

WORTHING BRIDGE CLUB

Committee Meeting

Friday 27 October 2023 at 10.00am

Byron Road

MINUTES

Present: Ernie Rivett, Robert Pepper, Eileen Perrigo, Alexa Baxter, Debbie Hildick-Smith, Chris Constable, Nigel Utting

1. Apologies for absence: Judy-Ann Cheevers

2. Minutes of the meeting 25 August 2023 were approved.

3. Matters Arising: None.

4. Treasurer's Report (AB)

- a) Our income is currently keeping up with costs. The table numbers have stabilised at an average of close to 6.
- b) AB has been wrestling with NatWest procedures regarding annual form filling. The online process is time consuming and so far, efforts have failed to complete them and there isn't a person to interact directly with.

5. Membership Report (LS)

The club wishes to extend a warm welcome to our newest members.

- a) We have 4 new members: Val Veal, Linda Oliver, Gillian Trowell and Frances Boyce.
- b) The WBC membership stands at 200.

6. Hills Competition (ER)

- a) There are currently 15 teams registered; 5 are non-WBC.
- b) Catering has been agreed. Lunch will be at 1pm for 1 hour and tea between 3 and 4.
- c) DHS and Alice Louis will organise afternoon tea. **DHS**
- d) The venue will be open from around 9am, definitely by 9.30.
- e) Tea and coffee will be available beforehand along with bottled water which will reduce work and clearing up. **EP+**
- f) It is likely we shall make a loss this year due to increasing costs. The format and future of the day will be discussed when the final data is available. **ER**
- g) Numbers of boards and rounds will be confirmed with Eddie **ER**
- h) This year no inexperienced teams have entered so the prizes will be 1st 2nd and 3rd overall.
- i) As usual everything will be prepared at the Club on Saturday and taken over to Angmering by volunteers. **ER**
- j) Other details will be updated on the Hills To-Do list by AB. **AB**

7. BBO (NU)

- a) We have received 8 responses only.

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8. Roger Pyart Trophy (NU)

- a) The trophy has been selected and will be called 'The Roger Pyart Vase'.
b) It will be awarded to the winners of the handicapped Wednesday afternoon session during the Spring Festival.

9. Thermostats and Windows (ER)

- a) Barkers provided the wrong thermostats: this is being followed up. **ER**
b) Window fixes from the last minutes are pending and timescale is to be confirmed. **ER**

10. AOB

- a. There are currently only 3 teams entered for the Winter League. Directors, Committee members will be asking around to encourage more entries. **NU**
b. Members are very relaxed these days about keeping cards and announcing partnership agreements to the table. It was agreed we would remind members at sessions. **ER**
c. Chairmans Cup scoring will be looked at. **ER/AB**
d. The Christmas Party will be on Friday 8th December at 18.45. Members will be asked to register in advance and make full payment at time of bookings to avoid costs arising from 'No Shows'.

The date of the next meeting is:

Friday 1st December, 10.00am at Byron Road.