

## **Minutes of the Berwick Bridge Club Committee meeting held at 5pm Monday, 7 June 2021 online on Skype**

Present:	Reverend Canon Christopher Smith (CS)	President
	Peter Calder (PC)	Vice President
	Paul Gipson (PG)	Honorary Secretary
	Tony Reed-Jones (TRJ)	Honorary Treasurer
	Louis Moore (LM)	Honorary Competitions Secretary
	Jill Connor (JC)	Committee member
	Sue Price (SP)	Committee member
	Penny Davidson (PD)	Committee member
	Chris Orchard (CO)	Committee member
	Kitty Home Robertson (KHR)	Committee member
	Jean Mole (JM)	Co-opted Committee member

Apologies:

### **President's welcome**

CS welcomed everyone to the meeting and reiterated the online protocol for the meeting.

### ***New co-opted Committee member***

The Committee voted unanimously to co-opt Jean Mole to the Committee for the coming year. Jean joined the meeting at this point.

CS welcomed Jean and Kitty to the meeting as new Committee members and welcomed Peter in his new role.

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

The minutes of the last meeting were approved unanimously.

### ***Summer bridge and BBO Video Chat***

The Committee felt that BBO Video Chat should be given a longer trial. TRJ noted that the club pays for this feature, although it is free during June. SP said that it was optional to join although PG was concerned that some members struggled due to broadband issues.

The Committee agreed to enable BBO Video Chat for Thursday tournaments during June. PG and LM will monitor attendance and decide whether to enable it further.

### ***Dealing machine***

It was agreed that this item should be moved to the restart of bridge at the Parish Centre.

### ***Trophies***

The club trophies are now with the engraver and will be distributed to their recipients in the next couple of weeks.

### ***Berwick Congress charity contribution***

The Committee agreed with JC's suggestion of the Samaritans (<https://www.lner.co.uk/news/lner-joins-forces-with-samaritans-in-new-partnership-set-to-be-nefit-berwick-and-the-borders/>).

The Committee agreed with TRJ's recommendation of a £100 donation, representing the profit from the congress. TRJ will action this.

### **Matters arising from the AGM**

#### ***League teams policy***

PG will be chairman of the 'league teams' subcommittee. PD and KHR volunteered to work on this subcommittee.

PG has written to the East District President and League Secretary providing them with the feedback from the AGM. He will be attending the East District AGM on Tuesday, 13 July to hear what they say.

The subcommittee will be ready to seek players and pairs for the league teams in late July, assuming the East District's position is known.

#### ***Cashless club***

TRJ will be chairman of the 'cashless club' subcommittee. CO and JM volunteered to assist, providing additional financial experience and extensive knowledge of the club membership.

The subcommittee will flesh out the detail of becoming a cashless club when face to face bridge restarts.

#### ***Restarting bridge at the Parish Centre***

CS will lead this subcommittee, with PC and LM. JC and SP were also volunteered to assist. This is seen as the most important subcommittee.

### **Borders Association of Bridge Clubs representative**

LM volunteered to take on this role and JM offered to assist. PG will be the secretary at the AGM and TRJ will act as treasurer, handling the BABC finances within the club's accounts.

### **Berwick Congress convenor**

CS to speak to the previous convenor to establish whether he wishes to continue in the role. PG expects to provide administrative assistance and TRJ will assist with the financial aspects.

### **AOCB**

PG reported that the 2021 NEBA v East District match has been cancelled.

The meeting closed at 5.40pm.

The next meeting will be on Monday, 26 July at 5pm on Skype.