

Amersham Bridge Club

MINUTES

Meeting via Zoom

Monday January 8th 2024 at 5 pm.

Present: Simon Husband (SH) Chairman. Sue Brown (SB) Secretary.

Cath Topliff (CT) Treasurer. Dick Davey, (DD) Mark Wilce (MW)

1. Meetings and Minutes

a) Minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record

b) Matters arising

Play with Experts SH/DD. Deferred

2. Membership update SB

Applications for membership. Several applications for membership had been received and these were considered in depth. A full discussion ensued. A decision was agreed and the applicants will be informed by the secretary

Action SB

3. Finance Update. CT

It was noted that the savings account balance had now been transferred and there is now approximately £6000 in the current account. CT confirmed that for an evening to break even 4 tables were required. A discussion ensued regarding an appropriate initiative for the use of some of this money. It was agreed that a sinking fund for a probable future purchase of a new dealing machine was necessary. SH suggested approaching U3A local branches setting up a "Play with Experts" session as possible use of extra funds. To be discussed at the next meeting.

4. LO8 Teams update

a) A Team DD reported a successful season to date recording 5 out of 5 wins. (Div 1)

b) B Team SH. Reported 2 wins and 2 losses. (Div 1)

c) C Team MW Reported 3 wins and 1 loss in Div 3.

5. Team's evenings. These continue to be well attended. The possibility of having more was discussed. It was agreed to take a straw poll at the coming teams evening. Ideally this could have been on the 5th

Wednesday. As the club uses the small barn on these occasions this was not felt to be feasible.

6. Christmas Party.

In general, this was agreed to have been a success. SH thanked DD and SB (with help from Eva) for the catering and drinks bar. The event just about broke even. MW queried the format as being appropriate for the future. To be reviewed at a later date

7. Ideas for boosting membership.

See Item 3.

8. Equipment

a) Donation by Rachel Knowles. Table now engraved. Thanks to DD

b) Need for more Bidding Boxes. SB to audit and report. CT has 1 bidding box and 7 sets of cards. SB will approach Eva with a view to purchasing any extra sets required. Action SB

c) Items belonging to New Am BC. See email from Nigel W. The list was reviewed. Agreed to distribute all items to SB and Don. Action SB

d) Don subsequent email re Movement cards. These can be scrapped and the plastic envelopes retained Action SB

9. AOB

SB raised the issue of the club directors. We are now down to 2. It was agreed that a notice be put on the web asking if any members would like to direct for the club in which case training could be funded. Also, should our directors be paid a small remuneration as was the case at New Amersham? DD pointed out that the directors often didn't play and many didn't take the money offered.

10. Date of next meeting

Agreed as Monday April 15th 2024 by Zoom
(Noted AGM date May 8th 2024)

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 6 pm.

Minutes prepared by Sue Brown
Secretary Amersham Bridge Club
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