**Minutes of Corsham Bridge Club Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday 11 July 2017**

1. **Minutes of last meeting (18 April 2017).**

Agreed and signed on 12 July.

1. **Apologies**

Chris Baldock

1. **Review of action points**

**Sue**

* Prepare movement cards for teams with 5 tables  *completed*
* Provide list of members to the Legion – *list now agreed*
* Prepare 8 laminated table numbers - *completed*
* Check whether there are suitable tables we can borrow from the main hall. *Tables at far end of the room are suitable and available*
* Review storage boxes with Janet. - *completed*
* Send e mail re development lessons- *completed – high level of interest*

**Chris**

* Invite feedback on the club’s website at the next club night. – *completed no feedback received*
* Apply to lottery for funding for a dealing machine – *need to wait till entries open in approx. Sept.*
* Explore which SIMs are available next year – *ongoing look for SIMs Malmesbury are not taking part in.*
* Prepare notes for team scoring, put some in club box and also put them on the website –

*Completed*

* Consider September teaching event. – *decision not to go.*
* Prepare the handicaps for the Eileen Harding Trophy by 26 April - *completed*

**Ray**

* Teach Pat to use Bridgetab and draw up a rota once she is confident to use it. – *Completed successfully but Pat feels she is not ready to take on this responsibility yet as she feels it will jeopardise her bridge development. Janet and Ray are happy to share this responsibility but Sue will learn how to do it so she can deputise if needed.*
* Ray to follow up possibility of free teaching book – *free book not provided*
* Arrange a match with Box after Corsham has run a teams night. – *Box is closing for the summer so explore later in the year.*
* Consider September teaching event. *decision not to go.*
* Website - Ray to update latest news and move older news to a news archive. - *completed*
* Renew Bridgetab licence. - *completed*

**Janet**

* Teach Pat to use Bridgetab and draw up a rota once she is confident to use it. – *as above*
* Ask people about joining the club once they have played as guests 8 times – *ongoing awaiting forms from Kath Darby*
* Review storage boxes with Sue - *completed*

**Long Term**

Consider whether we wish to consider using Weebly or move to another provider.

1. **Matters arising not on the agenda**

* Ken is currently help with setting up the welcome screen and the timer. Keith to be reminded that he needs to learn how to do this.

1. **Planning for the Development Lessons**

There is interest in both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

A regular course of development lessons will start on 17 October, 7pm to 10pm, with Ray and Chris leading on this. The format will be teaching followed by play with a cost of £6. This will start with some revision lessons. The planned topics are suitable for those who play 4 card and 5 card majors. The only difference that is necessary is that there will need to be some different guidance for some of the play hand bidding.

List attached showing priorities etc. Sue will prepare a handout on most common alerts, announcements, and etiquette rather than have this as a lesson.

Sue to prepare lessons for Transfers, Keeping control in NT and good defence.

Ray to prepare lessons for Revision, Losing trick count and taking account of shape.

First drafts to be exchanged by end of August. Other lessons to be prepared later

Sue will offer ad hoc teaching lesson starting later at the club on a Wednesday starting at 6pm. These will be topic based lesson only but with handouts and hands to be given out and practice play fitted in as required. Cost will be £3.

Ray will announce the lessons at the club over the next couple of weeks and ask people to sign up.

1. **Planning for the Barbeque on 2 August**

List to be passed round at the next two club nights to see who can attend and who wants to bring a partner. Invites to be sent by e-mail to Jane Wilcox and Christina and John Clark. Depending on numbers it may be possible to ask some historic members.

Sue will purchase meat, bread sauces, wine, beer and soft drinks on behalf of the club and also a cover to protect her carpet. Members will be asked to bring either a salad or a desert.

Sue and Janet will both provide a barbeque and some ice.

Ray will ask club members to see if anybody is prepared to offer their services to do the barbeque cooking.

1. **Equipment needs**

Sue and Janet have reviewed the boxes and are content that we have enough for the present numbers. For future needs Ray will order some cables for the Bridgetab and Janet some cards.

1. **Facilities at the club**

Lighting – the uplighter is working well but Colin will try to brace it so that it always points towards the ceiling.

Table layout – See attached. The router will be tried on the edge of the bar to see if it is better located there.

Cooling – Having two fans as last week worked well. Sue and Janet are content to bring fans for now unless the club is able to store a fan for us.

1. **Financial Update**

Janet provided copies of the current financial statement. The club is in an excellent financial position with an excess of £1277 so far this financial year and an overall balance of £3877.

1. **Competition Update**

Forthcoming events:

16 August - Marjorie Cox Plate

8 November – Robin Sutton Trophy. – nearer the time players need to be split into two groups.

1. **AOB**

Ray will ensure that he is confident that Bridgetab can successfully run team scoring before we embark on another teams evening.

Ray will produce an edited list showing only those who are likely to continue playing at the club so it can be an easy reference point for anybody who forgets their number.

Colin was thanked for the work he is currently does in setting up and moving the boards. It was agreed that Sue and Chris would help more with this and members would be encouraged to move the boards themselves as a matter of course when playing a Mitchell movement.

Sue will publicise the County non expert pairs and teams nearer the time to try and encourage some new entries.

AGM will be held on 27 September.

1. **Date of next meeting**

**10am 9 September at Sue’s**

**Action Points**

**Barbeque as above.**

**Sue**

* Write agreed lessons and send drafts to Ray and Chris by end of August
* Publicise non expert County events nearer the event date.
* When directing, announce movement and encourage members to move boards themselves when it is a Mitchell movement.

**Chris**

* Apply for lottery funding
* Explore SIMs
* Explore match with Box in the autumn
* When directing, announce movement and encourage members to move boards themselves when it is a Mitchell movement.

**Ray**

* Order leads for Bridgetab
* Try router on bar
* Publicise and seek sign up for development lessons
* Write agreed lessons and send drafts to Sue and Chris by end of August
* Check teams scoring on Bridgetab

**Janet**

* Order new cards
* Strengthen uplighter