Minutes of the Berwick Bridge Club Committee meeting held at 5pm Wednesday, 26 July 2023 online on Google Meet

Status: Approved

Present: Peter Calder (PC) President

Chris Orchard (CO) Vice President
Paul Gipson (PG) Honorary Secretary
Tony Reed-Jones (TRJ) Honorary Treasurer

Louis Moore (LM) Honorary Competitions Secretary

Peter Bistram (PB)

Angela Hutchison (AH)

Nigel Marlow (NM)

Perry Vassie (PV)

Linda Warcup (LW)

Committee member

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Apologies: Kitty Home Robertson

President's welcome

PC welcomed everyone to the meeting. PC said that the club sent a donation of £40 to Marie Curie Foundation following the death of Kitty's son.

Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting were approved unanimously.

Monday afternoon sessions

These will start on Monday, 4 September at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre. PC encouraged Committee members to sign up as hosts and directors. PG will put the sign-up sheets on the website.

Concern was expressed about directors when Coldstream moves to Monday afternoon bridge in November.

2023-24 calendar

The Committee was happy with the final draft of the calendar and PG will arrange printing 50 hard copies. The online calendar will be updated shortly.

Teaching strategy

Unfortunately LW is unable to commit to helping due to work and bridge commitments.

NM volunteered to teach a small number of people and PB agreed to help with coordinating this. PG will provide the information he currently has and we'll discuss progress at the next meeting. It is expected that these lessons will be free.

Online members

PG said we have had a number of guests (SBU members) playing online in our Summer Tuesday pairs. The Committee agreed to invite these guests to join the club from September, if they wish to continue playing, and be eligible for club trophies.

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BABC representative

Berwick will transfer the BABC presidency to Kelso next month. CO agreed to be the club's BABC representative on its committee.

East District League update

PG said that the East District has not made any decisions about the League to date and has only just started advertising the League Secretary post. If our members wish to play online league during the winter, the Bronze League is suitable for most especially as one Silver player per team is permitted.

AOCB

The next meeting will be Wednesday, 4 October at 5pm on Google Meet.

The meeting closed at 5.50pm.

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