**Minutes of Corsham Bridge Club Committee Meeting 21 March 2019**

1. **Minutes of last meeting (16 January 2019)**

Agreed and signed.

1. **Apologies**

Hilary Swan

 Standing Items

1. **Review of open action points not elsewhere on the agenda**
* **Cleansing of records for DPA**

Colin, as Chairman is content we are compliant with the DPA.

1. **Finance**

Janet provided updated financial reports. These include £1,100 received from training. The current year is showing a loss of £257 with a few items still to pay and a refund of the training costs expected. The major item of expenditure was the annual Prize giving party.

Janet expects we are on course to at least break even this year.

1. **Membership Review**

Membership numbers are unchanged from last month. Attendance has fallen slightly over recent weeks due to illness, holidays and a league fixture and now stands at an average of 6.2 tables.

It was agreed that students will be offered membership forms over the next few weeks which will help us gauge how many of the students are going to start playing at the club at the end of the Assisted Play period.

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

The possible venue Colin mentioned previously was the Three Brewers not the Hare and Hounds but the room is too small for the club.

 St Aldhelms is suitable for our needs. It can comfortably accommodate 12 tables and has plenty of storage room. The only downside is the fact that chairs would need to come from the church and they are heavy. The possibility of talking to the manager to discuss us purchasing some chairs and negotiating the cost of using the kitchen for tea/coffee was mooted.

After some discussion, it was agreed that with current attendance numbers and perhaps a max of 2 tables coming from the training course there was no urgent need to move although this will be kept under review.

Once we know exactly how many of the trainees are planning to come regularly, provided that does not change the need to move, Sue will write to the manager

* thanking them for all the help they have given us in providing information and allowing us to visit
* saying we found the venue very suitable
* explaining that numbers from training are lower than expected so we no longer need to move yet but as and when we do we will be in contact
1. **Competitions and Events**

Eileen Harding -- 17th April (Ray to work out the handicaps)

Marjory Cox - 14 August

AGM - 16 October

Robin Sutton - 13 Nov

Teams trophy to be considered at a later date

Post meeting note the teams event “The Sonya Nesbit Trophy” 3 July

 **Other Items**

1. **Beginner’s Course**

There is now a nucleus of 12 students

Ray will seek volunteers to play with the students at Assisted Play so that they can play as if it is a club evening and be exposed to pairs who play other systems.

Charge for AP will be £5 for the students.

Sue to contact Roger Button to see whether our students would be welcome to play at Chippenham if they are unable to play on a Wednesday and wish to join a club and visa versa.

1. **AOB**

Ray has identified that some of the details that are displayed in various places and publications are out of date. He will update these with current details as and when he can.

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1. **Date of next meeting.**

. **23 May 10.00 at Janet and Colin’s**

**Action Points**

**Sue**

* Print application forms for the students
* Write to St Aldhelms
* Contact Roger Button

 **Ray**

* Prepare the handicaps for 17 April.
* Seek volunteers to help with Assisted Play
* Update club details where he identifies they are incorrect