

CHELMSFORD BRIDGE CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING
11th March 2024 6.15pm via Zoom

MINUTES

Present

Denis Anderson (items 1 to 4), June Brown, Ted Cockle, Julie Payne, Colin Peden, Valdie Poter

1. Apologies

Cath Fox

2. Previous minutes to be agreed

The minutes for the previous Committee Meeting are available on the website. The minutes were agreed.

3. Matters arising

Regarding the dealing machine fund held by Alan Rodger on behalf of several Chelmsford bridge clubs, including ours, it was agreed that we should ask Alan to provide an update of the status of the fund at our club AGM.

4. Preparation for AGM

Monday 20th May 2024 was agreed as the date for this year's AGM, to be held online with a suggested starting time of 6:15pm.

As in recent previous years, Colin will prepare a page on the website to hold the reports, agenda and minutes.

Julie proposed that the annual membership subscription should remain unchanged at £2. This was agreed unanimously.

Julie also proposed that all members whose accounts are in good standing at the end of the Club year (31st August 2024) should be offered 2 free sessions in September as a "thank you" for their support. In addition, Julie proposed that session fees should be reduced to £2 per session from 1st June 2024.

Both proposals were accepted unanimously.

Julie noted that were several small amounts owed to the club by former members, and that she intends to write these off in the current club year. This was supported by the committee.

It was agreed that we should seek new additional or alternative members to serve on the committee. In particular it would be good to get representation from the significant number of new learners and improvers.

The committee agreed to canvas anyone they thought may be willing and able to participate. Additionally, Colin will send an email to members in advance of the AGM.

5. Events to Consider

Cath had asked the committee to consider in which of the forthcoming EBU Sim Pairs events the Club wished to participate (<https://www.ebu.co.uk/sim-pairs>).

It was agreed that, as last year, the Club should enter the EBED Spring and Autumn Sim Pairs events on Monday 13th May and Monday 2nd September, but not the others.

Colin will register the Club for these events on the EBU website, and forward details to Julie and Audrey when they become available.

6. AOB

There had been several enquiries from members about whether the Club would be playing sessions over the Easter weekend. It was agreed that we would play on both Good Friday (29th March) and Easter Monday (1st April). Colin will send an email to members to inform them.

Due to the increasing limitations of the free version of Zoom, Colin will investigate alternatives for the next meeting, and for the AGM.

7. Date of next meeting

Monday 22nd April 2024 @ 6.15pm

Colin Peden