



DONCASTER BRIDGE CLUB

35 BENNETTHORPE, DONCASTER DN2 6AA

MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Date of meeting: 11 January 2011

Present: B. Hardey, B. Stones, S. Tate, V. Jones, P. Foster,
G. Foster, D. Butler, R. Rimmington, M. Chapman,
S. Chapman, P Swindells

Apologies: G Burdett, J Staniforth

The minutes of the previous meeting on 02 November 2010 were agreed as correct.

2. Matters Arising

BH had met with G Joy in December. GJ believed that a whist drive may be popular and he knew two ladies who might agree to organise this. GJ was asked to suggest ways in which advertising could help to increase membership. There was a possibility that inclusion in the 'Entertainer' magazine could be useful.

3. Treasurer's Report

BH reported:

- (i) Accounts for the full year were well in line with anticipated accounts. Actual table money was less than the estimated £22,000 but bar receipts were as predicted. BH reported the club will make savings this year through reduced Council rates. We began the year with £8,700 in reserve. We ended with £3,700 in reserve even though we had an approximate £10,000 spent on premises and facility improvements this year.
- (ii) Estimates for 2011:- Table money remains main source of income and is therefore a critical issue. BH to seek ideas from members as to how we might increase the number of members actually playing. Table money estimate for 2011 is £21,000.
- (iii) BH said we will seek to replace chairs this year.
- (iv) We had experienced a gain of approximately £1,800 from implementation of the P2P scheme.

- (v) BS asked for clarification regarding the need to effect repairs/replacement of the dishwasher. It was agreed that PS and VJ would look into this matter.

4. Table Money & Subscriptions 2011

BH reported we are not seeking to raise table money or subscriptions for the forthcoming year.

5. Sub-Committee & Verbal Reports

(a) Finance & Planning:

BH referred the meeting to the comments he made under the Treasurer's Report (item 3).

(b) Playing:

(i) PF reported that classes were due to start on Wednesday afternoons.

(ii) Take-up with regard to the use of pre-dealt hands and hand records had been disappointing. Some members had expressed a desire not to use pre-dealt hands. PF said that Directors should be sensitive to players' wishes.

(iii) Some members who had played only in the downstairs event prior to the amalgamation appeared to have ceased playing altogether.

(c) House & Bar:

(i) PS reported that a fault with the alarm system had been appropriately repaired.

(ii) Club member J Wroe had asked if the club might provide anti-bacterial handwashes. There was a general concern regarding the cleanliness of the club. BH agreed to speak with the cleaners regarding this issue.

(d) Social:

MC reported that numbers already signed up for the Swiss Pairs in February was increasing.

(e) Membership Update:

PF was issuing letters alongside envelopes for members to place monies/cheques for subscriptions. Letters referred to maintaining current subscription level, implications of Pay-to-Pay as well as information on directly credited master points and how to check these on-line.

PF is sending the letter to approximately 70 'rarely seen' members by mail. PF suggested we might include an advertising flyer with the letter.

GF suggested we run an event in September for elapsed members in order to attract them back into the club.

(f) P2P:

Nothing new to report.

6. Correspondence

DB reported we had received notification of the England Simultaneous Pairs, for 8th February, organised by ECats bridge. PF commented that we already had the YCBA Margery Cartwright Simultaneous Pairs on 10th February and two in one week would not be welcomed by members.

7. Member's Items

YCBA:

DB referred to notes provided by JAS re YCBA issues. JAS had asked that the club consider the current YCBA competitions calendar and decide what the club might agree to hosting in addition to events we already hosted. It had been agreed that £8.50 /person would be reimbursed to clubs hosting such events.

JAS suggested the club would allocate £7.50 towards catering and £1.00 for the club. It was felt that £7.50 was overpriced for catering per person.

Other items re YCBA were deferred to next meeting due to lack of time.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 1st February 2011 at 6.00pm.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm