

Minutes of Committee Meeting 19 November 2018

PRESENT

Sheila Montgomery, John Whiteside, Ray Mardon, Sue Blake, Christine Brierley, Graham Eele.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 10 SEP 2018

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting on 10/09/2018 were accepted as a true record by those in attendance at the meeting.

3. CHRISTMAS PARTY

CATERING

Abbey Mill to be in at 16 45, assisted by SM and RM. 18 30 Sherry, 19 00 Food.

Kitchen use agreed. SB to wash table cloths.

PRIZES

TD's to ask for donations, starting immediately, and in before Party Day.

CB and SB to collect donations, sell raffle tickets and be i/c presentation ceremony.

SM to present 4 Spot Prizes, given by the Club.

4. LESSONS

PRESENT COURSE

16 students, and going really well. Covering costs, more or less. Tournament on 12/12.

DEVELOPMENT

No Fear Tournaments on 4 Wednesdays – 9/1/19, 23/1/19, 6/2/19 and 20/2/19

Fewer boards (24?); break in the middle; experienced partners for 2018 learners allowed;

Prize(s) for best learner(s)

SPRING IMPROVERS COURSE

10/12 weeks, to be led again by GE, assisted by SM.

CB and RM will help as required, if available.

SEPTEMBER BEGINNERS COURSE PROPOSAL

GE and SM think this is desirable, but GE only wishes to teach one course a year.

SM thinks some students might come from across the toll free bridge, if appropriate advertising took place. The course would need to be financially viable.

5. INTRODUCING REFRESHMENTS

CB to be i/c provision of free tea, coffee – inc. decaf – hot chocolate, milk, and biscuits. Free drinks have been available, but some/many members have not been aware of this.

6. MEMBERSHIP – COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Minutes on notice board; archway secretary for emails; suggestion box at club; talk to a committee member.

CLUB HOME PAGE

More photos desirable, but members need to be asked for permission for themselves to appear.

7.COMPETITIONS

MONDAY NIGHTS

4 additional competitions agreed. 1 night each, during the October to March period.

LADIES PAIRS

One section for this, the other for non-ladies pairs. SB give a cup/trophy.

MENS

One section for this, the other for non-mens pairs. SM to ask members re cup.

MIXED PAIRS

Two sections of equal numbers. Higher handicaps in one, lower handicaps in the other. All pairs to play, only mixed pairs to win. SM to ask members re cup for higher handicap competition. SM and RM to give cup/trophy for lower handicap competition.

OPEN PAIRS X-IMPS

One section, scored like teams. GE to give a cup/trophy.

For ladies, mens, and mixed pairs events, volunteer pairs will be requested to play/not play to eliminate sitting out. RM and GE to do this for ladies pairs.

Scoring when 2 sections are being played will be by computer for one section, and for the other, unless GE is convinced the computer can handle both. In the latter case RM would like travellers to be used as backup on the first occasion.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

As shown under LESSONS DEVELOPMENT above.

8.TEAMS

Match v Monmouth – to be arranged. (by SM)

Match v West of England – not to be further pursued.

Match v U3A- on a Wednesday ; matched ability teams ; JW to pursue.

Match v Usk, and/or Newport-mentioned as possible , but no-one asked to pursue these.

Possibility of entering a 3rd team in the East Wales league next year mentioned.

9.CLUB CALENDAR

SM will produce the Calendar. Dates for the new Monday Competitions have yet to be agreed.

10.AOB

CHARITY EVENTS and SUMMER PARTY

Members to bring a plate of food, and the club to provide wine and soft drinks [excluding ECATS?] SB to come in before.

NEWS LETTER

To be produced by SM regularly, about once a month.

PRESS RELEASES

GE will liaise with Pam and be i/c.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Next one on 21st January at the Palmer Centre. (venue for future meetings)

DIRECTING ON MONDAYS

CB to Direct when JW collecting monies. (Brian Harden has agreed to direct competitions)