**Minutes of Corsham Bridge Club Committee Meeting 5 January 2018**

1. **Minutes of last meeting (24 November 2017)**

Agreed and signed

1. **Apologies**

None

1. **Review of action points**

**Colin**

* Make an announcement re teams nights – **done see below**
* Make announcement that there will be no play on 27 December 2017 - **done**

**Chris**

* Circulate copies of the written constitution – **circulated – see below**
* Send off application for lottery funding – **C/F**
* Explore Sims **See below**
* Write lessons as agreed above and comment on lessons circulated by Ray and Sue. – **see training schedule**

**Ray**

* Write handouts as previously agreed - **done**
* Arrange a meeting with Sue and Chris to discuss programme for teaching January onwards – **held post meeting**
* Prepare table cards which include the board movements. **Circulated – Chris to check before Sue Laminates**
* Ray to gauge interest in AP sessions towards the end of the current course. **C/F**

**Sue**

* Circulate the members contact list by e-mail and put a laminated copy in one of the club boxes. - **Done**
* Write lessons on “two suit overcall” and “Rules, rules, rules including protective bidding”.- **Done**
* Sue will check which issue of the EBU magazine covered when to bid 1 NT with a 5 card major and circulate – **Link sent by e mail – awaiting comments**
* Offer catch up events in the New Year **– C/F**
* Prepare Party attendance list – **Done with menu choices**

**Janet**

* Follow up the possibility of a match against Malmesbury sometime in the New Year if we have not got suggested dates by then. – **Malmesbury in favour awaiting date**
* Send a copy of her latest membership contact details to Sue. - **Done**
* Keep attendance records for improvers’ lessons up to date. - **Ongoing**
* Prepare list of those entitled to a free meal. **All members that are going are entitled to a free meal**
* Give £50 Christmas tip to the barman on 20 December. – **Done and gratefully received**

1. **Progress of the Development Lessons.**

Lessons are going well and are being enjoyed by the students. People have noticed a definite improvement in the bidding and play knowledge of those attending. Trainers do not expect the students to use all of the tools offered to them straight away. They can introduce the ones they choose to use when they are ready to do so as they have the handouts and play hands for reference. It is seen as important that they know what the conventions when they come across them.

Sue to offer some practice session to re-inforce the basics for those who want them.

**From post meeting discussion**

Chris to circulate, electronically, the handout and play hands for the Cue bidding lesson.

Interaction between Cue bids, and Splinters, what we do not want them to consider from the download handouts (including Key card Blackwood) and what to do after interference discussed post meeting. Ray to draft and circulate a note to students for comments by Chris and Sue.

Schedule for remaining lessons discussed and agreed. Ray to update and circulate.

1. **Financial Update**

Janet handed out updated financial updates. The club is in a very good position financially. The “Improvers lessons” have so far generated £ £348 net. The estimated cost of providing the meal is between £888 and £1,000, plus tip.

1. **Annual Party**

There are 39 people expected to attend of whom 7 are guests. Menu choices have been made and sent to La Flambe. It was decided that the club will pay for 3 courses for members who wish to have 3 courses. As there was some confusions about this Janet will contact those who did not choose a starter to see if they wish to have one. Wine and coffee will not be paid for by the club.

As some people have requested their steaks cooked in a particular way La Flambe will need to be reminded on the night to ask how people want their steaks cooked.

1. **Planning for Future Lessons**

Beginners course to be planned to start in the Autumn, subject to demand. Review at next meeting. Chris pointed out this may mean we need to look for new premises if membership increases.

1. **AOB**

**Router**

Sue to purchase suitable router – max cost £50.

**Council Planning Notice**

Sue checked with the club – no action expected for 50 years.

**Tablets**

Ray to purchase 4 more basic tablets.

**Teams**

17th January will be a teams night providing there is no half table. Colin will ask a pair to move if he feels any team would be unfairly strong.

**Sims**

Chris to check the rules regarding curtain cards on EBU SIMs evening before a decision is made as to which, if any, SIMs the club enters. Any SIMs entered will need to have different boards for each night or ones Malmesbury is not entering.

**Constitution**

Ray suggested that a few items warranted discussion. As a result:

* Chris to check whether you have to have 3 of the committee members present at a General Meeting.
* 8.8 – one of the committee members present must be an Officer.
* 8.11 – take out the word Tournament
* Include – “Visitors will be asked to become members of the club once they have played 5 times.
* Applications for membership need to have a proposer and a seconder but there will not be a need for applications to be approved by the committee. However any instances of bad behaviour will be dealt with swiftly by the committee.

1. **Date of next meeting**

**2 March 2018 10.00 at Janet and Colin’s**

**Action Points**

**Colin**

* Comments on draft Constitution to Chris by 31 January

**Chris**

* Send off application for lottery funding
* Check the movement cards circulated by Ray
* Consider the EBU article re 1NT with a 5 card major
* Circulate, electronically, the handout and play hands for the Cue bidding lesson

**Sue**

* Comments on draft Constitution to Chris by 31 January
* Offer some practice session to re-inforce the basics for those who want them.
* Add planning for Autumn lessons to agenda for next meeting.
* Sue to purchase suitable router – max cost £50.

**Ray**

* Comments on draft Constitution to Chris by 31 January
* Ray to gauge interest in AP sessions towards the end of the current course.
* Consider the EBU article re 1NT with a 5 card major
* Ray to draft and circulate a note to students, as above, for comments by Chris and Sue.
* Ray to send out agreed updated schedule
* Ray to purchase 4 more basic tablets.

**Janet**

* Follow up the possibility of a match against Malmesbury sometime in the New Year if we have not got suggested dates by then
* Keep attendance records for improvers’ lessons up to date