

## **Minutes of 269th Farnborough Bridge Club Committee Meeting**

**14th August 2024**

### **Present:**

Chris Clegg (Chair), John Hunt (Treasurer), and committee members Joan Chandler, Wendy Church, Rodney Meredith and James Foster (acting Secretary).  
John Hemington joined the meeting for Item 2 of the agenda.

### **1. Apologies for absence**

There were no absences.

### **2. Competitions**

John Hemington presented some excellent suggestions for improving some of our competitions, with a view to attracting the interest of stronger players in more challenging play while at the same time being inclusive for less experienced players.

After some discussion it was agreed that:

- The Burton-Pryor Cup would be upgraded to a series of eight monthly Teams nights which (after an initial introductory session) would be split into three sections.
- The Ladder would be reorganised into two divisions, run as a series of nine monthly sessions.

John kindly agreed to draft more detailed rules for both these competitions, ready for presentation at the coming AGM; and he also agreed to administer both competitions during the year. The committee members expressed their unanimous thanks to him for this.

### **3. Minutes of the 267th Committee Meeting**

These had been distributed to all and were approved as a true record.

### **4. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **5. Treasurer's Report**

John Hunt provided an update on the Club's finances. There has been an increase in the credit balance over the past year, but it was noted that this will be needed because some of the surplus funds will soon be required for the purchase of a new Dealing Machine, costing in the region of £4,000.

### **6. Directors and Scorers**

It was felt that the Club should try to recruit and train more Directors and Scorers, and an appeal for volunteers will be put out at the AGM.

Already some new Directors have had training, and Rodney was given the task of organising the Directors' rota for the coming year.

If there are new volunteers for Scorers, James can act as an initial point of contact, and liaise with Hilary.

### **7. Host System**

The committee considered Sue Parkin's revised proposals for changing the Host system. The committee are grateful to her for her constructive suggestions, but decided to remain with the current system. The main reasons for this were that the proposed new system would not cater for visitors arriving unexpectedly; it would be unpopular with those members who do not want their contact details shared more publicly; and there is already a "matchmaker" system available on the Club website, for those who want to make an arrangement in advance.

One change that the Committee do intend to implement, however, is that members will not have to pay table money when they play as Hosts.

#### **8. AGM**

Arrangements for this are in hand.

John has received back the trophies from last year, ready for them to be presented to the new winners.

#### **9. Swiss Pairs Event**

Entries for this charity event (on 17<sup>th</sup> September) are coming in well, although there is room for a few more. Wendy has catering arrangements well in hand.

It was decided to set a deadline for entries of 10<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **10. Christmas Party**

This will be on 13<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **11. AOB**

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

#### **12. Date of next meeting.**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 1.30pm**, at Joan's house.

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