

Amersham Bridge Club

Minutes

Meeting via Zoom

Monday July 1st 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

Minutes of the last meeting: approved as a true record.

2. Matters arising

- a. Item 1b) Play with experts. MW suggested that a date be fixed and a draft communication be circulated, the venue being the Amersham CC. SB will investigate availability for Mid-October. ACTION SB
- b. Item 6. Dates for the coming season now on the website. Noted
- c. Item 7. Speed of play. Monitored and the general consensus was that this had improved with a finishing time no later than 10.35 by and large. It was agreed that the director should draw attention to timing by warning all players that they should be on their last board.
- d. Item 8 Equipment storage. SB had spoken to Angela who assured her that the equipment was always in place in the Barn at lunchtime and there was no need for a separate storage unit
- e. Item 9 Directors course. SH is investigating a 4 course.

3. Membership update and renewals SB/CT

SB and CT reported that 52 members had renewed. Members of the A and C team had all paid promptly. SH agreed to chase members of the B team and DD members who had previously represented BBCBA ACTION SH/DD

4. Finance Update. CT reported a healthy balance with no anticipated expenses in the near future.

5. AGM review.

It was agreed that the AGM had both gone well and had been well attended. MW pointed out that the correct procedure for proposals being accepted had not been correctly completed.

It was agreed that weekly signup was not likely to be beneficial. SB agreed to put up a reminder each week as a prompt

6. LO8 Teams update

- a) A Team DD. Reported that all previous players had agreed to compete in the coming season
- b) B Team SH reported that this was still a work in progress
- c) C Team MW reported a squad of 12 players

7. AOB

- a. An email sent to the Chairman by the webmaster Don was discussed in detail. He has already put in place movements for 4 tables or more but expressed concerns about coping with 3 and ½ tables particularly if the 1/2 table was necessitated by the late arrival of a pair. After discussion it was agreed in the case of a late arriving pair causing a ½ table when the movement had already been set up and prior notice had not been given, then this pair would not be allowed to play. If on the other hand a pair had given notice of late arrival then they would be allowed to compete. It was noted that on the rare occasion when it had become obvious that there were 3.1/2 tables 1 pair had volunteered to go home. An announcement will be put onto the website to this effect.

It was noted that the phone number on the website for late arrivals was no longer valid and should be removed. ACTION SB

- b. DD brought up the subject of the LO8 County Honours Board. Although LO8 matches have been played during Covid it has not been updated and there are no plans by the county to continue using it. Proposed that DD contact the club secretaries of the missing years winning teams to explore the possibility of funding engraving to bring the board up to date. It might be possible to display this in the Community Centre which MW suggested would be a good advisement for the Bridge Club ACTION DD

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