

# Minutes of the Berwick Bridge Club Committee meeting held at 5pm Wednesday, 7 February 2024 online on Google Meet

Status: Approved ▾

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
	Perry Vassie (PV)	Committee member
	Linda Warcup (LW)	Committee member

Apologies: Kitty Home Robertson, Nigel Marlow

## **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*

CO has agreed the menu and soup arrangements. Tea and coffee will be available on arrival.

PG has arranged to use the SBU Bridgemates (from Ian Ross) and has received additional sets of boards from Dunbar Bridge Club (Tom Robertson).

Entries are now open and 4.5 teams have registered and 11 pairs.

## **Finance update**

TRJ highlighted that we received about £1,500 in BBO revenue. TRJ highlighted the cost of replacing the dealing machine, which would be around £3,000-£3,500. The cost of the service, in the next item, should be seen in this context.

## **Dealing machine update**

Kate Mole was having problems with the dealing machine and arranged for it to be serviced. The rollers were replaced and the machine was serviced at a cost of £342.00.

The Committee would like to thank Kate for taking responsibility for and managing this process.

## **Festival of Bridge, 9-15 September 2024**

PG mentioned that the EBU, WBU and SBU are collaborating to raise awareness and interest in bridge as a mindsport for all ages, as well as raising much-needed funds for Cancer Research UK.

The next Committee may need to modify the 2024-25 calendar to accommodate this.

### **New Committee members**

PC reminded the Committee that PG is standing down as Secretary at the AGM. Kitty and Perry are also retiring from the Committee by rotation although they may stand for Officer positions.

CO suggested that we should highlight the specific role of the Secretary rather than everything that Paul does for the club.

PC said he had been chatting with a number of people about coming onto the committee and was optimistic about finding new people. PG confirmed that five committee members were needed for a quorum and the Constitution limits the committee to twelve members.

PC said we should send out a reminder to members about the available roles prior to the AGM.

### **AOCB**

LM reported that the boombar (external speaker) had stopped working. He will be testing a replacement that he had lying around.

PG will be ordering 2,000 score cards for the congress and next season.

PC mooted that we should send reminders to check with your partner, especially for the Grindon.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, 10 April at 5pm on Google Meet; it will be chaired by CO.

The meeting closed at 5.45pm.