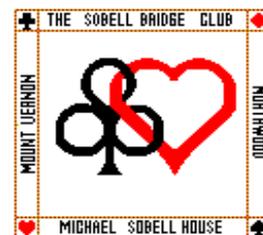


THE SOBELL BRIDGE CLUB

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



Minutes of Committee Meeting no 89 held at the Michael Sobell Centre on Saturday 25 April 2015

Present

Doug Edmonds (DE)	Chairman
Lynne Mathys (LM)	Treasurer
George Howlett (GH)	President
Jacque North (JN)	Session Manager
Terry Butfield (TB)	Playing Secretary
Joanna May (JM)	Weekend Organiser
Shirley Tucker (ST)	Membership Secretary
Rob Pyburn (RP)	Webmaster
Lois Hargreaves	Session Manager
Liz Crook (LC)	Liaison Officer

Apologies for absence Bob Cozens (BC), Sheena Edgar (SE), Adrienne Finch (AF)

- 1 The minutes of the previous meeting, no. 88, held on 24 January, 2015 were approved with one amendment:

Under Item 7, Webmaster's Report – the word 'Bridgemate' should be inserted in front of the word 'servers'.

2 Matters arising:

- i) The bridge hall was cleaned on 23 April. DE reported that it was impossible to organise the cleaning on a regular basis as the hospital management say the hall is booked at different times.
- ii) Details of the new emergency procedure have been published.
- iii) The handrail to the car park has been erected and is satisfactory.
- iv) Marion Sweet has been elected Member of the Year.

3 Chairman's report

In view of BC's illness. DE will extend the rota of directors and scorers beyond 21 May. **DE**

LM said there was a big problem with scoring. She asked for documentation to be produced for each type of session from start to finish. **RP**

RP reported there were a lot of issues with the implementation of Pianola; however, he was confident of resolving many of these after the meeting.

TB reported that Club members had suggested the purchase of a new PC if the problems with Pianola had anything to do with the fact that the Club's PC was old. RP said there were no problems with the PC and he has been clearing out old junk.

RP said there had been some unreliability in connecting the server to the weekend computer and the Club needed a new portable PC for weekends. The Committee agreed that RP should purchase a new PC for weekends. **RP**

The Club now had three servers: one which is fixed to the computer at the Club; and two which are kept in the weekend bag.

On behalf of the Committee, TB thanked RP for all his hard work on Pianola.

4 Treasurer's report

i) The total raised this year is £43,000 which is 27.5% up on last year.

ii) An update on the charity status had not been possible. LM apologised for this but she has had computer problems for the past two weeks and the notes were on her computer. **LM**

iii) The fourth quarter's donation has been made.

5 Secretary's report

SE had written to DE stating that as she was still recovering from her car accident, she had found it hard to work and be at the Club. She is no longer playing at the Club but is willing to continue in her role of Secretary. DE and the Committee were happy for SE to continue. **SE**

6 Playing Secretary's report

ii) TB apologised for the SIM Pairs event on 9 April going wrong which could have been caused during the dealing or by people putting cards back incorrectly when they were playing. The EBU were informed. TB does not intend to play in future SIM Pairs events and will check the boards after they have been dealt.

ii) TB is concerned about the level of noise in the bridge hall. After discussion, it was agreed that an announcement would be made every evening asking members to be quieter. Members of the Committee would follow that by going up to 'noisy' individuals asking them to be quiet. **ALL**

iii) DE said that no date had been fixed for the open evening which was planned to link with the graduation of Marion Sweet's students. DE will talk to the students and ask them what they would like to do. **DE**

iv) DE reported that the Club does not have a tutor for total beginners' courses. JN will approach Tessa Templeton to see if she is interested in helping. **JN**

v) DE reported that an EBU Directors' Course will be held in the bridge hall on October 3, 10, 17 and November 14. JN, LM and Vinod Khanna have signed up as delegates from Sobell.

7 Webmaster's Report

RP had circulated his report prior to the meeting (see attached).

DE said that there were problems from time to time with scoring. RP said that the Sunday evening group (who did not use the Bridgemates) were using a different scoring system which was free. The Committee asked RP to explore whether there was any advantage in using the ScoreBridge system which costs the Club about £40 per annum (once had had completed his work on Pianola).

RP

8 Social matters

The next Social Bridge Party is on June 27. LH offered to help Anne McConnell with the raffle. The tickets would cost £10 per person. RP was asked to have the tickets ready for the AGM on May 17.

RP

9 Bridge weekends

i) JM reported that the Blunsdon House weekend had been a success and made a profit of £381.14.

ii) The next weekend is at Hayling Island from June 12-15. There were 25 definites out of a total of 36 places; bookings for the weekend close on May 5.

iii) JM explained why she was suggesting she organise only two weekends in 2016. As an alternative to weekends, members would be invited to events at the bridge hall on a Saturday night e.g. a cheese and wine with duplicate bridge. In addition, members might want to form a group to go on a bridge holiday organised by another company, e.g. Mr Bridge.

JM had made the following provisional bookings for 2016:

From 20-23 May at the Stratford Manor Hotel in Stratford-upon-Avon; and
From 21-24 October at Days Hotel in Bournemouth.

The Committee agreed with JM regarding future weekends. DE will seek a date in February 2016 for the first Saturday night event.

DE

10 Liaison Officer's Report

Nothing to report.

11 AOB

Members of the Committee who were present at the meeting agreed to stand for another year.

The Agenda for the AGM is due for circulation.

AF

JN reported the new system of booking in to play on Friday nights seemed to be working well until last night which she had to cancel as there were not enough players. The Committee agreed that Friday nights should be discontinued if the lack of players continues.

12 DONM Either Saturday 11 July or Saturday 18 July, 2015 at 10:00 am.
LC to check the availability of the hall.

LC

The meeting closed at 11:25 am.

