

**Minutes of Berwick-upon-Tweed Bridge Club Committee Meeting held  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July at Kirkbanny**

**Present**

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

**Matters arising from AGM**

Lindsay Competition, This has always been a handicap competition and the committee were happy to let it continue so, subject to Jim Lindsay's approval.

**Bridge Congress.**

This generated a £424.06 profit, it was agreed to make a donation to The North East Air Ambulance of £450.00.

It was confirmed that the Nessie Dickinson Trophy should be presented to the top Berwick Pair, irrespective of whether they were amongst the prize-winners or not. There will continue to be no prize money associated with this trophy.

Next year's congress will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> April in Berwick Rugby Club. Christine/Trish will approach Ruth Forrest to discuss possible alternative catering arrangements.

**Programme for next season.**

No significant changes to be made, although we will not hold a pro-am session of the Grindon. It was noted that although simultaneous pairs generally attract a low level turn out, the sims organised by Peebles Club held in July had been very popular!

**The Christmas party** will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December and Ruth Forrest to be asked to cater again.

**Committee Member responsibilities**

Kate Mole together with Christine McCreath will take responsibility for purchasing supplies for the kitchen.

**Changes to 2017 laws.**

Paul explained that there are 2 new laws of note, the first concerning the placement of the board in play on the table and secondly changes to the claim law. Paul will post these changes on the notice board and website in addition to coming along to the first week of the new season to explain these in person to the members.

### **Club regulations**

It was confirmed that 7 days is the maximum correction period for any scoring errors which Louis could alter on his own. Anything longer than this required committee approval. This merely reinforces and formalises the current practice.

### **Donation of New trophy by George Martin.**

George has offered to contribute towards a new trophy to be awarded to the member earning the most master points during the season within the club. Paul to write to George to accept his kind offer and state that the club is willing to make a financial contribution towards this.

### **AOCB**

- 1) Developments within Pianola. Paul explained that there was work in progress to improve the competition updates for club competitions. These should include percentage, placing and reverse placings plus team events. It will not be possible to cope with split ties.
- 2) Trish confirmed her intention to stand down as club secretary at the next AGM. John Smithson happy to provide assistance meantime if required for production of minutes.
- 3) Jane indicated that she wished to merge the Club and Congress accounts, explaining that this would ease the bookkeeping process and enable a comprehensive audit each year, with the final Club accounts including the sums from the preceding year's Congress. This was agreed.

Next meeting will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November, prior to a round of the Scott Cup.