**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGE SECTION OF RMSGC AT 11AM, 30 APRIL,2024**

**Apologies**: Pip Smitham, Mimi Waterbury

**Presen**t: Christopher Roshier (Acting Chair), David Walker (Treasurer), Christine Tomkin, Caroline Butt, Julia Wright (Secretary)

**Minutes of the last meeting** were approved and there were no matters arising.

**AGM** The reports are ready. The prizes are: winners of the Benmore bowl £10 voucher each and a bottle of olive oil, very kindly given by Caroline. A £10 voucher for the winner of the Peter Taylor trophy and a bottle of olive oil. Caroline also gave bottles of olive oil to the winners of the Freeman Madgett.

**Treasurer’s report.** David reported the following: The bridge section’s funds were £3270 at the beginning of April, an increase of £563 over the previous year. This was largely due to the excellent attendance at the 30 Tuesday afternoon sessions, which produced a substantial increase in table money income. The committee discussed the use of the bridge funds. We could have another cocktail party. Caroline suggested a bridge “Academy” with lessons for beginners and more advanced players. David suggested getting a paid Director for Tuesday afternoons. Also, prize money could be increased.

**Bridge matches**. Christopher, Christine and Frances will report at the AGM. Celia Johnson will continue to organise the Queens Club match.

**Bridge duplicate sessions**. The Tuesday afternoon sessions are very popular whereas the Thursday evenings are not well attended. Various formats have been tried and Christopher suggested asking members their thoughts at the AGM. There have been several guests at the open evenings.

**Bridge drives** have been well attended and Julia reported that they will continue all year round, usually on the first Wednesday of the month.

**Supervised play sessions**. Christine reported that these were very successful and she will run more sessions in the future.

**Freeman Madgett competition**. Mimi has submitted a report, which will be read at the AGM.

**The Card Room**. There are still many complaints about the state of the room. We will get a feedback notebook so that people can record their comments.

**Bridge Roll ups**. The Tuesday duplicate sessions will finish at the end of June. Tuesday afternoons in July, August and September could then become bridge roll up sessions.

**Calendar for 2024**. Julia will check with the office for bridge dates for the Ladies v the Men and the Xmas duplicate.

**Charity Day**. Monday, 14 October. The Catering has now increased and tea is £12. We now need to raise the entry to £80 per table.

**The Andrew Robson seminar** will be on 11 March 2025.

**Website** is working well.

**AOB** David has had a complaint from Richard Venables re: the quality of the tea and biscuits on Tuesday afternoons.

**Date of next meeting**. Tuesday, 27 August at 11.30 am.