

**MINUTES OF THE SCUNTHORPE AND DISTRICT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2025**

31/24-25	Members present	Val Threadgould, Lawrie Chapman, Mike Llewellyn, Catherine Caldwell, Louise Lewis, Jenny Selby, , Rod Williams, and Wanda Kotowska.
32/24-25	Apologies	Rita Watson. Chris Taylor has now resigned from the Committee
33/24-25	Attending	

Formal letter of resignation will be provided by CT. As CT was The Buildings person on the Committee LC was persuaded to take on this role.		
		<b>For Action By</b>
34/24-25	<p><b>Minutes of the Last Meeting.</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of 3 December were approved Proposed by RW and seconded by JS. Val reminded Wanda that the minutes should be done and sent to her within a week of the meeting and as soon as agreed they should be immediately forwarded to the Committee.</p>	
35/24-25	<p><b>Matters Arising.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Trustee.</b> Ongoing.</li> <li>2. <b>Start times for the Tuesday &amp; Friday PM Sessions.</b> To return to 13:30 from next week: Tues 10 Feb &amp; Fri 14 Feb. To be put on the website.</li> <li>3. <b>Printer Cartridge Recycling.</b> Not yet actioned. WK may know of someone who can advise.</li> </ol>	
36/24-25	<p><b>Secretary's Report.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Chairs.</b> In tidying up the teaching room after the Christmas function there was a shortage of chairs in both the rooms. The spare chairs in the cloakroom were very dirty after the roof leaks. WK liaised with House who agreed to have them cleaned. Wayne the cleaner agreed to do this for us. One of the chairs in the cloakroom was broken and another was so filthy it was not worth cleaning. Both are to be disposed of. Have renewed those with missing feet.</li> <li>2. <b>Survey.</b> Following the last meeting and the discussion on attendances at our sessions WK stated she had prepared a mini survey to canvass members about when &amp; what they wished to play to enable the Committee to decide whether any alterations should be made. To be discussed under T &amp; D.</li> <li>3. <b>Ladies Toilet.</b> There has been a bad smell coming from the Ladies in the last couple of weeks. WK had spoken to CT last week and she had advised</li> </ol>	

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	<p>that she knew of someone who could look at our drains to see if they were the problem. Val is to ask her friendly plumbing man to look at this for us and the Plugs in the basins which do not appear to be working correctly.</p> <p>4. Lighting. This was becoming a problem as the strips we have installed are failing all over the building. The old strip tubes have not been manufactured for some time and will not be available as existing stocks run out. As we have to change to LED by law and LED strips will be cheaper to run in any case, we need to progress this urgently. It is included in the main Agenda.</p> <p>5. <b>Scarborough Event.</b> Have put it on the Main Agenda.</p>	
37/24/25	<p><b>Membership.</b></p> <p>RW stated that we are now at 131 paying members and 2 Honorary Members. All new members have been given Bridgemate and EBU numbers.</p>	
38/24-25	<p><b>Treasurer's Report.</b></p> <p>ML provided the first quarter's actual accounts. The membership payments tally with the numbers provided by RW. We have £25704.00 in the deposit account and 7349.00 in the current account, plus a cash float of £395.00. A healthy balance.</p>	
39/24-25	<p><b>Agenda Items.</b></p> <p><b>a. Lighting.</b></p> <p>It was agreed to get three quotes. Holl's, Owen Bowness and another.</p> <p><b>b. Kitchen update.</b></p> <p>We have had the third quote and have received a revised quote from one of the other 3. JS is to approach the Community Grant section at NLC to progress the possibility of getting a grant for the refurb.</p> <p><b>c. Scarborough Match.</b></p> <p>The rematch will be held in Scarborough on Sunday 11 May 2025. We require 3 x 8 pairs, made up of 3 rankings. WK explained we had several options as to how to plan the day with travel etc. we could go down the route that the previous secretary had devised: Bus to Scarborough, drop off on the front to relax and eat before paying, pick from the front and delivery to the Scarborough Bridge Club and pick up from there on completion of play OR choose another option. As this plan had worked well worked well the last time it was decided to go ahead. JS will book the bus, but we need to confirm the play start time with Scarborough BC. WK will do this and let JS know.</p>	WK

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40/24-25	<p><b>Teaching.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) LL stated that teaching is going as expected. No change in numbers.</li> <li>2) LL stated she wished to introduce a 20-week intensive course, probably for 3 – 4 hours per week. This will require publicity. Agreed in principle. Teaching will ensure the club’s future. She stated that she is unable to run the lessons she started on Saturday am due to other commitments.</li> <li>3) Following the recent discussions about promoting the SBC in the community JS is to attend a NLC promotion about local clubs, her bowls club in particular. She will feedback any information that may be helpful to us.</li> <li>4) The Thursday Improvers session is to start at 19:00 instead of 19:15 from 13 February 2025.</li> </ol>	
41/24-25	<p><b>House/Bar</b></p> <p>All is running smoothly.</p>	
42/24-25	<p><b>Building.</b></p> <p>CC brought up the Car Park. There are more &amp; more vehicles parking in our car park so that our members hare having to park on the road. Members are to be asked to ensure that their permit is displayed as a check is to be implemented. A polite note to desist from parking in our spaces will be left on the windscreen of any vehicle not displaying their permit.</p>	
43/24-25	<p><b>IT/Website.</b></p> <p>VT is still receiving emails from a member about the computer and other issues.</p> <p>This led to a very long discussion as to how to proceed. Two proposals were made and seconded. The latter was agreed, and Roy Brixton will be the Competition Secretary only and not be coopted to the Committee.</p> <p>He will be responsible for advising LL about inputting computer notifications &amp; WK about producing posters etc for the notice boards.</p>	
44/24-25	<p><b>Tournaments and Directing.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) It was agreed that all Friday PM sessions would be run as stratified pairs events from 7 February 2025.</li> <li>b) Ro W stated that he had run last Friday PM session as a stratified event as a tester in anticipation of running them in the future. He will direct them and train WK as his relief when he is unavailable initially.</li> <li>c) Friday evening sessions will remain suspended.</li> <li>d) Ro W has also been looking at Director’s courses and has ascertained that the EBU would like to run one at our Club. Matters are at the initial stage at present. He will obtain further information and get back to the Committee. He was thanked for looking into this matter.</li> </ol>	

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	<p>e) The Tuesday PM session is to be renamed Tuesday Relaxed Bridge and the Friday PM session Friday PM Stratified Pairs.</p> <p>f) WK explained her reasoning behind the survey she had undertaken but was advised by a fellow Committee member where another player was seen ticking the same box more than once. This then invalidated her survey. WK stated she was very disappointed to hear this.</p> <p>g) The Masters Pairs will take place oat Scunthorpe on Sunday 23 February 2025. It will be advertised on the Website and by email. Roy is to check on the Swiss Pairs.</p>	
45/24-25	<p><b>County.</b></p> <p>a. The 9 High Masters Pairs is due to take place at Dunholme on Sunday 23 February 2025.</p> <p>b. The Garden Cities Qualifier will be held on Sunday 9 March 2025 at Dunholme. We need to provide a team(or teams ) of 8 of our highest-ranking pairs. They are to be canvassed for any interest in playing.</p> <p>c. The County Sim Pairs will be held at various clubs including Scunthorpe on Monday 7 April 2025.</p>	
46/24-25	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>Jenny Selby.</b></p> <p>Asked if WK could make a get-well card for a member who is in hospital. WK agreed.</p>	
47/24-25	<p><b>Date of next Meeting.</b></p> <p>22 April 2025 at 19:00 in the Clubroom.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 21:40.</p>	