

MINUTES

Nottingham Bridge Club Trustees Meeting Saturday 10th February 2024

PRESENT:

President Andrew Scott

Chairman David Dunford

Treasurer/Membership Phil Gross

Secretary Jean McKee

Gerry McCormack, Margaret Litchfield, Paul Goodwin, Sheila Resnick, Marc Gaudart

1 **Apologies:** Stefka Samus, Wilf Fenwick

2 **Minutes** of the meeting held on Saturday 23rd September - accepted

3 **There were no matters arising**

4 **Health and safety:**

The lock on the side gate is working

Chairs should only be stacked 3 high. If 4 high they need to face the wall to prevent toppling

5 **Annual General meeting**

- The Annual Accounts were approved
- The Annual Report was approved
- Lucy Shillito Trophy for services to the County - Dave Nattrass for his teaching and general help
- Harry Lodge Memorial for services to the club - Lesley Sweet
- No new trustees at present

6 **Matters arising and not elsewhere on the agenda**

Allowable systems - Andrew will produce cards to help defend against unusual conventions and systems (eg. Lucas 2, Multi 2, Unusual 2NT opening)so that members are not disadvantaged.

Charges for club hire - not discussed as no further communication has been received

7 **Bridge**

A Competition Secretary was considered to remind members of forthcoming competitions. Margaret Litchfield volunteered for this. In the future it should be possible for these to be on the calendar 12 months ahead.
Andrews beginners class is ongoing.

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Flats

Income is steady and there are no major issues. A fire alarm issue has been dealt with by Sue Hollis.

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Premises

The leak problem needs roof work above the bar. This will be left while the weather is still wet. A small group consisting of Dan Zimlek, Paul Wicks and Geoff Caldwell will check and monitor the building as a whole. A sum of £8000 will be available to spend on the premises. The porch could possibly be enclosed.

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Treasurers report

There has been a reduction in electricity costs - lowest rate as we are a charity.
Water is now with a different company.
Funds are still healthy

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Membership Secretary

Wilf Fenwick is now Membership secretary. Members should be advised of this.

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Festival of Bridge

This is proposed by EBU to take place mid September to involve the whole county in conjunction with raising money for Cancer UK.

This will be discussed at the next Trustee meeting in April.

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Suggestions book

- Members need to eat in bridge rooms during breaks at events. Cloths are used to protect the tables. A quiet word will be made to the few members who regularly eat before drives.
- Bidding cards could be replaced. A volunteer is needed to do this.
- Beer mats are already in place to protect the new bridge cloths.
- Directors should not get a free game.
- The operating system has been updated and is now working. This will be monitored.
- The lock on the gate is working to deter rough sleepers. This will be monitored.

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Any Other Business

- **Zoom** - The club is spending £15.59 each month on Zoom. This is now unnecessary and will be discontinued.
- The club needs a **Web Manager** to have overall control. Phil Gross volunteered. He should have 2/3 members who can help with web content.
- **Risk register** - Gerry has produced a hard copy of the register to go in the office
- **Safeguarding** - Sue Hollis will be approached

NEXT MEETING SATURDAY 13th APRIL 2pm