

Minutes of the Berwick Bridge Club Committee meeting held at 5pm Monday, 6 March 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
	Jean Mole (JM)	Committee member
	Chris Orchard (CO)	Committee member
	Linda Warcup (LW)	Committee member

Apologies: 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.

BABC tournaments

The BABC online teams was cancelled due to lack of interest with only three teams entering.

The BABC Border Teams will hopefully be held in May at the Abbey Row Community Centre or Golf Club in Kelso. It will be advertised as soon as the venue is confirmed. John Loudon, Kelso Bridge Club, is being very helpful.

Ventilation update

The PIV system was installed on Friday, 3 March.

Finance update

TRJ reported that the funds held by the SBU from BBO revenues for a potential VAT liability were no longer required. In addition going forward the SBU would not be withholding any funds from clubs/districts on their share of tournament revenue, held on BBO. The funds withheld over the last 30 months are being paid to clubs in February 2023 and Berwick has received £1,128.15.

Berwick Congress

Currently we have 12 teams with three further pairs registered for the event.

CO has collected everything from John Smithson, the previous convenor, and everything is on track. CO will be seeing the rugby club this week to see how many tables they have and establish how many will be needed from elsewhere.

PG has arranged for the loan of boards from Dunbar club and Bridgemates from the SBU. He is liaising with Kate Mole over dealing the boards.

PG has arranged for the return of the three trophies.

Summer bridge

The committee decided to run summer bridge at the Parish Centre, as last year, on Thursday evenings. The evenings will be free and a host system will run as previously.

The club will continue to run online bridge on Bridge Base Online over the summer on Tuesday evenings.

PG will arrange sign-up sheets for Tuesday directors and Thursday hosts.

AGM preparation

PG has booked the Parish Centre for Tuesday, 30 May for the AGM.

PG believes a hybrid AGM is feasible and the committee is keen that members who cannot make it to the Parish Centre will be able to participate.

PG will contact members advertising the committee posts that need to be filled.

The committee wishes to make a recommendation to the AGM on how club bridge is run from September. PG will survey the membership for its views so that viable options can be established.

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The meeting closed at 5.50pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 24 April at 5pm on Google Meet.