

## Minutes of the Berwick Bridge Club Committee meeting held at 5pm Wednesday, 4 October 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)	Committee member
	Angela Hutchison (AH)	Committee member
	Kitty Home Robertson (KHR)	Committee member
	Nigel Marlow (NM)	Committee member
	Linda Warcup (LW)	Committee member

Apologies: Perry Vassie

### **President's welcome**

PC welcomed everyone to the meeting. PC said how sorry he was to hear about the passing of Tony Houghton and Mary Birtwhistle.

### **Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved unanimously.

#### *Teaching update*

NM has started with three people, one of whom is a senior U3A member. NM runs sessions on Monday afternoon, 2-4pm. There have been three sessions to date and everyone is enjoying it.

PC thanked NM for his efforts.

#### *Monday afternoon sessions and directors*

Attendance on Monday afternoons has been patchy but people are enjoying the sessions. Colin Edney will be directing on 16 October.

TRJ asked that the director reports attendees when the computer is not used: AH offered to help as she often attends.

The Committee affirmed its commitment to Monday afternoon bridge and it will certainly continue to December and probably for the rest of the year.

#### *BABC transfer*

PG confirmed that Kelso has taken over the presidency. TRJ confirmed that the BABC funds (£590) have been transferred to Kelso Bridge Club.

## **Membership update**

We currently have 98 members, 76 home members and 22 away members. TRJ has received the membership dues of 94 of them.

There are 49 home members who intend to play at the Parish Centre.

Seven people have resigned: two due to health, one has moved out of the area, two have decided not to restart playing after Covid and two online players did not renew.

*Update: the final membership payment was received on Monday, 10 October 2023.*

## **Christmas Party**

The Christmas Party is scheduled for Thursday, 14 December.

CO will talk to last year's caterers and AH will talk to Ruth Forrest.

PC will be responsible for the drink and PG will arrange the fun bridge.

## **Berwick Congress**

PG said that it is early days but we normally start promoting the congress in January.

CO will check availability with the rugby club, starting with Sunday, 28 April 2024. We will need to arrange catering.

## **AOCB**

TRJ gave a brief update on the financial position as of 30 September 2023. . There has been a small surplus made since the AGM, primarily due to the proceeds from online bridge.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, 6 December at 5pm on Google Meet.

The meeting closed at 5.40pm.