**Bawburgh Bridge Club**

**Minutes of online Committee Meeting held 9 January 2023**

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

1 Minutes of the meeting held on 5 September and the notes of 21 November were agreed as a true record. BD and Matt Jackson now had keys to the village hall and BD had successfully opened the hall.

2. Directorial matters

* We currently only have 5 TDs although Shirley Jones was training as a Bridgemate operator. The EBU would run a TD training course if there were sufficient people interested and this would include someone from Bawburgh. GM asked committee members to let him know if they knew of anyone interested. CT would be willing to join the TD rota but was concerned about mobility issues, he would consider it further. **Action All**

3 Training

* Monday mornings were well attended but many of those playing regularly did not want to become members. However several 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. There were 21 1/2 tables this Monday and 22 is the maximum hall capacity. Agreed to keep a watching brief

4. Financial matters

* The report of weekly costs and income from CJ was considered and the club was still making a loss overall. The committee considered increasing table money at the next AGM but it was agreed that it would be difficult to justify when the reserves were so healthy**. It was agreed** that if the hall increased its charges the question of increasing table money would be reconsidered.

5. Hospitality

* The next Ploughman’s lunch event was scheduled for Thursday 16 February but given the poor attendance on Thursdays it was agreed to change it to Wednesday 15 February. The earlier start would affect the beginners and Improver sessions so **it was agreed** that BD and GH would discuss timings with MJ and let BS know.

6. Membership

* Three members and two former members had passed away since the last committee meeting. These were members Roger Stenson, Dick Jones and Dorda O’Hanlon and former members Peter Warren and Bessie Turnball.
* Three new members had joined and one application was awaiting approval.

 Membership currently totals 221.

* As Roger Stimson had done so much for the club over time it was agreed to commemorate him by holding a Charity event in his name. **It was agreed** to donate £500 to a charity of his wife’s choosing and to hold this event as a one-off on the day of the 2023 AGM.

7. Competitions / Future programme

* There was a Draw for Teams event scheduled for 15 March. People would need to pre-register for this. It was agreed to start mentioning this in advance at sessions and to email the membership. **Action MS/GM**

8. IT

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

9 AGM

* To take place on Thursday 27 April starting at 13.10. Gillian Newnes had volunteered to be Hospitality Secretary but there were no suggestions for Chairperson. It was hoped this would be resolved in the next couple of months. MS reminded committee members that some would need to provide reports at the AGM.

10 Any other business

* The Committee Cup competition was taking place on 19 February and it was agreed MS would ask for members to make up a team **Action MS**

11. Date of next meeting

To be held online to discuss the AGM on Monday afternoon 27 March 2023 at 2pm .