**Bawburgh Bridge Club**

**Minutes of online Committee Meeting held 11 Sept 2023**

Present: Anne Plunkett, Gill Newnes, Graham Hardman, Paula Morton, Graham Morton, Catherine Jeffries and Clive Turner

1 Minutes of the meeting held on 11 September were agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

2. Directorial matters.

GM had arranged with the EBU for the next TD training to be held at Bawburgh and there were two people from our club who had shown an interest in taking part. The course will start on 22 October.

Introduction of a timer was discussed. Two committee members who had experience of them in different clubs both felt that a timer did little to address the issue of slow play. The consensus was that it was the TDs responsibility to keep the pace of play up. **It was agreed** GM would remind TDs to mention the need to keep up at each session. **Action GM**

3 Training

Classes and supervised play sessions have continued during summer with a good attendance. There are now enough helpers available to provide a much closer level of supervision where beneficial.

4. Financial matters

CJ presented the latest accounts. The club’s finances were still in good shape.

5. Hospitality

It was agreed that the three Xmas parties would be on the basis of people bringing a plate of food. GN had spoken to Matt and agreed to cancel the Wednesday morning session to allow people to arrive early. We would need to arrange for BVH to be opened **Action PM/GN**

6. Membership

Since the last meeting 5 new people have joined. Current membership is 222.

Junior membership was discussed. EBU do not charge clubs P2P for any members under 26 and therefore **it was agreed** we should not charge any junior members table money or a membership fee. A system needed to be sorted out to implement this. **Action CJ**

7.. Competitions / Future programme

There will be a handicapped Charity event on 11 October and **it was agreed** that the winning N/S and E/W pairs should be allocated £500 each for a charity of their choice. In the quarterly handicapped ladder we were starting to get joint winners and **it was agreed** that each would win a bottle of wine. No entry was made to the most recent County event. It was agreed that GM would email members when we received details from Norfolk Bridge regarding competitions to see if we could form a team. **Action GM**

8. IT

There were no issues.

9. Any other business

a) The request to move Thursday sessions to the morning was considered. The membership had been canvassed on this a few years ago and there was little response; the reasons people had given for not attending would not be addressed by a move to mornings and several committee members would not attend morning sessions. It was agreed to leave matters as they were. GH would contact the members who used to play regularly on Thursdays pre-Covid and now no longer came to see if there was anything we could do to encourage them. **Action GH**

b) Defibrillator training. **It was agreed** PM would contact Elizabeth Groves who had raised this to sort out the logistics. **Action PM**

9. Date of next meeting

To be held on Monday afternoon at 13.30 on 15 January 2024 at Bawburgh Village Hall.