

Minutes of the Scunthorpe and District Bridge Club Committee Meeting

Virtual Meeting: 8th December 2020

Attendees: Stuart Knox , Mike Llewellyn, Susan Barraclough, Sue Keast, Wanda Kotowska, Roy Brixton, Simon Hill, Jenny Selby, Rod Williams, Val Threadgould.

Apologies: Brenda Goodacre

		Action
42/20	<u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u> The minutes of the meeting 29 th Sept 2020 were approved as a true and accurate record with the exception of 40/20a which should read 8 th not 9 th .	
43/20	Secretary's report. a) Bereavement card sent to family of Eileen Jarvis. b) Virtual memberships for Sylvia Bone , Mr and Mrs Howarth, and Mr Yarwood.	
44/20	Treasurer's report. ML reported that he had renewed the Club's insurance and paid utility bills and for the boiler service. BBO fees were going up so increase in income plus income from Real Bridge. WK queried whether Club would be receiving further grant from the Council. ML would follow up. Funds currently £18,000 on deposit plus £2000 in current account.	ML
45/20	House and Building a) SKn had written to Kath and will contact her again when next required if she is amenable to continue to clean club at that point.? June at earliest before can perhaps reopen. b) Central heating – Boiler serviced as failed test due to gas supply issues. Would be solved by replacing older boiler with a mini combi boiler to act independently and even out gas supply issues. Price estimate £1500 approx. If not new pipes from meter required to allow them to act in harmony for whole building. c) Fire alarms and smoke alarms have been tested as per annual requirements. Rota for weekly testing not required at present and SKn and PW managing it between them. d) PW has fitted a new rail at main entrance steps and created new part of path across grassed area. e) Smart meter fitted for electric but does not appear to be working properly. SKn to contact supplier as estimates gone into 20% VAT band when should be 5% only. f) Rear entrance area still untidy but rubbish on 2 metre strip of land belonging to other company. Will raise issue with them when reopening is planned rather than while we are closed. SKn had been a little alarmed by notice on their door stating "Live ammunition and firearms not stored on premises overnight"	SKn/ RB

46/20	<p>Virtual Club</p> <p>RB reported all going well with 6/7 tables for most sessions. Both Real Bridge and BBO will have both been updated by tomorrow and Weds session will now be a Real Bridge session. There is a new chat message facility which converts text to voice. SK said she utilised this to speak to her students by changing setting from chat to voice but this needed to be done at each table to work efficiently. SKn will try this on coming thurs session.</p> <p>Attention was drawn to the fact that BBO will automatically log off a player if a period of inactivity occurs often without player realising.</p> <p>Real Bridge – lags can occur due to bandwidth issues and kit used to connect should be under 5 years old or may be problematical. It remains however the preferable system and provides a better experience. RB said team competition can also be held on Real Bridge and he would attempt to run a competition after Christmas period. No robot use preferable even if sit outs have to be used but system may work better with no gaps.</p> <p>Leave sessions with both systems same until New Year and then decide whether to change to one main system.</p> <p>SKn said he was not available to Direct either on Christmas or New Year's eves. RB will cover if SH not able to.</p>	SKn/R B/SH
47/20	<p>Teaching</p> <p>SK said that 12 sessions have now been completed for the year and she had now made up 4 teams for future period to play for fun. Lessons begin again 1st week Jan.</p>	
48/20	<p>Any other business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Festival of trees now on line and SKn has put link on club website to enable viewing and can also contribute to fundarising for Hospice to. b) Bridge Holiday - JS and SB speaking to company to see if balances can remain unpaid until nearer an agreed date later in 2021. 	
49/20	<p>Date and time of next virtual meeting: Tuesday 23rd Feb 2021</p>	