

ABINGDON DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of a meeting of the committee

held on Monday 22 August 2005, 7.30pm at The Guildhall, Abingdon

Present: Gordon Carroll (GC) (Chair), Karen Hughes (KH), Clive Keep (CK), Chris Lloyd (CL), Jean Moore (JM), Brian Moore (BM), Graham Simpson (GS) and David Walton (DW) (Minutes).

1. Minutes of 18 April 2005

The minutes for 18 April 2005 were agreed and signed by GC.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

a) GC will buy a bottle of wine for the winner of the Summer Frolics. GS will produce the scores for the Summer Frolics.

Action:
GC, GS

3. Treasurer's report

The report that had been circulated by CL before this meeting was welcomed. The Committee agreed that it was not practicable to audit the 2004 accounts, and the position stated in CL's report was accepted as definitive.

There was a lively debate about the surplus in the accounts. It was agreed that the surplus should be kept intact for the time being, and the committee will review the position before the next AGM.

Several members of the Committee commented favourably on the idea of buying a Duplimate machine. It was noted that the OBA is continuing to review such machines, and was considering the possibility of buying several. It was agreed that we should discuss the idea again, in due course.

4. Len Salmon Trophy

GC reported that it is unlikely that we would be able to hire the Guildhall at a weekend. GC has approached the Wallingford Committee to ask if we can use the Roke premises for this year's Len Salmon match, on the understanding that we would pay for the hire and for the food. GC will continue to liaise with Wallingford to make the arrangements and fix the date.

Action: **GC**

5. Wessex League

It has been agreed that we will enter 3 teams in the Wessex League for 2005/6. The Wessex League Committee will meet in due course to select the teams and captains. GC will contact the Guildhall to fix the dates which will be available for our Wessex League home fixtures, so that the three team captains can try to minimise the number of home dates, since this reduces the cost of the room hire.

Action: **GC**

6. Christmas Party

The party this year will be held on 13 December in the Roysse room. KH will contact Norman Gascoyne's daughter to get a quote for providing all the food for this year's party (to a similar quality and quantity as that produced by members' contributions). Final decisions about the details of the party, including the arrangements for the food, will be taken at the next meeting.

Action: **KH**

7. Representative on the OBA Selection Committee

Nigel Wilkes has resigned from the OBA Selection Committee. It was agreed that it is too late to identify a new representative for this year. We will discuss the matter again next April in order to make a nomination in time for the 2006 OBA AGM.

8. OBA meeting

GC reported on the most recent OBA AGM and the meeting that followed it.

9. Membership

Membership now stands at 77. It was agreed that KH will consult with a couple of other committee members on a club night before accepting each potential new member.

Action: **KH**

10. Any Other Business

a) GC has received a letter from the Guildhall in which they notified us that the rear entrance will not longer be available.

b) GC has received a petition from 36 members asking us to try to get the uncomfortable leather chairs replaced by red chairs for club nights. It was agreed that DW should write to Tim Sadler, Director of Social & Cultural Services asking if they could make arrangements to supply the red chairs on a regular basis.

Action: **DW**

c) After a meeting with the Facilities Manager, GC has managed to secure the Roysse room for all the November and December club nights for both 2005 and 2006.

d) It was agreed that the Minutes of the Committee meetings should be made available on the club web site.

Action:
DW, CK

e) JM and BM kindly volunteered to host the next Committee meeting at their house.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.