

ABINGDON DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of a meeting of the committee held on Monday 28th January 2008, 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), Graham Simpson (GS), Karen Hughes (KH) and David Walton (DW).

1. Apologies for Absence: all committee members present.

2. Minutes of 19th November 2007

The minutes for 19th November 2007 were agreed and signed by GC.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

All actions had been carried out. There hadn't been very much response to requests for email addresses, but GS had collated what was available. GS to send list to GC and CK.

Action: **GS**

4. Club Correspondence

CK reported on the correspondence he had received since the last meeting. This had been some advertising literature, emails from Anna Gudge (ECATS) about SIMS events and notices about OBA events from Brenda Harris. CK didn't usually take advertising literature to the Club, but it was agreed that in future he would pin details on the notice board. There had been an email received from the Abingdon Day centre about possible club participation at the centre itself during the day, or maybe during the evening. It was agreed that CK would put a copy of the letter on the board and let members decide themselves if they would like to play bridge with clients at the centre. CK receives the EBU bridge magazine on behalf of the Club. It was agreed that CK would write to the EBU asking for this service to be withdrawn. GC reported that he had received a satisfaction survey form from the Vale of White Horse District Council. DW agreed to complete it on behalf of the Club. Finally, the committee discussed an email and several attachments distributed by Jan Van Maanen with regard to the EBU proposals (P2P system) and EBU finances. There had also been email correspondence between members of the committee prior to the meeting. The detail supplied was discussed at length and to summarise it was agreed that:-

Action: **CK**

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Action: **DW**

(a) Jan would be invited to raise the subject of EBU expenditure at the AGM.

(b) Jan would be invited to represent the Club as an OBA delegate to the OBA Management meetings, if elected as a committee member and ratified by the incoming committee.

(c) Any issue regarding the P2P (proposed) system should be separated from any discussion about the management of the EBU accounts, as the former details how he EBU collects its money and the latter details how it is spent.

5. Club Financial Report

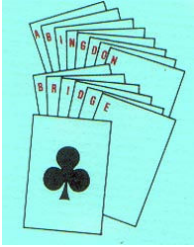
CL had circulated an unaudited copy of the Club accounts for 2007 prior to the meeting. CL made the following observations:-

(a) Overall, there was a £283 loss over the year

(b) Membership appears to be staying reasonably constant, but attendance is dropping, especially in August (probably due to the Summer Frolics)

(c) There will not be the cost of the Len Salmon next year

(d) We need to keep the cost of the duplicated boards under review – it was agreed that we should consider contacting Wallingford BC to see if it was practical to use their duplicate machine in the future.



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6. Review of Club Host System

The Host system was working well, though we are struggling with getting Hosts for the Open Pairs nights. DW is maintaining the list of Hosts. The fact that we are now running a host system needs to be promulgated – J&BM to update the ADBC 'flyer'.

Action: **DW**
Action: **J&BM**

There was some discussion about what happens if a Guest turns up week after week without a partner? Should we ask them to join? Review the situation and maybe ask them to stop coming? The feeling was that we should simply keep an eye on what is happening – there was no need to 'do' anything (such as documenting a policy on how long Guests can keep coming to the club as Guests) at present.

7. Christmas Party Feedback

Well done DW (and friends) again! The food was great this year.

8. Forthcoming AGM

The AGM is on the 11th March. GC & CL are retiring from their positions as Chairman and Treasurer respectively. VW and KH plan to not seek re-election as members of the committee. CK to prepare a notice and nomination form. J&BM to organise the engraving of cups in time for the AGM.

Action: **CK**
Action: **J&BM**

9. Review of Club Policies on Allocation of Pairs Handicaps and SIMS Winners

(a) Allocation of Handicaps – it was agreed that paragraph 3 of the club policy would be amended to read 'Club Members entering the competition for the first time must have played at the club either as individuals for at least 12 times, or as a pair for at least six times, (during the preceding 2 years), before January 1st of the competition year for a handicap to be allocated.' CK to re-issue the policy.

Action: **CK**

(b) It was agreed that the Winners of SIMS heat would be that pair that had the highest national (or international!) position.

10. Dijon Bridge Club proposal

CL had circulated a proposal received from the President of the Dijon (France) BC that suggested a reciprocal visit between members. It was agreed that CL would put together details and put it on the club notice board to assess the response.

Action: **CL**

11. Any Other Business

(a) Sandy Milliken had raised the issue (or lack of!) of the MPs not being awarded yet for the Children in need SIMS on 13th November. CK to contact ECATS.

Action: **CK**

(b) The subject of coffee on Club nights was raised. This has been discussed before and the difficulty is in collecting money/numbers on Club nights.

(c) Do we put Subs up? The thought at present is no, but that will be decided by the incoming committee.

The meeting closed at 9.42pm.