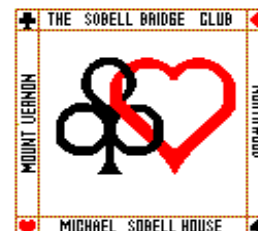


THE SOBELL BRIDGE CLUB

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



Minutes of Committee Meeting No 96 held at the Michael Sobell Centre on Saturday 28 January, 2017

Present:

Doug Edmonds (DE)	Chairman
Adrienne Finch	Club Secretary
George Howlett (GH)	President
Lynne Mathys (LM)	Treasurer
Calver Townsend (CT)	
Terry Butfield (TB)	Playing Secretary
Joanna May (JM)	Weekend Organiser
Rob Pyburn (RP)	Webmaster
Lois Hargreaves (LH)	Session Manager
Jacque North (JN)	Liaison Manager
Shirley Tucker (ST)	Membership Secretary

- 1 There were no apologies
- 2 The minutes of the previous meeting No 95, held on 12 November, 2016 were approved.
- 3 Matters arising
 - i) Flyer for guest wine and cheese – referred to Social Events (below)
 - ii) Scorer list has been sent to AF.
 - iii) The diary is on the web site.
 - iv) Christmas party (see below)
- 4 Chairman's report
 - i) Disciplinary matters.
 - a) The disciplinary matter discussed at the last meeting has now been satisfactorily resolved and closed
 - ii) Member of the Year – recommendations to be given to DE **All**
- 5 Treasurer's report
 - i) Attendance had dropped in October, November and December but seemed now to be recovering. Income had dropped by £385 allowing for the closure of Friday evenings. So far £18,000 had been donated to the Friends, and a further £12,000 would be transferred shortly. It may be possible to transfer more before the year end. The committee were reminded that £4,000 had been spent on a new Bridgemate system. **LM**
- 6 Secretary's report - Nothing to report
- 7 Playing Secretary's report
 - i) Hertfordshire events:
 - a) Marjorie Lukyn – entry forms had been given out to all those eligible to progress
 - b) Pairs championship – One pair had entered and came 7th out of 20. Congratulations to Gwen Western and Geoff Foley
 - c) Tuition – we have had none this year, and it does affect recruitment to the club. We must therefore consider finding someone who is prepared to run a course and the club should be prepared to pay. Jackie will phone Mike Keen; if he is not available Joanna will approach Paul Wilson, and if he too is unavailable DE will approach Hertfordshire and the EBU. **JN/JM/ DE**
 - d) Sim Pairs – following discussion it was agreed that the club would continue as in the past, with the sim pairs boards being played alongside normal evening hands. Non members pairs would not be allowed to play in the sim pairs competition.

- ii) Guidance for directors – a working party led by TB had developed a handout entitled ‘Guidance for Directors’, which if approved could be placed on all tables. It outlined the role of the Directors, the way they would function at the club, (which might well be different from the approach at other clubs), their approach to speed of play. It also outlined the responsibilities of players, including acceptance of Director’s decisions at the time. It was agreed to change the print size of the handout and that it should be laminated and used. The handout would form part of the minutes. **GH**
- 8 Webmaster’s Report
- i) RP’s report to the committee would form part of the minutes. He would continue to work on sorting out the membership list to eliminate duplications and errors. **RP**
- ii) RP would send out documents showing the roles of committee members at the Sobell, their roles and permissions as far as Pianola was concerned and directions as to how to produce a list of members from Pianola. **RP**
- iii) DE is endeavouring to dispose of the old Bridgemates. Some will be kept for weekend use. DE has initially approached Vagabonds and Hemel Hempstead clubs. He will also speak to Robert Teesdale. **DE**
- 9 Social matters
- i) Christmas Party report – the Party was well received and made a profit of £702 with a charge of £7.50 for the evening. The main course was bought in.
- ii) The next wine and cheese evening is to be held on March 11, RP to produce the tickets, and JM to get the bread flutes. **DE/RP/JM/**
- iii) TB will look at the cost of an insert in ‘Hillingdon People’ rather than developing a flyer. **TB**
- 10 Bridge weekends
- i) The next one is to be at Cheltenham, 12-15 May, JM will publicise via the web and email and on bridge evenings after DE has circulated news on the wine and cheese evening. **JM/DE**
- ii) The autumn weekend will be at Stratford Manor 13-16 October.
- iii) Spring 2018 will be at Marsham Court, Bournemouth.
- 11 Liaison Officer’s Report All notified dates had been accepted.
There had been complaints about the heating.
- 12 AOB
- It was agreed that a welcome pack for new members would be useful and that both new members and guests should be welcomed to the club when they arrived to play. GH would develop the pack for consideration by the committee **GH**
- 13 Date of Next Meeting is April 22, 2017. To be noted that AF will not be at either the next meeting or the AGM. She will be able to do the agendas. JM to act in lieu **JM**