

Minutes of the Berwick Bridge Club Committee meeting held at 5pm Wednesday, 15 May 2024 online on Google Meet

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| Present: | Peter Calder (PC) | President |
| | Chris Orchard (CO) | Vice President |
| | Paul Gipson (PG) | Honorary Secretary |
| | Louis Moore (LM) | Honorary Competitions Secretary |
| | Angela Hutchison (AH) | Committee member |
| | Nigel Marlow (NM) | Committee member |
| | Linda Warcup (LW) | Committee member |

Apologies: Tony Reed-Jones, Perry Vassie, Kitty Home Robertson

President's welcome

PC welcomed everyone to the meeting.

AGM preparation

The purpose of the meeting is to determine if the committee wishes to raise a motion at the AGM.

The initial draft proposed was:

"The Committee proposes to revamp the 2024-25 calendar, with the Royal Bank Trophy, Scott Cup, Macdonald Cup, Tom Woodman Trophy, Wilf White Trophy, Pearson Pot, Calder Salver, Martin Trophy, and Grindon Trophy now being awarded at Parish Centre events.

"As part of the changes, handicaps will be removed, and trophies will be awarded based on rank, such as 'best Bronze pair'. Online events will continue on Tuesdays, with prizes awarded for performance throughout the season."

CO proposed safeguarding the club's future by balancing online and in-person bridge activities. Shifting traditional trophies back to face-to-face competitions aims to increase participation at the Parish Centre without significantly impacting online events.

Details for implementation will be determined by the new Committee. NM requested more than two Tuesday competitions while LM inquired about the format (individual or pairs) for online prizes, citing Coldstream's successful individual format.

PG suggested removing handicaps and introducing ranked prizes, such as awarding the Calder Trophy to the top Bronze pair in Calder-Martin events. This idea received widespread support.

PG also recommended that the individual championship remain online: it is a lot easier to run and only George Martin knew how to run the individuals at the club (and these were limited to 25 people).

The meeting concluded with unanimous agreement to present the motion at the AGM, having secured prior support from Perry and Tony.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.