

ABINGDON DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of a meeting of the committee

held on Monday 14 November 2005, 7.30pm at 6 Champs Close, Abingdon

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

Apologies: Graham Simpson (GS)

1. Minutes of 22 August 2005

The minutes for 22 August 2005 were agreed and signed by GC.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) GC reported that the catering for the Len Salmon Trophy event will be supplied by Norman Gascoyne's daughter at a cost of £3 per head. In addition, we will have to pay for the hire of Roke Hall and contribute to the cost of coffee etc. The total costs will be about £200.
- b) GC reported that all 3 teams had started to play Wessex League matches. The C team's first match was cancelled at very short notice by Witney, so that we still had to pay the full hire charge for the room. It is expected that if the C team agree to a rematch, then Witney would be asked to meet the cost of the venue.
- c) The letter to the Vale of White Horse about the uncomfortable chairs had produced more modern chairs within a few days of them receiving the letter.

3. Christmas Party 2005

The Christmas Party will be in the Royce Room on 13th December. GC reported that Norman Gascoyne's daughter is prepared to provide the catering with a Xmas menu at a cost of £4 per head. It was agreed that the club will meet this cost for all the members who attend the party. GC will approach Norman's daughter to ask her to provide the food for 50 people, and he will check that this includes napkins, plates, etc. DW agreed to buy all the drinks from a supermarket (red and white wine, beer, lager, fruit juice, lemonade and coca cola - he will consult with Ray Ball about the quantities used last year). He will also buy 4 bottles of wine as first prizes for the evening. These drinks will be stored on Monday night in the large fridge in the kitchen in the Guildhall. We will need to pay a corkage fee on these drinks – it was agreed that GC should offer £1 for each member who comes on the night in order to avoid counting bottles. DW will also obtain glasses – either from the Guildhall or on loan from a supermarket. JM and BM will organise the raffle on the night. It was agreed (by 4 votes to 2) that all the proceeds from the raffle will go to a Charity of the members' choosing. The bridge for the evening will be military – DW to bring the flags. Teams will be arranged randomly on the night – DW will bring a hat + random numbers. If there is not a multiple of four members, then 1, 2 or 3 players will be randomly scattered to make teams of 5 (with each person sitting out once every four rounds). CK agreed to be Director on the night. GC will announce the new arrangements for the Xmas Party at the next few club nights and he will also reassure members that there is no need to arrange teams or even pairs for the night.

Action: **GC**

Action: **DW**

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JM, BM

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Action: **GC**

4. Funding of Wessex League matches

CL presented his report, along with a proposal not to charge members to play in Wessex League matches. After some discussion, it was agreed to retain the present system - ie that members should pay £3 each for Wessex League home matches and nothing for away matches.

5. Proceeds from Charity SIMS matches

After much discussion it was agreed that members would be charged £3.50 for the Charity SIMS matches, and £2.70 of this would be sent to Children in Need. The cost of the booklets (£22 this year) will be met from Club funds.

6. Oxfordshire County Pairs qualifying match

It was agreed that in future, on the evening of the County Pairs qualifying match the pairs who are entered for the County Pairs will be seated randomly, and not all North/South, for example.

CK will monitor whether club members who have qualified have notified Bill McCarthy if they wish to proceed to the semi-finals, and approach any pairs who appear to have not heard that they have qualified.

Action: **CK**

7. OBA meeting

GC reported on the recent OBA Management Committee meeting which was held on 8 September 2005.

8. Any Other Business

a) It was agreed that the GC will give a Xmas Box of £30 (in cash) on behalf of the club to the staff of the Guildhall who set up our room each week.

b) It was noted that the bridge club web site will not be updated for the next few weeks for technical reasons, although this will not affect the weekly results system.

Action: **GC**

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.