

ABINGDON DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee

held on Monday 30 January 2006, 7.30pm at 32 Picklers Hill, Abingdon

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

Apologies: Clive Keep (CK), Karen Hughes (KH)

1. Minutes of 14 November 2005

The minutes for 14 November 2005 were agreed and signed by GC.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) The club members who qualified for the County Pairs semi-finals have all now either accepted or declined to play in the competition.
- b) The club's web site is now being updated again - thanks to CK.

3. Review of 2005 Xmas Party

The Committee discussed the 2005 Christmas Party. It was agreed that we should try to move the date of this year's party to a different week so that we don't clash with the Wallingford and Wantage Xmas parties. The use of outside catering was not felt to be particularly cost effective, and the new Committee will need to review the method of catering for the 2006 party. The arrangements for playing bridge were considered to be good. However, GC also recommended the 'Bingo Bridge' which was played this year at Wallingford.

4. Treasurer's report

CL circulated a copy of the accounts which he has prepared for 2005. GC will ask Richard Moore if he is willing to audit these accounts - before the AGM if at all possible. CL agreed to produce the accounts for the AGM in a form which will allow members to compare 2005 figures with 2004 figures.

Action: **GC**

Action: **CL**

5. AGM on 14th March 2006

- a) GC will produce a Chairman's review of the year.
- b) DW circulated a draft agenda for the AGM which was accepted, along with the draft minutes of the 2005 AGM.
- c) JM and BM will arrange for the trophies to be engraved. GC will pass on to them a list of the names of this year's winners, including the Spring Cup once that competition has been played on 14 February.
- d) DW comes to the end of his 3 year term as secretary this year. GC will encourage other members to stand for the post.
- e) DW will put a notification of the AGM on the club notice board, which will also ask for nominations for posts on the Committee.

Action: **GC**

Action:
JM, BM

Action: **GC**

Action: **DW**

6. OBA duplimate machine

GC reported that the OBA has bought a duplimate machine, and it intends to also buy cards, boards and cases. It will then offer a service to Oxfordshire clubs whereby a club can have a set of duplimate boards with curtain cards, and copies of a printout of the hands on a regular basis. This service will cost approximately £8 per set - in our case, £8 per week. Three clubs (Oxford, Wantage and Summertown) have already signed up to the service. The Committee unanimously agreed that we should also ask to join the scheme as soon as possible. GC will contact Keith Sadler (Chair of the OBA) and ask to get us started. It also agreed that GC will ask if the board files could be emailed to GS so that he can show the hands on the web site as part of the scores each week (with some timing control to avoid compromising the scorer).

Action: **GC**

7. OBA meeting

GC reported on the remainder of the recent OBA Management Committee meeting which was held on 9 January 2006.

8. Any Other Business

- a) GC will put a form on the Club notice board asking for nominations for the Open and Handicap pairs competition for 2006.
- b) GS pointed out that the Vale of the White Horse is considering charging for parking in the evening in all Abingdon car parks.
- c) BM made a proposal (and DW seconded) that Clive Keep, Ray Ball and Graham Simpson should all be made honorary life members of the club, and the proposal was agreed. This decision does not conform to the constitution of the Club (which allows the outgoing committee to nominate one member per year), so it was agreed that the AGM will be asked to ratify this proposal since no nominations were made by the two previous outgoing committees.
- d) It was reported that the Club's Roll of Honour was now being set up, and many of the names are now on the web site.

Action: **GC**

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.