

ABINGDON DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of a meeting of the committee held on Monday 19th November 2007, 7.30pm at 32 Picklers Hill, Abingdon

Present: Gordon Carroll (GC) (Chair); Clive Keep (CK) (Secretary); Chris Lloyd (CL), Jean Moore (JM), Brian Moore (BM) Valerie Welch(VW), and David Walton (DW).

1. Apologies for Absence: Graham Simpson (GR).

2. Minutes of 17th September 2007

The minutes for 17th September 2007 were agreed and signed by GC.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

All actions arising from the minutes had been carried out. It was agreed that there would just be a private list of email addresses (not published on the web), maintained by GS, with copies to the Secretary, Chairman and Treasurer. On the subject of the proposed host system, GC had not obtained much feedback and discussions were deferred to the appropriate item on the main agenda.

Action: **GS**

4. Club Correspondence

CK reported that there had been very little correspondence since the last meeting, except for emails/letters from ECATS that pertained to the SIMS events that we had entered, and a letter from the EBU (forwarded by the OBA Secretary) – it was agreed that CK would complete the form and be the contact person for the club. Currently there are two members that are not EBU members, and the average number of tables is about 9.5. VW also informed the committee that she had received an email from Jan Van-Maanen on the subject of his concerns about certain aspects of the EBU proposals and that the committee should consider calling an EGM. Although no vote was taken the general consensus was that this was inappropriate on this occasion. *Note: subsequent to the meeting it was suggested by several committee members that, with JVM's agreement, JVM's email would be circulated prior to the next meeting and its content discussed formally as an agenda item.*

Action: **CK**

5. Format for Membership form

CK had circulated a draft version prior to the meeting. This format was agreed, but we would only ask for one contact telephone number and the email address would be optional. VW agreed to have her address on the form. CK to complete by the end of the year, in readiness for 2008.

Action: **CK**

6. Proposed Club Host System

It was agreed that we would start the Host system from the first week in January 2008. The only exclusion would be the teams events, with the committee members volunteering for the first few weeks. DW agreed to produce a list for our club noticeboard (6 monthly) by the 4th December and to write the protocol for Abingdon's system (see minutes of last meeting to see what was agreed).

Action: **DW**

7. Christmas Party

It was agreed that members could either bring food, or pay £5 to KH, as last year. If not paying £5, members would be asked to provide something substantial/original, not crisps/packets etc. It was agreed that:-

(a) KH, JM & VW to organise serviettes etc.

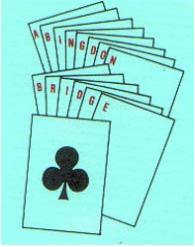
(b) J&BM to ascertain how the kitchen equipment works!!

(c) DW(and helpers!) to organise the food on the night.

(d) GC to agree corkage –suggest £40 and organise gratuity for Guild Hall staff

(e) £100 to be allocated for drinks

Action:
various



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(f) MILITARY BRIDGE (with random teams) will be played on the night – CK to direct the event.

(g) DW to prepare draw slips for teams on the night

(h) GC to announce details of the party on Tuesday nights leading up to the event and ask members to bring raffle prizes.

(i) JM to organise the raffle.

9. Any Other Business

None

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.