Minutes of the Berwick Bridge Club Committee meeting held at 5pm Monday, 5 December 2022 online on Google Meet

Present: Peter Calder (PC) President

Paul Gipson (PG) Honorary Secretary

Louis Moore (LM) Honorary Competitions Secretary

Penny Davidson (PD)

Jean Mole (JM)

Committee member

Chris Orchard (CO)

Committee member

Cinda Warcup (LW)

Committee member

Apologies: Canon Christopher Smith, Tony Reed-Jones, Kitty Home Robertson, Angela

Hutchinson

President's welcome

PC welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting were approved unanimously.

PCC update and minutes of ventilation meeting

The minutes of the short committee meeting on ventilation were approved.

The PCC says that all is going ahead with the PIV system. Everything has been ordered and the installation should be fairly quick when it arrives.

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be held at the Parish Centre on Thursday, 15 December and the catering will be done by Northern Soul. Currently we have 35 members registered to attend.

There will be random seating using cards.

Peter will source the drinks. Jean: tea towels, bin bags and investigate table decorations/table cloths. Penny: napkins. Paul: fun bridge and prizes.

Finance update

TRJ supplied a detailed finance update. The summary was that it is seven months since the start of our financial year and our position remains healthy with a bank balance of £11,943.36.

Bridge classes

LW will lead the classes and would prefer to run them on Wednesday evenings. PG will liaise with King James Court to see if they can accommodate us. PD offered to assist LW when available.

The intention is to start in February and start advertising in January.

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Afternoon bridge session at the Parish Centre

PC reported that he'd been asked whether a session could be run in the afternoon at the Parish Centre. It was agreed that the membership had already been asked this year and it would not be appropriate to make a change midseason. It is seen as a decision for the AGM and the committee will consider it when planning its proposals for next season.

The committee welcomes motions in this area for the AGM.

Berwick Congress

The committee agreed to run the congress as a face-to-face event.

The Berwick Rugby Club has been booked for Sunday, 23 April and the caterer (Gemma at C&G Catering) has provided a quotation with many options.

Chris Orchard, a member of the rugby club, agreed to be the convenor for the event. PG will direct and score the event and help with the entry process. PG will seek out Reg Drysdale's checklist from the archive.

It is likely that the event will only be viable with ten teams or more.

AOCB

There was no AOCB.

The meeting closed at 5:45pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 6 February at 5pm on Google Meet.

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