**Bawburgh Bridge Club**

**Minutes of online Committee Meeting held 3 April 2023**

Present: Mervyn Scutter, Bryony Seppings, Bet Davies, Graham Hardman, Paula Morton, Graham Morton and Clive Turner

1 Minutes of the meeting held on 9 January were agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

2. Directorial matters

There was still an issue with people not having convention cards. GM had devised a short simplified temporary form which could be completed quickly at the beginning of a session. It was agreed this was a good idea and it would be announced at the AGM.

There was a member possibly interested in becoming to be a TD so it was agreed to pay for their training

MS had been approached by a member unhappy at someone swearing at the bridge table but who had not raised it with the TD at the time. It was agreed to put something on the website about good behaviour at the table and to mention it at the AGM. **Action GH and MS**

3 Training

Some people from Monday sessions were now playing on Wednesdays and/or Thursdays. The beginners and Improvers sessions continue to be run together and are proving successful.

4. Hospitality

The difficulty of getting people to attend events on Thursdays was discussed but it was agreed to continue to schedule a Bridge Day and a Ploughmans Lunch on Thursdays for the forthcoming year as this might help to encourage people to attend regular Thursday sessions. The cost of the next Bridge Day would be £20 and £22 for those wanting salmon due to the increased cost of food.

5. Membership

Nigel Simpson had passed away since the last committee meeting. Two new members had joined and membership currently totals 222. CT would send out a notice reminding members that subscriptions were due and that the subs would be taken directly from their account unless they notified him they no longer

wished to be a member. **Action CT.**

6. Competitions / Future programme

GM outlined the programme for the forthcoming year which was agreed subject to adding in a Charity event in October. The first Monday in January 2024 falls on 1 January but it was agreed at this stage to go ahead and book the hall.

The first Draw for Teams event since Covid had taken place successfully so it was agreed to hold another one in 2024.

7. IT

There were no current problems and Bridgemates was working fine..

8 Membership policy

There were a number of people who played regularly on a Monday morning but who had not applied for membership. It was felt that there should be some recognition for these people and a category of Monday Member was proposed which would entitle them to membership status for Mondays. This might also encourage people to become regular members and to play on Thursdays. It was suggested that having played 25 sessions over a year would be a reasonable criteria to qualify. There could be some issues with having two categories of member and it was agreed BD and CT would discuss this further.

**Action BD and CT**

11. Date of next meeting

To be held online on Monday afternoon on 5 June 2023 at 2pm .