

## Berwick Bridge Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting held Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017.

**Present:** G Ellis, C McCreath, J & J Smithson, L & D Moore, P Gipson, M Stone, K Mole, T Frew.

**Apologies** received from N Corbyn.

### **Possible mid-season Handicap Review of new members**

Paul will check how reasonable they are and make any adjustments if necessary.

### **Betty Kelly Trophy**

Three possible uses were put forward.

It was decided that a 'Bronze' version of the newly presented George Martin Trophy should be presented to a player in the lower half of the club who had gained the most master points throughout the season. Players who hold the rank of District Master and below (Bronze Levels 1 and 2) at the start of the season will be eligible.

It was agreed that any future offers of presentation of new trophies to the club should be politely resisted, as options for their use are becoming limited.

### **Congress update**

Change of caterer - Ruth Forrest will cater at a cost of £12.00 per head. An entry fee of £25.00 was agreed. Hands for the teams in the evening will be pre dealt and an Australian movement, where each team keeps its home table throughout, will be used.

Jane reported that the congress accounts would be assimilated into the main club account for auditing purposes.

### **Christmas Party**

Ruth Forrest will cater at a cost of £13 per head. £15.00 to be charged. Trish will put a list on the board looking for names with a request for prepayment. Paul will circulate an invitation to members via Pianola. Fun bridge will organised by Paul. Time of set up will depend on room availability.

### **AOCB**

Slow play. This was discussed and concern expressed about slow speed of play. It is hoped this can be improved without resorting to targeting individuals, however Directors can warn people and issue fines as a last resort. It was not felt that an earlier start time was a good idea.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 6pm.