**Minutes of Corsham Bridge Club Committee Meeting 23 May 2019**

1. **Minutes of last meeting (21 March 2019)**

Agreed and signed

1. **Apologies**

Hilary Swan and Chris Baldock

Standing Items

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

**Sue**

* Write to St Aldhelms – awaiting final decision on possible move.
* Contact Roger Button – Roger advised Chippenham do not generally encourage beginners to play on a Friday evening.

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1. **Finance**

Janet provided a full financial update. The shortfall this year, which is attributable to paying for the league team, teacher training expenses and director training is gradually reducing and Janet is hopeful that the end of year figures will show a small profit. The club has now paid for 10 Bridgetab licences.

As there will be no training income for next year, the committee recognised that paying for members to have a free meal at the La Flambe next year is unlikely to be viable. The committee will consider other options at the next meeting and then put these to members.

The WCBA will be charging a 2p pay to play Universal Membership fee from April 2020 and the EBU are likely to make a small increase in P2P fees as they have done in past years.

1. **Membership Review**

Eight of the students from the recent beginners’ course have already joined the club. Currently the average table number stands at 6.26, a small increase from the start of the year.

Janet checked with the EBU who they class as Corsham Primary members and was advised it is members who have Corsham as their first club on the EBU data base. Sue to check whether any of our members have their primary club as another club that is not nearby.

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

Ray and Colin have looked closely at the layout of the room at the Royal British Legion and think with careful juggling and, possibly using a couple of small tables, it could accommodate 10 tables if necessary. On that basis and given the average numbers all agreed there was no need to move from the Legion at this stage.

New lighting is being installed in the near future.

Colin will ask whether Corsham Bridge Club could purchase new ceiling fans for the RBL to fit and if the answer is no the club will buy one or two high power free standing fans.

1. **Competitions and Events**

Marjory Cox - 14 August

AGM - 16 October

Robin Sutton - 13 Nov

Nesbitt Salver (teams) 3 July – Colin to publicise at the club

Sue to produce winners’ certificates for the Prize giving event.

**Other Items**

1. **BBQ**

BBQ event to be held at Sue’s on 21 August

Colin will announce it on 29 May and Sue will prepare a list to be started on 5 June to show who wishes to come.

1. **AOB**

* It was agreed to send flowers and a card to Hilary who has had a second spell in hospital recently.
* The need to ask for nominations for the 2019-20 committee in early September was recognised and Colin will announce this nearer the time.

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1. **Date of next meeting.**

Thursday 18 July 10.00 at Sue’s

Meeting closed at 11.10am

**Action Points**

**Sue**

* Write to St Aldhelms
* Check Primary club details
* Prepare list for the BBQ
* Prepare certificates for Trophy winners

**Colin**

* Publicise the forthcoming Nesbitt event
* Announce the BBQ on 29 May
* Colin to seek nominations for next year’s committee in early September

**Janet**

* Purchase flowers and a card for Hilary