**Minutes of Corsham Bridge Club Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday 18 April 2017**

1. **Minutes of last meeting (29 Oct 2016)**

Agreed and signed by Chairman

1. **Apologies**

None

1. **Review of action points**

**Sue**

* Prepare movement cards for teams with 5 tables *– to be completed by 25 April and then for teams of 3,4 and 6*
* Provide list of members to the Legion – *to be completed once the list has been reviewed by Sue and Janet*
* Bridgetab – *Pat has expressed an interest in learning to use Bridgetab. It was agreed that Ray and Janet would teach Pat to use it and draw up a rota once this has been done.*

**Chris**

* Prepare survey about member’s views on the website for review at the next meeting – *decision taken to invite feedback at the next club night rather than have a formal survey.*
* Contact EBU re his EBUTA membership –*membership updated*
* Apply to lottery for funding for a dealing machine - *ongoing*
* 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 –*Ray will send Chris some generic notes. Chris to announce at the start of the next club night we will have a teams competition next time we have 5 full tables.*

**Ray**

* To enquire about free books from the EBUTA – *no response to his original enquiry –Ray will follow up.*
* Contact Box re possible match – *cf until Corsham has successfully run a teams night.*

**Janet**

* Source team scoresheets *- complete*
* Change lead name details for the club website – *complete*

**Long Term**

* Consider whether we wish to consider using Weebly or move to another provider. *Cf*
1. **Matters arising not on the agenda**
* People will be asked to join the club and the Legion once they have played 8 times as guests.
* Sue to prepare 8 laminated table numbers
* Ray and Chris to consider going to the teaching event in November. Sue is unavailable.
* Keith and Ken to be asked to help with setting up the welcome screen and the timer.
* Whoever is sitting North near the TV to be asked to take control of the timer
* Chris to look for a team scoring system within Pairscorer,
* Website - Ray to update latest news and move older news to a news archive.
1. **Update on current training course**

The course has gone well. 4 more AP sessions are planned with the aim to getting the students playing at 7 minutes per round. They will be given certificates at the end of the course.

1. **Accommodating those from the current course**

With careful table lay out the Legion can accommodate 7 or possibly 8 tables. Sue will check whether there are suitable tables we can borrow from the main hall. Chris is happy for the table he supplied for teaching to be used at the Legion. Additional chairs can be borrowed from the main hall as needed.

Chris to announce to the club the new players will be introduced to the club from 16 May and ask that they are welcomed, they are not taught at the table (obviously questions can be answered) and that people are tolerant if there is the need for a few averages.

1. **Equipment needs**

Bridgtab licence needs to be renewed and increased to 10 tables.

Sue to purchase 4 Kindle Fire tablets – *Post meeting note Ray has done so.*

Sue and Janet to review the content of the storage boxes again with a view to creating a box of items that are not regularly needed which Ray will store. Old table cloths will be disposed of and any new ones bought. Sue donated two.

With the bidding boxes at Church House there are sufficient for now.

There are plenty of new cards available to replace old ones.

Currently the router is working well.

1. **Future Training events**

It was decided to run a development course starting in the Autumn. Chris and Ray will lead on this if the course is run on a Tuesday evening as Sue is committed to a beginner’s course at Malmesbury. The course will cover some revision from the beginner’s course, material from the EBU book 2 and other advanced bidding.

It was agreed Sue would e mail all those who are likely to be interested to ask whether they would prefer:

1. A Tuesday evening with a similar format to the current lessons.
2. A Wednesday evening before the club night with 45 mins of teaching one week followed by play based on the topic the following week.
3. **Financial Update**

Janet provided copies of the current financial statement. Thanks to not having to pay rent for use of the room at the Legion and the money generated from training the club financial position is far better than it was a couple of years ago with a current balance of £3282.

It was agreed that a £1 sub would be charged for next year so we have a control over membership. Subs to be collected at the start of the next financial year.

1. **Competition Update**

26 April - Eileen Harding Handicap. Chris to prepare handicaps, Ray to announce at the club on 19 April.

16 August - Marjorie Cox Plate

8 November – Robin Sutton Trophy.

**AOB**

Chris confirmed he will be resigning as Chairperson at the next AGM but is willing to stay on the committee if needed. Other committee members are also willing to stand again. It was agreed with the increase in membership a committee of 5 would be ideal.

Sue to cleanse the club member’s data base on the EBU website.

**Date of next meeting Saturday 11 July 2017 10.00 at Janet’s house.**

**Action Points**

**Sue**

* Prepare movement cards for teams with 5 tables *– to be completed by 25 April*
* Provide list of members to the Legion – *to be completed once the list has been reviewed*
* Prepare 8 laminated table numbers
* Check whether there are suitable tables we can borrow from the main hall.
* Review storage boxes with Janet.
* Send e mail re development lessons

**Chris**

* Invite feedback on the club’s website at the next club night.
* Apply to lottery for funding for a dealing machine
* 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 –*Ray will send Chris some generic notes. Chris to announce at the start of the next club night we will have a team’s competition next time we have 5 full tables.*
* Consider November teaching event. Chris to look for a team scoring system within Pair scorer,
* Prepare the handicaps for the Eileen Harding Trophy by 26 April

**Ray**

* Teach Pat to use Bridgetab and draw up a rota once she is confident to use it.
* Ray to follow up possibility of free teaching book
* Arrange a match with Box after Corsham has run a teams night.
* Consider November teaching event.
* Website - Ray to update latest news and move older news to a news archive.
* Renew Bridgetab licence.
* Announce the Eileen Harding Handicap on 19 April.

**Janet**

* Teach Pat to use Bridgetab and draw up a rota once she is confident to use it.
* Ask people about joining the club once they have played as guests 8 times
* Review storage boxes with Sue

**Long Term**

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