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**ST LEONARDS BRIDGE CLUB**

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**Minutes**

**COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday 25th October 2022**

**Present Andy Eames Eddie Williams Julia Brown Kathy Williams**

**Apologies; Elaine Ford**

**Minutes of last meeting; approved**

**Matters arising; None**

**Chairman’s report**

**The move to St Michael’s Hospice has gone smoothly. There is room for all our stuff but no room to make boards on site. Currently Eddie is making them at home which he says he is ok with.**

**We need more tables for events with more than 9 tables. I repaired the broken one that we were refunded for. I will investigate putting a shelf above the existing storage to give us a second level for tables.**

**We were told the lighting in the hall is going to be upgraded but there is no date for this yet.**

**The radiators have not been on yet. The air con heating is currently adequate.**

**We have been informed that we can use the milk in the fridge, so that is a saving.**

**The tea/coffee break seems to be working. If there is a half table players can make drinks when they sit out.**

**Hillary Levett has offered to direct. A new rota will be put out ASAP.**

**Hosting has been requested; when we get full access on Tuesdays we can go back to all members being required to host a couple of times a year.**

**It is pleasing to see some lapsed members returning and numbers creeping up. I doubt we will get back to pre covid membership numbers. It is possible that we will need to have more bridgemates at St Michaels, there are currently 8.**

**The printer has been replaced at a cost of £80. The old printer is going to the Nunnery. I will pack my long forceps for paper jams! Perhaps we should by some?**

**A large briefcase type laptop bag has been purchase to house the nunnery laptop and bridgemates.**

**The steel cupboard has been re-arranged, some of the less used stuff is at the back of the shelf above. There is nowhere to display notices or scores. Therefore, rules, constitution, phone numbers, EBU numbers, membership forms etc is in a multi coloured folder in the steel cupboard. Printed result sheets are in a black plastic folder 2 months to a division.**

**Fridays afternoons to replace Tuesdays are not working as full sessions but they continue to be popular with Julia’s group and are still making a small surplus.**

**Friday evening teams is usually attracting 6 or 7 teams.**

**Friday pairs are usually attracting 4 tables.**

**All in all we are surviving as a club and I am hopeful that next year we could be back in the black. If not we have enough funds to keep us going for quite a few years.**

**Next year we will also have subscriptions of £20 a head coming in and we should not have many expenses for hardware.**

**Treasurer’s report**

**We started the year with £33,654 in the bank and as of now we have £33569 so considering the outlay for servicing the duplimate and new tables and printer we are doing well.**

**Secretary’s report**

**The hospice has asked me to fill in a booking form for next year which has been completed and handed in to their reception.**

**I am currently making sure I have all members email addresses so all contact can be emailed rather than posted.**

**Match secretary’s report**

**Entries for the swiss pairs are going well with 11 tables so far. I am closing entries at 15 tables. The committee discussed whether to make this a charity event and it was agreed that we would donate most of the surplus, approx £200, to the hospice. Kathy to inform Helen as we should then be able to get the hall free of charge.**

**I am worried about the lighting not working down the middle of the room. Kathy to see Helen about it. However following this the lighting was fine later that afternoon when we had the next bridge session.**

**I will update the website with details of the dates in November when the clubroom is not available.**

**Christmas Party**

**After a discussion we decided to do the same as last year and go to the Conquerors March for a meal. Andy to book it and try to get a glass of wine for each of us or, if not, the club to subsidise a drink for those attending.**

**New members;**

**5 new members all approved**

**AOB**

**We discussed a date for the AGM and agreed on Tuesday 14th March 2023**

**Kathy to see if we can have the hall earlier that day.**

 **Date next meeting Tuesday 21st February 2023**

**Venue to be decided**

**Meeting closed at 12.40**