

ABINGDON DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of a meeting of the committee held on Monday 18th September 2006, 7.30pm at 32 Picklers Hill, Abingdon

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

Apologies: Karen Hughes (KH), Graham Simpson (GR) and Valerie Welch (VW).

1. Minutes of 24th April 2006

The minutes for 24th April 2006 were agreed and signed by GC.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

There was some discussion about the Summer Frolics this year. Attendances were down on last year and it was agreed that it would be raised at next year's AGM and members opinions sought.

Action: **CK**

3. Bridge Club Insurance

CL presented the case for not continuing the bridge club private insurance currently in force until April 2007. All reasonable liabilities appear to be covered by the insurance provided by the Vale of White Horse called 'third party hirers' liability. There was some discussion about possibilities of cover required, say for away Wessex League matches, but the committee agreed to not renew the current insurance when it becomes due next April.

Action: **CL**

4. Len Salmon Memorial Trophy

GC had arranged the date for this – fixed for Sunday 26th November 2006. Wessex League Captains to ascertain the availability of their teams

Action: **GC, CK**

5. Wessex League Season 2006/7

The Wessex League Selection Committee had met in August and Team Pools/Captains selected. Abingdon will enter three teams this year. All home fixtures will be in the Abbey room this year – accommodating just one home team. It was agreed that the costs per player would be the same as last season, i.e. £3 for home fixtures only.

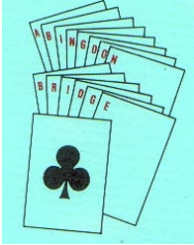
6. Report on OBA Management meeting on 11th September 2006

GC reported on the OBA meeting-

- (a) The OBA may put up the cost of membership to £4 next season.
- (b) The OBA will purchase a third share of 'Bridge Mate' with Oxford Bridge Club (OBC). There was some discussion about ADBC purchasing, say 15 units, but it was agreed that the cost (~2.5k) was too prohibitive at present.
- (c) The OBA financial records appeared to be in some array, though the current Treasurer (Lynne Hayes) was getting things sorted.
- (d) The OBA Chairman reminded delegates that any club can apply for a grant from the OBA for appropriate funding.
- (e) There will be a County Pairs heat on Tuesday 14th November at OBC (County night). It is hoped that this will encourage players from Clubs not holding a heat to play there, rather than at another club.
- (f) It was agreed by the OBA meeting that clubs could include competition non-participants in club movements, as long as all pairs' intentions are declared before play starts. Master point allocations should be determined appropriately.
- (g) Wallingford BC members need to be reminded of the ADBC heat.
- (h) There will be a Camrose Trophy match on 8th-10th January 2007 at the Four Pillars Hotel, Abingdon Road, Oxford. Hand recorders are needed. CK to put a notice on

Action: **GC, CK**

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the board about this event.

7. OBA SIM Pairs

This tended to be a poorly attended evening at the Club and it will be up to the incoming committee next year to decide whether to hold a heat. It was agreed at the OBA meeting that the format would be exactly the same as last year, with clubs holding heats on different days during one week in April. Two clubs, namely Abingdon Alternative and Wallingford were criticised for restricting their entries.

8. Preliminary Discussion on Christmas Party

The Club Christmas party will be held on the 12th December 2006. There was some discussion about how to fund the cost of the food, whether club members prepare all/part of it, or whether we obtain the services of an outside caterer. CL agreed to look into the costs involved for feeding 50 members, using various sources (e.g. Waitrose 'Entertaining').

Action: **CL**

9. Any Other Business

(a) There was some discussion on our (dwindling) Club Membership. VW to review who has left over the past couple of years and report her findings at the next meeting. CK to ensure this topic is placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Perhaps number of members attending are more important than numbers of members?

Action: **VW**

Action: **CK**

(b) GC had received three letters from the Vale of White Horse – one referring to the usual set of dates that we have to switch rooms for our bridge nights, one referring to a bridge demonstration on the 9th September and one about the 15th May 2007, when we are not able to use the Guild Hall at all. It was agreed to cancel the bridge on this evening.

(c) GL presented some data on current income and expenditure, with the proposal that table money be raised to £2 at the next AGM. This would be discussed at the next meeting – all to consider it.

Action: **all**

(d) There was some discussion about finishing time and when Guild Hall staff should come to clear up. GC to clarify with the Council.

Action: **GC**

(e) Duplimate Boards – what are the costs? CL reported that it is currently £6 per set – at least, that is what we are being charged.

(f) TD Courses – CK reported that he had received an email from Maxine Henry about future courses at OBC. It was agreed that the Club would fund 50% of the cost for anyone attending **any** of such courses. CK to publicise.

Action: **CK**

(g) CK raised the topic of the NICKO. It was agreed that no funding would be made available to participants of this event.

(h) There had been some complaints about the non-availability of hard copy results at the club on a Tuesday. CL agreed to be responsible for this each week.

Action: **CL**

The meeting closed at 9.32pm.