



DONCASTER BRIDGE CLUB

35 BENNETTHORPE, DONCASTER DN2 6AA

MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: 03 May 2011

PRESENT: B. Hardey, G Atkinson, B Brooks, S. Chapman, V. Jones, V Lynch, J Scott, J Staniforth, B. Stones, P Swindells and S Tate

APOLOGIES: D Butler, M Chapman, G Foster, P Foster and R Rimmington

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

a) Minutes of previous meeting 5 April 2011 were agreed as correct subject to the inclusion of R Rimmington in the list of members present.

b) Matters Arising

i) Correspondence:

J Ballans was also to attend the EBU Teaching Course at Wetherby BC. JAS agreed to enquire as to whether any funding was available from YCBA.

ii) Composition of Committees

V Lynch to be a member of the Finance and Planning Committee.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Table money for April had reduced to below the weekly £400 partly due to the loss of four sessions on bank holidays. Table money to date was £800 less than the same period last year. Subscriptions were £500 less than the same period last year. The bar remained in profit.

4) NEW THURSDAY EVENING SESSIONS

BB proposed that the new social Chicago bridge should commence in Thursday May 12th on a trial basis with existing club members. A Director was needed for some sessions as BB was not available on some Thursdays. It was agreed that prizes of white wine and any goods offered through 'Mr Bridge' would be provided in lieu of master points. It was agreed that all Directors needed to announce the event and it be displayed on the website.

5. SUB-COMMITTEE & VERBAL REPORTS

(a) Finance & Planning:

- (i) The contractor (Analogue) for the CCTV had attempted to look at the cameras to ascertain if any were faulty but could not proceed as the scaffolding was deemed unsafe and a further quote was to be submitted for use of a 'cherry picker' machine.
- (ii) Discussion took place on the merits of the installation of solar panels and it was agreed that BH seek information for further consideration.

(b) Playing:

- (i) PF had circulated a report containing a number of proposals and these were being commented upon and would be presented at the July meeting.
- (ii) BH confirmed that M Crook had indicated a willingness to continue to organise the Monday afternoon session but due to the number of bank holidays those attending would be asked if a Thursday afternoon session should be enacted either when a bank holiday occurred or on a permanent basis.
- (iii) It was noted that only one pair had signed up for the Simultaneous Pairs event on 11 May and at least 6 pairs were needed. It was agreed to announce the event at the next sessions particularly the following Wednesday. A normal duplicate session would be played concurrently for those not wishing to take part. GA enquired as to the decision to reintroduce EBU Simultaneous Pairs event due to the cost of £5.50.
- (iv) Concerns were reported on the continuing malfunction of the Bridge Pads which had prevented usage at some sessions. DB was investigating the situation and had contacted the supplier to arrange for additional support.
- (v) JAS reported that a team would be attending the 'Teams of Four' event at Tickton.

(c) House and Bar:

All matters had been covered as part of other items.

(d) Social:

The main focus was still the hosting YCBA Ranked Masters. Approximately 12 tables were expected.

(e) Membership Update:

Membership was now 195. BH reported that he had contacted a number of past members but only one member who required transport (which had been provisionally arranged) was a probable return. Two others may return subject to health improvements and a further possibility was reported.

(f) P2P:

Nothing new to report.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to consider.

7. WEBSITE UPDATE

GA asked that the committee membership was updated and recent minutes uploaded.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Marketing Issues

GA reported he had arranged to meet Sarah Brown to discuss this.

(b) Car Parking

GA reported that parking at the rear was a problem on Friday evenings due to the Cricket Club siting equipment on designated parking places.

(c) Yorkshire League Teams

VL asked if players could be encouraged to confirm their availability for next season's Yorkshire league matches.

9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 7 June 2011 at 6.00 p.m.

(Apologies: MC, SC, GF and PF).