

West of England Bridge Club

Minutes of Committee meeting held at the RAFA Club on Wednesday 4th October 2023

Present: Chris Frew (Chair), Jan Duncan, Jane Chapman, David Jones, Alan Peak-Payne, Bill Ashford, Jen Challoner, Bernice Horseman

- 1 Minutes of previous meeting (Wednesday 26th July 2023)
The minutes were agreed and signed.
- 2 Matters to note, arising & actions since last meeting:
 - 2.1 Facilitating a **Duke of Edinburgh** scheme – **Chris** – no action, carried forward
 - 2.2 Dilapidated and **dirty bidding card sets** – **Bill** - no action, carried forward
 - 2.3 **Membership record** separately from Pianola – **Jane** – done in Dropbox
 - 2.4 **AlanPP** to invite Philip Lidstone with view to joining committee – not well but still keen, invited to next meeting
 - 2.5 Match point scoring on Friday afternoons – **David** – agreed with more than 5 tables present (but not yet in place).
 - 2.6 Update of entries in local free papers – **Chris** – no progress **AlanPP** to check current entries for accuracy.
- 3 Officers' Reports:
 - 3.1 (Membership Secretary) Jane sent out reminder to join to all members. 80 members who played last year have not paid. We have 110 paid members plus lifetime members.
 - 3.2 (RAFA Liaison) Jan had nothing to report.
 - 3.3 (Treasurer) nothing to report. If visibility of any capital spend, give 4 months notice to Bill please as cash tied up in longer term investments.
- 4 Substantive matters debated:
 - 4.1 Paul Brown suggestions on moving players from Monday and Friday afternoons to Wednesday evening. Directors to make suggestions to appropriate players. Play cannot be assisted. Perhaps players prefer afternoons to evenings. With 8½ tables on last Monday we may not be able to accommodate more. **Chris** to write to Paul and thank him for his suggestions.
- 5 Communication to members None.
- 6 Christmas Party
 - Canteen service catered for by Becky.
 - Numbers restricted to 60.
 - Bar will not be open. We can bring our own wine. **Jen** to consider how we communicate this to diners. We believe we have 12 bottles of wine between **Chris and Jen**. Please confirm.
 - Consider we can accommodate 15 table = 60 diners.
 - Do we have 15 Bridgemates – will Wi-Fi operate from upstairs? **Alan Evans**
 - Jen has the Pantomime script ready to go.
 - **Alan Evans** to check if players can play for free on occasional events.
- 7 Any Other Business
 - 7.1 Is a Burns Night feasible for next January? Action **Jan** to check with RAFA if feasible and OK own whisky – who to cater. Jen can't do evenings.

7.2 We suspect the chocolate biscuits may be making the cards sticky, causing dealing issues with the dealing machine. After using up existing stock, no further use of chocolate biscuits for one month and **Jan and Jane** to report back.

7.3 **Jen** to take on role of members Welfare Officer.

8 Date of Next Meeting:
6th December 2023, 6 pm.

Agreed
.....(CHAIRMAN)

Date