

NOTTINGHAM BRIDGE CLUB - MINUTES OF TRUSTEE MEETING 21 MAY 2022

Present: Mark Goddard (President), David Dunford (Chairman), Geoff Caldwell (Secretary), Phil Gross (Treasurer/Membership), Gerry McCormack, Stefka Samus, Paul Goodwin, Jean McKee, Sue Hollins, Dave Treharne (left meeting before any decisions taken)

1. Apologies for absence
Margaret Lichfield, Marc Gaudart, Wilf Fenwick, Andrew Scott
2. Minutes of meeting of 19th Feb were agreed as a correct record for publication on the website without alteration.
3. Decisions taken by email: a) to provide free bridge and food at : ‘Stand With Ukraine’, Swiss Teams and Jubilee drives. Also b) to host directors course at the club and for the club to subsidise training for the same.
4. Secretary checked all trustees present had signed declaration of eligibility and responsibility. All trustees not present to be pursued over the matter.

5/6. Health and Safety: Gerry McCormack led a risk management training and brainstorming session, culminating in Trustees identifying potential risks to the club grouped as Operational, Strategic, Compliance, or Financial risk.

The outcome to be reviewed by a small project team, as the first step in compiling a risk register. There were a variety of other matters as follows:

- a) Window Cleaner – Dealt with by Phil Gross. There was very little saving by extending the cleaning interval for the flats compared with the ground floor so the whole lot was to be done monthly.
- b) Public Address system. This had been reviewed and a choice obtained by Andrew.
- c) Honours Boards. These were to be dealt with by Gerry using information from website.
- d) Disposal of Bridgemates – these have been disposed of to a very appreciative East Bridgford U3A
- e) The extractor wall fans are failing to operate. Its Geoff’s opinion that a qualified electrician sourced should be consulted to attend to this and any other wiring problems we can think of. David was to pursue this.
- f) The AGM minutes prepared by Geoff were presented with no problems raised.

7. BRIDGE

- a) Online – this is continuing very satisfactorily on Tuesdays for members, but less popular for members and friends on Saturdays.
- b) Various FtoF activities:
 - 1) Monday afternoons – continuing satisfactorily according to UMS Code 12.
 - 2) Jordan cup - Sunday 3 July, 2pm start, 24 boards to be played, free food, normal table, featuring basic Acol systems plus optional Transfers and different partners for each round
 - 3) Teams – David says the last teams was a very successful event. It has been suggested teams events to run four times a year with a summer gap, The next one will be in

September followed by the Crantock Bowl, the customary NBC annual event, to run in November..

- 4) Grahams coaching classes are continuing to be popular.
- 5) Andrews classes to continue successfully, as before.

8. BAR

Bar Committee – Although Dave Treharne had wished to dispense with a bar committee, the general feeling was to retain one and Paul and Andrew to be recruited for that purpose. Mark, as President, is ex-officio a member. Jim Lyons was willing to continue to obtain wine and spirits as required but wanted no part of a bar committee. Pauline Payne will also continue to support the work of the Bar Committee.

- a) Additions to the listing of official authorisation of Pauline Payne, Tony Ward and Mel Shepherd to the listing of those entitled to serve at the bar.

9. Directing – David to arrange a discussion about directing matters with the clubs directors.

11. Zoom subscription – the feeling was that this should continue to enable online discussions as needed.

12. Dealing machine – apparently it is common for clubs have problems with their dealing machines. The opinion was that to buy a replacement would be an expensive solution to any problems and there's no guarantee that a replacement would do any better. Also, the notorious drive belt actually does rather well and would be a lot cheaper to renew than a new machine. Keep a replacement hand in case Geoff feels he can change it without having to resort to an expensive manufacturer solution.

13. Premises – There are a few damp problems which are inevitable on such a large building and there are one or two other minor matters that need attending to.

14. Flats – one of the flats has a damp problem. The Agent to be requested to recruit a builder to deal with this.

15. Treasurers report – the summary as for the AGM still applies.

16. Membership secretaries report – the summary as for the AGM still applies.

17. Date of next meeting – agreed for 10th Sept 22, 3pm.

18. Any Other Business – A letter of appreciation to be sent to Dave Beaumont.