**Minutes Corsham Bridge Club Committee Meeting**

**24 November 2017**

1. **Minutes of last meeting (21 October 2017)**

Agreed and signed.

1. **Apologies**

Ray but e mail comments sent pre meeting

1. **Review of action points**

**Colin**

All done

**Chris**

* Circulate copies of the written constitution - **c/f**
* Send off application for lottery funding **c/f**
* Explore Sims – Chris has established that you now need to print hands from the internet. He will look at the upcoming EBU Sims **c/f**
* Write lessons as agreed and comment on lessons circulated by Ray and Sue -.**ongoing**

**Ray**

* Write handouts as previously agreed - **ongoing**
* Check availability of Church house for 12 Dec. – **Our room will be available but the main hall will be busy with the carol singers and the tap dancers**
* Arrange a meeting with Sue and Chris to discuss programme for teaching January onwards **C/f**
* Keep a list of who misses which lessons so Sue can follow up with the offer of catch up sessions. **Janet is doing this.**
* Prepare table cards which include the board movements. **c/f**

**Sue**

All done

**Janet**

* Extend rental projections to include 8 and 9 tables – **done see below**
* Follow up the possibility of a match against Malmesbury sometime in the New Year. – **Malmesbury are definitely interested and have said they will suggest some dates for 2018. In the meantime we need to hold more team night’s in Corsham to prepare.**
* Janet to add Bob and Jeans details and then send a copy to Sue to circulate by e-mail and put a laminated copy in the box. .**All info collated and to be sent to Sue post meeting**
* Keep financial records for the teaching and pay Church House **ongoing – see item 5**
* Contact Chris re revised law book – **Now in club box**

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

Attendance is steady with an average of 10 students.

Financial statement provided by Janet which shows current surplus of £193 less £110 for the new tables.

As per the Action points Ray, Chris and Sue need to meet up soon to plan for January onwards. Sue will write lessons on “two suit overcall” and “Rules, rules, rules including protective bidding”. Sue will check which issue of the EBU magazine covered when to bid 1 NT with a 5 card major so it can be considered as the basis for a lesson.

Ray’s suggestion of Assisted Play sessions at £5 each was agreed in principle as something for when the current course ends.

Sue will offer some catch up sessions for those who missed lessons in the New Year.

1. **Financial Update**

September 2017 of £404. This is line with last year’s position.

Chris asked whether it was financially viable to open a deposit account so we generate some interest. It was decided not to as interest rates on “Club” accounts are less than minimal and because we are not charged for using out existing current account.

Purchasing a bespoke package scoring system will be something to consider in the future. Await outcome of Malmesbury’s purchase.

Janet provided expanded rent / income projections should we need to find a new venue at any stage in the future.

1. **Annual Party**

Colin has booked La Flambe for 10 January 2018 for approx. 40 people. He is awaiting menus from the venue but is expecting us to be able to choose from that menu on that evening rather than beforehand.

Sue will prepare and circulate a list to establish who wishes to come. This will show at the top that the meal will be free to existing club members who have played at least 8 times in the current financial year. Others will be charged a flat £25 with partners welcomed. Janet will establish who is eligible for a free meal.

1. **AOB**

* **Router -** Router will be tried on the high table to see if the system is more reliable with it located there.
* **Proposed planning issue -** Chris is concerned at the notice in the British Legion about planning proposals which would involve demolition of the building. Although this is likely to be a long time issue it is important the club makes it’s views felt. Sue to establish the closing dates for comments and speak to Dave to see if the British Legion is co-ordinating a response we should be part of or whether the club should send a letter commenting on the loss of an important community venue and the benefits of bridge as a form of mental exercise.
* **Teams –** Janet has checked that the Bridgemates cope well with team scoring.

Colin will announce that as part of ongoing membership development the aim will be to have 1 team evening a month. It will be held on the first Wednesday each month where there is no half table. There will be no need for people to form teams of 4 in advance. Ray’s suggestion to ensure teams had mixed ability pairs within each team was rejected as it was felt this may make less experienced pairs feel under pressure.

* **Play nights over the festive season** – there will be no club night on 27 December 2017
* **Trophies –** All trophies have been returned apart from the Eileen Harding one which is held by Susan and Adrian Tanner. As arranged by Janet, Susan was expected to have brought it to the club by now. Janet will follow up. Post meeting note from Janet - All trophies now in my possession. Will arrange for engraving.
* **Christmas Tip** – Christmas tip for the barman was agreed at £50, in recognition of all the hard work he does in setting up tables etc.

1. **Date of next meeting**

5 January 2018 10.00 at Sue’s

**Action Points**

**Colin**

* Make an announcement re teams nights
* Make announcement that there will be no play on 27 December 2017

**Chris**

* Circulate copies of the written constitution
* Send off application for lottery funding
* Explore Sims as above
* Write lessons as agreed above and comment on lessons circulated by Ray and Sue.

**Ray**

* Write handouts as previously agreed
* Arrange a meeting with Sue and Chris to discuss programme for teaching January onwards
* Prepare table cards which include the board movements.
* Ray to gauge interest in AP sessions towards the end of the current course.

**Sue**

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

**Janet**

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