

THE SOBELL BRIDGE CLUB

In aid of The Friends of Michael Sobell House
Registered Charity No. 1079638



Minutes of Committee Meeting No 97 held at the Michael Sobell Centre on Saturday 22 April, 2017

Present:

Doug Edmonds (DE)	Chairman
George Howlett (GH)	President
Lynne Mathys (LM)	Treasurer
Calver Townsend (CT)	
Terry Butfield (TB)	Playing Secretary
Joanna May (JM)	Weekend Organiser
Rob Pyburn (RP)	Webmaster
Lois Hargreaves (LH)	Session Manager

1 Apologies for absence were received from Adrienne Finch, Jackie North and Shirley Tucker.

2 The minutes of the previous meeting No 96, held on 28 January 2017, were approved.

3 Matters arising

- i) The format of the minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2017 was agreed. JM will put them on the Sobell website. JM
- ii) Hemel Hempstead Bridge Club was not interested in purchasing our old Bridgemates.

4 Chairman's report

- i) Shirley Tucker has resigned as Membership Secretary due to illness. DE suggested that different 'officers' collect the membership fees on the 3 main bridge evenings. Anne Edmonds is willing to do this on Mondays and Tuesdays. DE will ask Anne McConnell if she can do this on Thursday evenings with effect from Thursday 27 April. Memberships become due for renewal on 1st May and Shirley Tucker has the new membership cards. DE will sort the membership cards for Sunday people and pass them to LH. DE
- DE will speak to Michael Tucker and ask him to bring the membership cards to the Club House on 25th April. He will also offer Michael the opportunity to stand down from Tuesday money collection. DE
- ii) DE will invite either Ann or Peter Cobden to join the Committee. DE
- iii) DE/LM will invite Gwen Cozens to join the Committee as Membership Secretary. DE/LM
- iv) A member complained to DE about the number of north-south sit outs as there is a presumption that there are no north-south sit outs. DE explained that everyone has to sit out sometime. DE regards the issue as closed.
- v) DE has arranged to meet with the Chief Executive of the Friends to discuss the hall, its cleaning, the ramp and the review of the Mount Vernon site. DE will also take them through the Club's financial report. DE
- vi) Arrangements for the AGM on 21 May 2017. It was agreed that the structure of the meeting would be 'normal businesses. In his opening address, GH will mention there had been disciplinary issues but they had now been satisfactorily resolved. GH

- The Agenda for the AGM would include forthcoming events: **JM**
- Summer Party on Saturday 24 June
Teams Event on Saturday 22 July
Cheese and Wine on Saturday 9 September
Christmas Party on Saturday 9 December; and the possibility of a
Chicago Tea to be arranged on a Saturday afternoon.
- vii) Friday afternoon Bridge. Stephanie Hughes intimated that she may no longer wish to direct these bridge sessions. Sue Ganney is happy to continue directing on her own if needs be but she is due to have a knee operation at some time this year. DE to ask Martin Isham and Jacquie North to provide cover when Sue Ganney cannot attend. **DE**
- 5 Treasurer's report
- i) LM produced a document showing draft income expenditure comparisons for 2016/2017. The data was discussed by the Committee and a number of suggestions were made to simplify the data prior to its distribution at the AGM. LM to implement. **LM**
- 6 Secretary's report - Nothing to report
- 7 Playing Secretary's report
- i) TB was disappointed that he had had to cancel the Teams' Event scheduled for 22 April. The lack of support may have been due to the Easter holidays and looking after grandchildren. TB asked the Committee to make an effort and ensure the next Teams' Event on 22 July is well supported. **ALL**
- ii) The last Sim Pairs competition went well. It was agreed that when we play the next Sim Pairs' competition, the A side should receive the same cards as those playing in the Sims Pairs but the A side will be scored separately.
- iii) TB confirmed we will be entering a team for the Eccles Cup and participation in the Champions Cup will be offered to prize winners at our AGM. **TB**
- iv) Tuition – Jacquie North has spoken to Mike Keen. He said he could provide tuition but not an EBU Course. DE to discuss with JN. **DE/JN**
- 8 Webmaster's Report
- i) RP has completed the updating of our database and Pianola.
- ii) RP has sent out lists of Pianola rules and permissions to all of the Committee.
- iii) There is an option on Pianola to automatically email the results to the players. DE suggested that before this is implemented, RP should find out from Pianola what data is included in the email. **RP**
- iv) RP has produced a draft on how to add documents to the Sobell website. He will send it to the Committee. **RP**
- v) Pianola has supplied Information about the winners and runners-up of our competitions to Howard Atkins for the prizegiving.
- 9 Social Matters
- i) DE reported that we made a profit of £330 from the Cheese and Wine event on 11 March where we sold 76 tickets.
- ii) LM sought the Committee's view on a Chicago tea event which she suggested should be held on a Saturday afternoon at a cost of £7.50 per person. It was agreed to go ahead with the proposal. JM will contact Ophelia Chambers-Henry to find out when the hall is available. JM/LM to follow this through and report back. **JM/LM**
- iii) The date of the next Cheese and Wine event has been changed from Saturday September 23 to Saturday 9 September.
- iv) The cost of an insert in 'Hillingdon People' (TB) is to be carried forward to the next Committee meeting. **AF**
- 10 Bridge weekends
- i) Cheltenham Chase Hotel from 12-15 May 2017. There are 38 people going to this weekend and although we would prefer to find another pair to make the number up to

40, we could not get them accommodation as the hotel is fully booked. JM is finalising the logistics re transporting the bridge tables, laptop computer and other equipment.

- ii) Stratford Manor Hotel from 13-15 October 2017, The application form has been prepared and will be put on the website after the Cheltenham weekend.

JM

11 Liaison Officer's Report – nothing to report apart from ramp (see 1.v).

12 Any Other Business

GH has prepared a 'Welcome Pack' to be kept in the office and handed out to new members. A number of changes to the document were suggested by members of the Committee. GH will implement these changes and print out 20 sets which will be kept in the office.

GH

13 Date of Next Meeting – Saturday 22 July at 10:00 AM.