

Amersham Bridge Club

Minutes of the meeting

held via Zoom on

June 5th 2023 at 5 PM

Present: Simon Husband (SH) (Chairman), Sue Brown (SB) Secretary, Cath Topliffe (CT) Treasurer

Dick Davey (DD), Mark Wilce (MW)

1) Meetings and Minutes

a) Minutes of the previous meeting

Agreed in principle. Noted that the plan to contact individual members had not been progressed as views had been sort at the AGM

b) Publication of Minutes

In the interests of transparency agreed they should be available on the website

c) Frequency of meetings

Agreed every 3 months

2) Membership update

SB confirmed names of members who had not re-joined. After discussion it was agreed that some be contacted by email as a gentle reminder. **Action SB**

3) Lo8 teams' update

a) A team. DD reported he now had 5 pairs committed to represent the club in Div. 1

b) B team. SH presented a list of players who had been contacted. He is still looking for a captain but has a core of 4 pairs. Work is still in progress.

c) C Team MW reported an enthusiastic commitment of 5 pairs. It will be held totally online.

d) SB reported that the proposed 4th team had been abandoned

4) Teams' evenings

a) SH noted that the next teams' event will be held on June 14th. SB will be away, however she will circulate all members with a reminder. SH agreed to coordinate response. **Action SB/SH**

b) Agreed to continue on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and review in 3 months at the next committee meeting.

c) Teams' trophy events. All trophies for both pairs and teams have been allocated throughout the season on the club calendar. DD has coordinated the amalgamation of both New Am and AM CC trophies

5) Accommodating all players preferences

a) Use of complicated systems

These can be daunting to less experienced platers but the overall view was that it would be counterproductive to impose any restriction. If asked, a full explanation should be willingly offered.

b) Play with Experts.

SH explained how the system worked and was very successful in another club. Discussion as to the practicalities ensued. It was agreed that there would be several organisation problems to be overcome when approaching another club. SB offered to research. **Action SB**

c) Any other suggestions

SH proposed we look into the possibility of a simple systems evening.

6) Tables

Many of the tables of which the club has access are in poor condition and in need of replacement. MW agreed to investigate the position as far as Woodside BC was concerned. It appears that 2 of their tables were purchased by Am CC. As the financial position of the club is sound there is no reason why at least some could not be purchased new. **Action MW**

7) Readmission Rules

The application process for new members was discussed as well as the club's Constitutional requirements. It was agreed to leave the Constitution as it is but that all new members be required to complete an application as was the practice in the past. 1 new member has joined this year. SB will approach the EBU for a model form. **Action SB**

8) AOB

- a) Banking matters. CT is arranging for SH to be a signatory to the TSB current account. Access to the New Am Barclays Savings account remains a frustrating work in progress
- b) SB asked if SH had access to the Am BC website. He is presently consulting with the web master
- c) Date of next meeting. Agreed as Monday September 18th by Zoom at 5 pm.

There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting a 6.30 pm

Minutes prepared by Sue Brown

Secretary Amersham Bridge Club

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