

MINUTES

Nottingham Bridge Club

Minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on Saturday 25th February 2023

PRESENT:

President Mark Goddard

Chairman David Dunford

Treasurer/Membership Phil Gross

Secretary

Gerry McCormack, Stefka Samos, Paul Goodwin, Margaret Litchfield, Andrew Scott, Sue Hollis, Jean Mckee

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| 1 | Apologies: Marc Gaudart Wilf Fenwick |
| 2 | Minutes of the meeting held on 6 th November 2022 – accepted

There were no matters arising from the Minutes |
| 3 | Decisions taken by email
The ring camera at the entrance is working and can be checked on the computer. It is easy to see who is leaving and that the alarm is set and door locked. The code only lasts a month. A possible way forward is a club mobile phone kept in the safe. The installation of a membrane under the gravel by the path leading to the entrance has been approved. |
| 4 | Health and Safety
Air quality is poor with windows closed. Perhaps consider opening windows

CCTV |
| 5 | The camera has stopped working. Do we actually need it. Perhaps a warning notice in the car park as a deterrent.
Damp in the office is being investigated. A dehumidifier has been hired to dry it out before painting.
Conduct Appointment of Irene Brown as chair with Tony Ward and Andrew Scott as members. The appeals process is in the constitution |
| 6 | Bridge
Tuesday evenings now has 135 face to face members
Thursday evenings. Lesley and Paul Sweet have volunteered to trial this face-to face after Easter. 2 or 3 directors have offered to help occasionally.
Swiss teams – Date moved to 30 th April. Free food for members. £5 table fees for non members, normal rate for members
Teaching
There have been some fruitful discussions with interested parties which have resulted in the following teaching programme:
Although not to be used for the time being, Mini Bridge will be considered as a way of attracting interest from the public should the numbers for Andrews beginners classes fade.
Andrew will provide one-year beginners' classes during the academic year.
Dave Natrass will provide supervised play sessions, blending into the end of Andrew's course.
The supervised play will have a limited duration with the players encouraged to move into the Wednesday evening Acol only drives. |

Andrew, Dave and the Wednesday team will work together to make the transitions as seamless as possible. The Wednesday team and others will act as helpers during the supervised play.

There was detailed discussion about what extra teaching would be given as part of the supervised play to equip people to move into the Wednesday evening drives.

In addition Dave Nattras will offer various “improvers” teaching on Thursday evenings and Andrew continues his coaching sessions on Thursday afternoons. Mark Goddard and Richard Bonnelo have offered to provide occasional teaching sessions and we welcome the introduction of zoom teaching sessions by the County.

Andrew is willing to continue Monday teaching but need to discuss more options. Possibly a portfolio of people with a few lessons at a time. To be discussed outside the meeting

Robots There is now only one BBO drive. It was voted against banning people playing with robots

Charity drives We are unable to give money to another charity but can fund raise on their behalf. The Ukraine event went very well. Possible to approach a committee member if a member wishes to run one

Coronation weekend It was thought unnecessary to run a special event

Flats A possible concern that a previous report stated the chimneys are rotten. Sue will check this with the agent

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Treasurers report

Very healthy balance of £43,500. This is increasing gradually. Wilf has given his ID to the bank so that there are 3 people to sign cheques.

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Membership On line collection of fees. 164 members. 154+10 life/honorary members

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Bar

The cooler has failed the PAT test and needs replacing. Paul has sourced quotes and will sort it.

The bar is cashless, Minimum spend £1

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual accounts have been formally signed off

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Annual report – progress is being made on risk assessment.

Harry Lodge Memorial (club) Marian MacDonald nominated

Lucy Shillito (county) David Dunford nominated

AGM Agenda 26th March

Trustee vacancies- A need to approach individuals to fill the vacancies

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Risk register A positive ongoing process with role descriptions and procedures being documented. Thanks to Gerry MacCormack

Garden city and NICKO Need more formal representation between county and club. Entries must be agreed by the trustees

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Date of next meeting 22nd April 3pm