

Berwick Bridge Club

Minutes of Summer Committee Meeting

Held 29/07/2019

At The Old Manse, Paxton

Present: Christine McCreath, Jane Smithson, Louis Moore, Trish Frew, Len Hutton, Peter Calder, Jill Connor. Nicola Corbyn

Apologies: Christopher Smith, Kate Mole, Jo Rowley.

Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

The minutes were accepted: proposed by Louis Moore, seconded by Nicola Corbyn.

Since the last meeting it had been decided that SBU numbers should not be used in Bridgemates as this made accommodating visitors difficult (a limitation of ScoreBridge means that SBU and local numbers cannot be used concurrently).

It was reported that the hosting arrangement for summer bridge was working well.

Matters Arising from AGM

Christine to make some enquiries regarding finding somebody to take a series of lessons for bridge improvers. Most likely to held in the Parish Room one afternoon

Early start

Play to commence at 7pm in the hope of an earlier finish. Christine to include this in President's letter, plus publicise on the website.

Jane intimated her decision to resign as treasurer at the next AGM. Tony Reed-Jones has offered to take over, he will make an application to the bank to become a signatory in advance. Jane will continue as membership secretary for the interim.

Congress

This was considered a success although the caterer did not produce enough food for the latter end of the queue, more portion control required for meat/fish dishes. Trish to approach another caterer (who has experience of congress catering) to get a quote and check availability for next April.

Next year's congress to be held on 26th April 2020. Trish reported that the rugby club has had a facelift with both kitchen facilities and lighting having been improved.

New Season

Programme much the same as last year with revised date for Bobby Allan. It was agreed there should be a 2 week break over the festive period.

Christmas party to be held Thursday 19th December, Ruth Forrest will cater again, it was suggested she included at least one hot dish.

Delegation of Duties

Kate and Nicola will manage the kitchen again. This has been refurbished and it will be necessary to sort out a designated cupboard for storage of our consumables.

The committee as a whole are requested to assist with setting up and clearing away.

It was agreed that tables on club nights should be restricted to 15 maximum on a first come first served basis (as far as possible).

New bidding boxes are to be ordered for the new season.

AOCB

Some of the bridge tables are very wobbly; Peter to purchase some rubber wedges to ameliorate this.