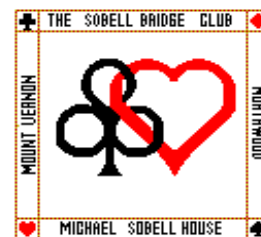


THE SOBELL BRIDGE CLUB

In aid of The Friends of Michael Sobell House
Registered Charity No. 1079638



Minutes of Committee Meeting no 86 held at the Michael Sobell Centre on Saturday 3rd May, 2014,

Present

Doug Edmonds (DE)	Chairman
Sheena Edgar (SE)	Club Secretary
Ken Short (KS)	Vice Chairman
Lynne Mathys (LM)	Treasurer
George Howlett (GH)	President
Daphne Santon (DS)	Vice President
Terry Butfield (TB)	Playing Secretary
Martin Isham (MI)	Weekend Organiser
Joanna May (JM)	Weekend Secretary
Jacquie North (JN)	Session Manager
Liz Crook (LC)	Liaison Officer
Bob Cozens (BC)	Session Manager
Shirley Tucker (ST)	Membership Secretary

Apologies for absence Rob Pyburn; Adrienne Finch

1 The minutes of the previous meeting, no. 85, held on 25th January, 2014 were approved.

2 Matters arising:

- i) Cleaning of the bridge hall is a concern. DE will ask Friends again about cleaning. **DE**
LC suggested contracting outside cleaners. She is happy to supervise.
- ii) Keith Seaman has agreed to close up on Monday evenings.
- iii) RP wrote a note encouraging Committee to keep original Bridgmates. Committee endorsed his proposal. DE will ask all members to report faulty Bridgmates to Directors. RP will then service and replace keypads as required. **Directors/ RP**
- iv) DE expressed view that there is now no need for an Almoner because hospitals no longer take flowers. DE has been writing letters/cards on behalf of the club.
- v) Proposed table money increase to £4.00 was discussed again. A motion will be proposed at AGM so that members can decide. Rationale will be explained to members by Directors i.e. to increase income for Hospice **Directors**
- ### 3 Chairman's report
- i) Disciplinary issues were discussed. GH asked that 'Behaviour at Bridge Table' cards could be displayed on tables by Directors. **Directors**
- ii) Six new bridge tables will be bought and smaller tables will be discarded **DE**
- iii) All Committee members to take responsibility for removing 'sticky' playing cards from boards at the end of each session. **All**

4 Treasurer's report

- i) Table donations increased this year by £2014.00
- ii) Expenses were up by £410.69
- iii) Increase in subs (to £10) has made an increase of 107.08%
- iv) Bridge Suppers remain popular
- v) Simultaneous pairs are still not charged
- vi) Net surplus is up by 11.35% to £35,517.99
- vi) A total of £33,000 will have been donated to Friends this year.

LM

5 Secretary's report

No items

6 Playing Secretary's report

- i) Sim Pairs will be held on Thursday 8th May on the B side.
- ii) A Teams Event will be held on Wednesday 21st May. 3 Teams so far. Members to notify TB of further teams asap. **All**
- iii) Eccles Cup will be held in Nov. TB reported that there is little support for competitions. First round of Humble Cup will still be held at the Club.
- iv) LC recommended Peter Clark's Advanced Bridge Course (currently held at Watford and Bushey Bridge Club). LC will enquire about his charges because a course (Wed eves) may benefit Sobell members. JN reported that Mike Keane may also be interested in teaching at the Club. **LC**

7 Social matters

- i) Tickets (£10) are now available for next Bridge Supper on Saturday 21st June.

8 Bridge weekends

- i) Tewkesbury week-end was a great success and the venue was of a high quality. Concern was raised that there were only 5 tables. A surplus of £210 was made.
- ii) Next weekend: Bournemouth 29th August-1st September. This is usually a popular week-end. Any changes to the 'Weekends Programme' will be decided after the Cambridge weekend.

9 Liaison Officer's report

- i) Cleaning (see i. under Matters Arising)

DE

ii) LC will ask members to bring in unwanted teaspoons.

LC

10 AGM Arrangements

i) KS would like to retire as Vice Chairman. All other Committee members are happy to stand again.

ii) One Motion: Table money increase.

iii) Other items to discuss: cards, cleaning, tables, bridgemates, table behaviour and weekends

11 DONM. Saturday, 9th August, 2014 at 10am.

The meeting closed at 11.30 am.