Minutes of Summer Committee Meeting held Tuesday 17 July 2018 at the Old Manse, Paxton.

Present

Christine McCreath, Louis Moore, Jane Smithson, Kate Mole, Paul Gipson, Peter Calder, Nicola Corbyn, Len Hutton, Trish Frew.

Apologies received from Garneth Ellis and John Smithson.

Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising.

These were read and approved.

The AGM nest year will be scheduled for Tuesday 28 May 2019 commencing at 7pm.

Use of single-use plastic cups

Whilst glasses and china cups are available in the hall it has been observed that users were not washing up after themselves. Christine reported that Kelso Bridge Club were using disposable cups at a cost of £130/1000. It was felt a charge of 10p should be made for use of these cups (using an honesty box). We will need to check that appropriate recycling facilities are available at the hall before going ahead and spending money on these.

(After the meeting Jane sourced recyclable cups at a cost of £44.99/1000. It was agreed these could be used free of charge for the forthcoming season and the situation reviewed prior to the next AGM)

Matters arising from AGM

Single Winner Competitions (Royal Bank and Wilf White)

It was agreed that Howell movements could be used for these; this will require changes of direction for some stationary pairs but will do away with an arrow switch for the last round. Members will be advised to check Bridgemates for guidance on movements between tables.

Outdoor lighting

A letter will be written to the vicar, Rev Dennis Handley, with copies to Chairman of the PCC and Hall Caretaker requesting that this should be assessed and improved.

Congress

It was agreed that a donation of £500 should be made to The Grove School.

The date for next year's congress will be Sunday 28 April 2019. Paul to check that Julia Palmer is available to direct. John Smithson will act as convener, a new person will be required to take over receipt of entries from Terry who has done this job for many years.

(After the meeting Julia confirmed her availability)

Next Season

It was agreed that that Tom Woodman team entries should be restricted to the first 22 pairs, thus restricting the number of teams to 11. This should make available a greater number of reserves who can be called upon to make up teams to cover for absences.

The McDonald Cup and Wilf White will each be spread across the whole season.

The Christmas party will be held on Thursday 20 December; Christine will check that Ruth Forrest is available to cater. The price for the party will remain unaltered at £15.

(Subsequent to the meeting it was confirmed that Ruth is available for this date and will charge the same as last year)

Kitchen: this season this will be run by Kate Mole in conjunction with Nicola Corbyn.

Committee members are requested to assist with setting up the room and with clearing away at the end of each session.

AOCB

Betty Kelly Trophy: it was agreed that this could only be awarded to the same person on one occasion.

A review of the condition of bidding box inserts will be made on the first evening of the new season and replacements made as required.

The club will not be participating in any Borders Summer Simultaneous Pairs as we no longer use Bridgewebs.

Date of next meeting TBC, probably Spring 2019.