

BRACKNELL BRIDGE LEAGUE

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday

17th July 2017 at 14, Luckley Wood

Present: Bill Barclay (BB) Alan Brown (AB) Joyce Baldock (JB) Ian Adnams (IA) Dave Green (DG) Dave Lee (DL) David Pinder (DP)

- 1. Apologies** – none
- 2. Minutes of the meeting dated 18th May 2017**– were accepted and signed as correct.
- 3. Matters arising** – DL reported that the missing records on the Trophies seem to cover a 4-5 year period. IA passed over a folder of results inherited from AB, and JB feels she may also have some useful information.
- 4. Chairman's report** – The EBU have confirmed that the EOSP are automatically covered under their Insurance umbrella. Matches in peoples own homes should be covered under the home owner's personal property insurance. BB is able to set up an independent email address on the website for any member not wishing to use the current link which will ultimately show their personal email address.
- 5. Secretary's report** – nothing to report.
- 6. Treasurer's report** – JB tabled an interim set of accounts which show a projected loss for the year i.r.o. £138. This will leave approx £423 in the bank account. After some discussion it was agreed that this sum should now be viewed as a reserve fund and therefore all functions from now on should be financially self supporting. BB pointed out that savings could be made at the EOSP by not employing an external Director given that the number of tables now participating is not dissimilar to a standard Club Evening. This to be debated again nearer the time.
- 7. League Fixtures Secretary's report** – there are only 20 entries this season so DG proposed reducing the number of Divisions down to 3. This restructure would produce 6 teams in Division 1, and 7 teams each in Divisions 2 & 3. The only problem

with this being the promotion/demotion aspect, Division 1 being straightforward but Divisions 2 & 3 now having two possible options. IA declared an interest and withdrew from the debate and vote. After due discussion the unanimous vote was for Division 2 comprising BFA AscotD CambA BFC Bradshaws FinchA & BFB, and Division 3 comprising Crowthorne AscotE YateleyB FinchB BFE AscotF & BFD. DG to send IA the League format and playing dates for circulation to the Club Contacts.

- 8. Pivot Fixtures Secretary's report** – The 1st round draw is: Aerospace (Lee) v Bracknell Forest (Kirk)Ascot (Calcutt) v Yateley (Brown)Ascot (Chris Franklin) v Woodley (Hopkins)Bracknell Forest (Sheppard) v Ascot (Bruce Franklin)Bracknell Forest (Lac) - ByeLilly (Fairhurst) v Ascot (Clough)Finchampstead (Ellis) v Bracknell Forest (Harman)Bracknell Forest (Williams) - Bye
Suggested dates for completion of each round are: 22/10, 17/12, 4/2, 8/4.
- 9. Website** – it was agreed by Committee that the new BBL Website is excellent, BB was thanked for all his hard work on this. IA to promote it when sending out the information to Club Contacts. BB pointed out that contributions were necessary to keep the site actively up to date. There is a possibility of moving to Bridgewebs in future – this to be debated at a later date.
- 10. Inclusion of Committee Minutes on the Website** – carried unanimously.
- 11. Handicaps for the Pivot** – DP explained the simple(?) formula to achieve an individual handicap for each player, he has produced a spreadsheet of all the League players to test the theory and, as all seems OK, it was agreed to use this system. Handicaps will be created on 1st September and IA will send them to all participating teams for reference. There will need to be an update in the BBL Rules to accommodate this and DL has agreed to get a first draft of the rewritten rules out for comment by the end of July.
- 12. League reinvigoration** – BB suggested targeting novices (all agreed) with the possible incentive of a free first season (not felt viable). This item to remain on the Agenda and a serious effort made to increase next seasons' attendance. All members asked to bring a constructive idea to the next meeting.

13. EOSP Checklist. JB said that she had yet to receive any comment on the draft checklist sent out to the committee in June. She added that some additions had been made to the list since that date. She agreed to re-issue the draft and requested comment/feedback from the committee. IA to Agenda for the next meeting.

14. Date of next meeting – Thursday 12th October 2017, 2pm at 14 Luckley Wood

There being no other business the meeting closed at 6.40pm.