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**ST LEONARDS BRIDGE CLUB**

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**Minutes**

**COMMITTEE MEETING Friday 19 November 2021**

**Present - Andy Eames Eddie Williams Julia Brown Kathy Williams Elaine Ford**

**Minutes of last meeting**

**Amendment to chairman’s report: Horntye have not reduced hiring fee to £60 it is still £70 per session with no tea or coffee provided by them.**

**Chairman’s report**

**Table numbers are still down particularly on Tuesdays but there are signs of some return.**

**We have cancelled Friday afternoons as we were only getting 2 tables.**

**Horntye have been informed that they are breaking their contract with us and are charging us £20 an hour with no refreshments.**

**The manager said we had storage throughout the covid lockdown for no fee and they had kept our booking sessions open. They had lost bookings due to our return to F2F bridge.**

**All other bookings for that room pay £20 an hour. They have promised a new contract as soon as the manager returns from leave.**

**Horntye have also banned parking near the gate.**

**I feel we are being forced out and Horntye are making our bookings difficult.**

**Our CIN Sim pairs raised £100 for the charity. All enjoyed a glass of wine. Despite inviting all the local clubs no visitors showed up.**

**The membership last year was 89 and we have seen 40 members return to F2F bridge.**

**There have been 2 visitors and a new member.**

**We are averaging 10 tables a week giving an income of £114**

**Horntye costs and refreshments mean we need 50 people a week to break even.**

**I spoke to Rachael yesterday who is busy and will not return to bridge until next year.**

**Treasurer’s report**

**In September we had a deficit of £385.65 and in October a further deficit of £80.**

**Our bank balance at the end of October was £35290.46.**

**The voucher system is still very popular.**

**Secretary’s report – Nothing to report**

**Match secretary’s report**

**I will produce a calendar for next year once we have confirmed our new venue. I would like to run a championship pairs for both afternoon and evening players.**

**Our last sessions of 2021 are the 20th and 21st December and suggest we give a glass of wine to members.**

**Suggestions Book – nothing to report**

**New members**

**One new member, waiting for application to be completed.**

**Christmas Party**

**This year it will be a lunch at the Conquerors March.**

**It has proved popular with 19 bookings so far.**

**New Premises**

**The committee have looked at many halls and clubs including the Nunnery in Filsham Road and West St. Leonards Community Hall but they were either unsuitable or couldn’t offer us the days we wanted.**

**Our last visit was to Broomgrove Community Centre which has all the facilities we need, storage and available Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon. Also it is only £10 an hour with a small fee for storage and kitchen use. With the numbers we are getting at the present time we would make a small surplus. There is street parking and a car park opposite the hall. Having no other venues and time running out as building works start at Horntye early next year, the committee voted to move to Broomgrove.**

**The secretary is to produce a letter for all members with details of new venue.**

**Andy to tell Broomgrove we would like to have our first session on January 10th 2022 and to give notice to Horntye.**

**AOB**

**We need an auditor or responsible member so Andy will ask Brian Gould if he would kindly check the accounts for this year.**

**The AGM to be held next year at 12pm on Tuesday 15th February.**

**Date next meeting Tuesday 25th January at 12pm Broomgrove**