

# Minutes of the Berwick Bridge Club Committee meeting held at 5pm Wednesday, 6 December 2023 online on Google Meet

Status: Under review ▾

Present:	Peter Calder (PC)	President
	Chris Orchard (CO)	Vice President
	Paul Gipson (PG)	Honorary Secretary
	Tony Reed-Jones (TRJ)	Honorary Treasurer
	Louis Moore (LM)	Honorary Competitions Secretary
	Peter Bistram (PB)	Committee member
	Angela Hutchison (AH)	Committee member
	Kitty Home Robertson (KHR)	Committee member
	Nigel Marlow (NM)	Committee member
	Perry Vassie (PV)	Committee member

Apologies:

## **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.

### *Berwick Congress update*

The congress is confirmed for Sunday, 28 April 2024. PG is available to direct but would like an assistant this year (CO will speak to his granddaughter). CO will investigate food options and pricing so that we can start an advertising campaign in January.

## **Christmas Party**

The Christmas Party is scheduled for Thursday, 14 December and the caterers will be Northern Soul again. We are charging £16pp.

Currently we have 32 people attending.

CO will check what time caterers need access and let LM know.

PC is coordinating the setup, starting at 5.30pm. KHR will bring a case of wine glasses. AH will bring napkins.

### **Monday sessions in the new year**

PG said that although table numbers are small, there is a core of people who enjoy the afternoon and we would see at least four tables if they all turn up. A couple of people have stopped coming now that you have to drive home in the dark.

There was a chance that the Parish Centre would be available on Wednesday mornings, as an alternative to Monday afternoons, but it would mean a 10-12pm session. PG asked the three tables on Monday on their view and no-one preferred the Wednesday option.

PG recommended that we continue Monday bridge until the end of the season: this was agreed and PG will confirm the booking.

PG added that we'll need directors in January as he will be unable to attend Monday afternoons.

### **Teaching update**

NM said he still has three people attending lessons and they are moving on steadily. Everyone is enjoying them. NM could take another couple of learners if anyone knows any interested people.

PC congratulated NM on his efforts.

### **Table money reconciliation**

TRJ and PG have started preparing for the mid-season table money reconciliation and members will receive an email between Christmas and New Year detailing their current position.

### **AOCB**

PV suggested that the President's letter and calendar should be posted to all members at the start of the new season and was supported by PB. PG outlined the likely additional costs, mainly postage and increased number of printed calendars, but said it was not a lot of work. Although this will be examined nearer the time, there was broad approval across the committee.

PV also asked whether courtesy to partners could be added to the etiquette section of the website: in particular, letting partners know that they would not be playing with them in the following season. PG did not think it was appropriate for the website although agreed with the sentiment.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, 7 February at 5pm on Google Meet.

The meeting closed at 5.45pm.