**Minutes of the Huddersfield Bridge Club Committee Meeting held on 28th September 2022**

**Members Present**

Michael Robertson, David Ford, Liz Greensides, Sue Measures, Chris Pilling, Margaret Rhodes, Katie Thorpe and Ian Whitehead

**Apologies for Absence**

Carrie Babington, Pat Whitehouse

**Minutes of the previous Meetings**

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed by Michael Robertson

**Matters Arising**

*Fire Alarm Quote/Test –* Test carried out

*Disabled Ramp £500* – Hopefully we now have the £500 ex gratia payment back - **Pat?**

*Hallway Decoration* – carried forward

*Trustees* *Update –* Protracted legal formalities are now nearer completion and **Katie** will take the Land Registry forms round to be signed by resigning Trustees and newly appointed ones. **Michael** will then form a working party to look at the issue of bridge club premises and location. A task that will take months and the request to view a potential new premise quite frankly totally underestimates the issues and legalities involved.

*Budget –* It looks like we are breaking even at the moment, so we will discuss table money later if required due to rising utility costs. Ian thanked the members of the Committee (Michael, Pat and Katie) who put it together.

*No Partner Required Wednesdays* – It was agreed to carry on and ask for volunteers to form a rota. Anyone who volunteers will play for free that evening if required or at their next session if not required. **Liz** to coordinate and publish a volunteer rota. Please contact her if willing to help out. Thank you to Robert Pepper for the idea.

*Heating - agree times and temps* – This was discussed and **Katie** will apply the agreed timings and thermostat settings. **ALL SESSIONS WILL BE HEATED AND MEMBERS CAN COME TO A WARM CLUB OVER THE WINTER.**

*Pianola to continue?* – We will continue as long as the current problems are rectified. **Liz**

*Back Garden* – It was agreed to accept the £480 quote for cutting back. We also ask for volunteers to keep it tidy - contact a committee member if interested.

*Friday/Other Session* – Mike Woodward had asked if we could run a session on Friday evening as Brighouse had stopped. After a long conversation, it was thought that as we couldn’t ask any more of TDs to run it, we would leave it to Mike to sort out some friendly games if desired and they would just need to pay for heating if they go ahead. **Michael** to talk to Mike

The same conclusion was reached about putting on another session i.e. we couldn’t spread ourselves too thin.

*Castle Swiss Pairs* – *etc –* **Sue** to get more information about costs etc before a decision made.

**Any Other Business**

 Katie revisited the issue brought up by Chris Pilling at the last meeting that some members didn’t feel able to approach the committee with any problems. She expressed how sad she was this was raised and then that sadness became anger since the meeting, after all the efforts all the committee members put in voluntarily to open and run the club. She performed all her tasks because they were needed and to support the club not because she wanted to be in charge. This feeling was echoed by the majority of the committee. Michael expressed the opinion that Chris’ comments did not reflect the view of the majority of the members. He went on to say there was no hierarchy but simply members willing to put themselves out to help, sometimes to the detriment of their enjoyment of the game. Chris apologised for the misunderstanding in suggesting that TDs and committee members were not doing a good job however she refused to withdraw the comment nor name individuals who felt this way. David expressed the view that issues should be raised by named members and in time to be included on the agenda so committee members could have an informed discussion.

If anybody needs a password to log on to the members part on the website, please contact **Sue**

The Committee thanked Pam Cooper and Chris for helping with the tea for the matches on Sundays

We will do a kitchen audit and see what needs replacing/disposing of include the buying of some new teaspoons. -**Margaret**

**Date of Next Meeting**

9th November 2022