternoon player would add useful balance: **Action: Jen** to encourage further candidates on Thursday.
- 3.7 Review calendar dates of upcoming competitions  
 Jan reported a lack of interest in entering the Garden Cities event 2019, despite her prompting. We can do no more.  
 Committee decided not to enter EBU Simultaneous Pairs for 2019.
- 3.8 Any Other Business, including Members’ reports  
 (i) Jen reported on the success of the Xmas Party; and a profit of over £100.  
 (ii) Lilian Skinner, a prominent former member for many years, has sadly died. Chris, Bernice and Jan will attend the funeral at Worle on 31<sup>st</sup> January at 1:30 pm.  
 (iii) Alan E reported that GHS may possibly be letting the room on Wednesday afternoons; which may affect Committee meetings.  
 (iv) Bill warned that the End of Year Accounts will show a large loss, because of the cost of the stairlift.
- 4 Date of Next Meeting:  
 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, **6:00 pm**, at GHS.

Agreed .....

Date .....