**Minutes of Corsham Bridge Club Committee Meeting 16 January 2019**

1. **Minutes of last meeting (26 Nov 2018)**

Agreed and signed by the Chairman.

1. **Apologies**

Ray

 Standing Items

1. **Review of open action points not elsewhere on the agenda**

None

1. **Finance**

Janet provided up to date financial reports and forecast figures should we have to move from the Legion.

There is a current surplus of £923 for this year and the bank balance stands at £5685 of which approx. £1500 will be spent on the club annual prize giving dinner. The surplus is attributable to not having to pay rent, training income and increased table numbers. It will stand us in good stead should we incur expenditure if we move premises.

One off payments were made to cover Corsham entering a team in League 3 and in the Garden Cities competition.

The money collected from members for the Air Ambulance was matched by the club, as agreed on the night, and £185 was donated accordingly.

The payment of £140 for Phil Russell to attend the EBU training course will be refunded once he has attended the course. It was agreed the club would pay for his overnight stay and travel expenses.

Sue will ascertain whether the EBU has any offers for free or subsidised places on forthcoming Director courses. The committee agreed to cover the costs for Ray and Richard Freeman to attend a Director’s course.

1. **Membership Review**

Two new members joined recently, taking the current number to 50. There are 5 who have yet to pay this year’s subscription so there may be a small decrease in this number

1. **Club Environment – Including Planning for Expansion**

Janet has tried to contact Holton House and St Patrick’s Church but has been unable to get a response so far. She will continue to try.

Post meeting note Holton House is not suitable – confirmed email.

Ray is still researching the possibility of St Aldhelms Church and will follow this up.

Colin suggested the back room at the Hare and Hounds and will follow this up.

All other venues explored have been either unsuitable or unavailable.

It was agreed the situation on future numbers will not be known until we know how many of the students on the current course intend playing at the club. The course, including Assisted play ends 22 April, and students can be asked at the end of the main part of the course whether they do plan to play at the club. The option of running two club nights was discussed and abandoned as not viable although we could extend the period of Assisted play and ask club members to help by playing with the students on a Tuesday for a period, if this proves necessary.

1. **Competitions and Events**

The next SIMs pairs is 13 March.

The club Eileen Handicap event date was set as 17 April.

Other club competition dates to be set at the next meeting. – Ray to propose.

The idea of having a team’s competition, on a future date, was mooted and will be discussed further once we have held more teams’ evenings. Sue offered to donate a trophy if we go ahead with this.

 **Other Items**

1. **Beginner’s Course**

No beginners’ course is planned for 2019-2020.

The current course is still progressing well. Two have had to drop out for a family issue but plan to join a future course.

Phil Russell has been assisting with the lessons and has proved to be a real asset to the team.

1. **Prize Giving Dinner**

There will be a 7.00 pm for a 7.30 start. Menu choices have been sent to La Flambe. 48 people are expected to attend. Janet is collecting the money for guests.

All trophies are back and engraved. Colin will make a short speech when presenting the trophies.

Chris will purchase flowers, as usual, and was given a £50 float to do so.

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1. **AOB**
* Offer of dealing hands from Lesley Bennett

This kind offer from Lesley to deal boards for Corsham was discussed in detail. It was agreed to thank Lesley for her kind offer but politely refuse.

* Colin asked that Ray and Sue cleanse the records they hold with regard to people who have left the club in the last two years, in accordance with the DPA, and to certify in writing they have done so. Deadline end of February.
* Hilary will take responsibility for advising Janet when playing cards, bidding cards and bidding boxes need replacing.

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1. **Dates of next meetings.**
* 10.am 21 March at Colin’s
* 10 am 22 May at Sue’s

 **ACTION POINTS**

**Sue**

* Check whether he EBU are offering free or subsidised places on Director Courses.
* Cleanse records to delete from computer or destroy paper records for people who have left the club.

**Janet**

* Follow up with St Patrick’s church.
* Cleanse subs records for people who are no longer members of the club.

**Ray**

* Follow up with St Aldhelms Church
* Cleanse records to delete from computer or destroy paper records for people who have left the club.
* Propose dates for remaining club competitions.

**Colin**

* Explore the viability of the Hare and Hounds as a possible future venue.

**Chris**

* Purchase flowers for the Annual Dinner.

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