

BRACKNELL BRIDGE LEAGUE

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday

8th February 2018 at 27, Wild Herons

Present: Bill Barclay (BB) Joyce Baldock (JB) Ian Adnams (IA) Alan Brown (AB) Dave Green (DG)

- 1. Apologies** – were received from David Pinder and Dave Lee.
- 2. Minutes of the meeting dated 12th October 2017**– were accepted and signed as correct.
- 3. Matters arising** – it was agreed that matters arising would be taken under the relevant agenda item.
- 4. Chairman's report** – BB reported that he had canvassed several candidates for the role of Chair but with no success. He reiterated that he felt the best solution was to select a Chairperson from within the current Committee (excluding Alan who has already done more than his share), and if no one from within the Committee steps forward then we could consider the option of a Rotating Chair i.e. each member to take a turn. He is willing to continue to run the new Website from a distance and/or train someone else to handle it. He will create an entry form on the Website for the EOSP and this will include a Privacy Statement in accordance with the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – the Committee were all asked to test out this form. He intends to create an in depth online survey for the Website which will have 3 options (Existing Players/Players who used to but no longer participate/and players who have never tried it) to be completed in time for the AGM - IA to contact all local clubs irrespective of BBL membership and encourage them to get all their members to respond – JB to contact Hartley Wintney Bridge Club.
- 5. Secretary's report** – nothing to report.
- 6. Treasurer's report and draft accounts** – JB tabled the draft accounts which show a loss for the year of £150.50 mainly incurred by the EOSP expenses. It was agreed that there was nothing to be gained by

increasing the table fees for this event, and there were cost cutting measures which would be employed so, hopefully, next year will be able to break even.

7. League Fixtures Secretary's report – DG reported that all is going well so far. Division one looks set to lag behind the others but should still finish well within the timescale.

8. Pivot secretary's report – in his absence DL had submitted a written report. “Both semi-finals of the cup were played before the end of January, so meeting the deadline despite some issues in earlier rounds. Thanks to those members of the committee who helped to resolve those issues. The final will be an all Bracknell Forest affair between Sheppard and Williams. Both teams beat opposition from a higher division (Aerospace and Lily respectively), with Sheppard winning by a margin much greater than their handicap. Well done to Bracknell Forest. The original entry this year was 14 teams, an increase of three over the previous year. However, three teams conceded - one from Bracknell Forest and two from Ascot, including last years' winners (Chris Franklin). A consequence of this was that Lily, by virtue of two walk-overs, reached the semi-final without playing a match. It is not obvious how such a situation could be avoided, but making the draw round-by-round might help in future.” Given that at least one team had conceded due to inability to meet the deadline it was agreed that a slightly more liberal approach could be employed to the timescale in future. It was also agreed that participating players do not have to be regular members of the team but they must be declared in time for a handicap to be applied to them.

9. Reserve Players – it was proposed that players who are members of more than one club should be eligible to play for more than one club but not in the same division, provided that the sum total of matches played in a season does not exceed the lowest number of matches in any one of the divisions – this to be trialled for one season and then reviewed and DG to adjust the League Rules accordingly.

10. League reinvigoration – BB to contact DP for clarification on progress so far. AB's grandson was not able to produce the hoped for poster and no one else felt able to tackle it so BB will have a go at producing something and distribute to Committee for feedback.

11. EOSP checklist – IA confirmed Hall Booking for 31st May. All trophies to be returned to DL. AB volunteered to run the evening with directorial assistance from all other qualified Committee members. JB confirmed that 30 pairs would be required to create a small operating surplus.

12. General Data Protection Regulation – BB confirmed that he had checked on-line and established that we do not have to register with the ICO. Given that the league cannot function without the level of information we hold and pass to clubs and team captains, he will draft a privacy statement and draft a covering letter for the secretary to send with it to all member clubs outlining the policy and seeking permission for the continued holding of any personal data. All committee members were warned that they should secure any such data on their personal computers. Other possible issues need to wait and see how much, or indeed if, we are affected by them.

13. AGM time and venue – BB has kindly agreed to host the meeting on May 17th at 8pm. This will be preceded by an ordinary Committee Meeting at 7pm.

14. Any other business – DL (by written report) stated that “The documents provided by JB in relation to the search for information on league winners in the 1990's proved to be entirely financial in nature and gave no clues as to who might have won the various leagues in the years in question. As agreed the search will be abandoned, although I will keep an eye out for any information I might have lurking in files etc.”

BB thanked JB for hosting the meeting.

15. Date of next meeting – Committee: Thursday 17th May 2018, 7pm at 14 Luckley Wood. AGM: Thursday 17th May 2018, 8pm also at 14 Luckley Wood.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 4.15pm.