

Minutes of the Berwick Bridge Club Committee meeting held at 5pm Monday, 6 February 2023 online on Google Meet

Status: Approved ▾

Present:	Peter Calder (PC)	President
	Canon Christopher Smith (CS)	Past President
	Paul Gipson (PG)	Honorary Secretary
	Tony Reed-Jones (TRJ)	Honorary Treasurer
	Louis Moore (LM)	Honorary Competitions Secretary
	Penny Davidson (PD)	Committee member
	Angela Hutchinson (AH)	Committee member
	Jean Mole (JM)	Committee member
	Chris Orchard (CO)	Committee member

Apologies: Linda Warcup, Kitty Home Robertson

President's welcome

PC welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was particularly pleasing to see Christopher was able to attend.

Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting were approved unanimously.

Ventilation update

The PCC says the PIV system has arrived and it is expected to be installed in the next two weeks.

Finance update

TRJ gave a brief overview of the current finances, which are largely unchanged since the last meeting. He expressed surprise at all the subsidies for the Christmas party, as many were new to him, and asked if the committee was happy with this (alcohol, flowers, catering tip). It was noted that these expenses were common in the past.

TRJ reiterated the value of BBO bridge to the club.

The question of table money for the summer bridge should be discussed at the next meeting.

BABC tournaments

LM stated the current position of the Border Teams and the committee reaffirmed its support for a face-to-face event.

PG will email the BABC with the plan for the Border Teams on 21 May and ask them for likely numbers so that the venue can be chosen: Kelso is suitable for a smaller event and Gala is available for more than 12 teams.

The committee also supported the idea of an Borders Online Teams on Sunday, 19 February. This would be a low cost event with no trophy and minimal prizes on RealBridge. PG will direct.

Berwick Congress

CO apologised for a lack of progress due to work but will be focused on the congress for the next few weeks.

He will price up the congress based on one of the meal options and then we shall start advertising.

Broadly speaking everything is under control and there will be a progress update at the next meeting.

Bridge classes

The bridge classes scheduled to start in February were cancelled due to lack of numbers. The committee reiterated its desire to run classes and the concept of a taster session initially was thought to be sensible.

The main issue will be advertising locally to get a reasonable response. The committee will discuss this further when LW is available.

Subsequently TRJ noted the EBU page: [How to run a bridge taster session](#)

AOCB

JM raised the issue of slow play at the club and LM will start using the digital clock again.

PG reminded that the AGM is approaching and we shall need two new committee members (Penny and Jean leaving) and a vice president.

PG also thought that the committee should be proposing motions to the membership addressing bridge from September and the mix of online/offline bridge: the committee remains committed to both.

The meeting closed at 5:45pm.

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