**Minutes of the Huddersfield Bridge Club Committee Meeting held on 18 October 2023**

**Members Present**

Michael Robertson, Carrie Babington, Hazel Barker, David Ford, Liz Greensides, Sue Measures,

Margaret Rhodes, Katie Thorpe, Ian Whitehead and Pat Whitehouse

**Apologies for Absence**

None

**Minutes of the previous Meetings**

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed by Michael Robertson

**Health and safety**

These were mentioned and will be put into action next year: - fire test, fire evacuation drill and defibrillator training

**Membership**

There are 174 Members

**Financial Update**

We have £54,273 in the bank.

**Any Other Business**

*Premises Proposal Update* – **Katie** has followed up one or two leads but nothing out there at the moment for the members to consider. The work will continue.

*Refurbishment –* The coat hooks, kitchen lights and broken chair have been fixed. Some plugs moved and the garden has been seen to. **Michael** has met the roofer and is awaiting a quote to fix the flashing including cleaning gutters.

*Teams update* – This month, we will have played matches over separate weekends due to player availability. Refreshments will remain as last season but requirement for home team to contribute to costs is no longer required. Players from Leeds said how lovely the food was the B team match last weekend.

*Wimpenny Trophy –* This was a raging success with 10 teams taking part. **Michael** personally thanked David and gave him a bottle of wine. **David** mentioned that what pleased him most was two beginners coming up to him and saying they really enjoyed it.

*Charity Month –* Alan Stephenson to be asked to choose a charity and we will give members the opportunity to contribute with table money if they wish one week in November and **Katie** has offered to help design a table poster and help Alan with arrangements.

*Teaching Update –* There are about 16 beginners, usually retired people who spend some of their time away on holiday, we shall carry on until Christmas. The improvers are going well with David Charlton. Denis will be asked by **Michael** if he can still do some card play lessons in the new year.

*Internal Competitions –* Liz mentioned the Newcomers Trophy and we will think about running other similar competitions to the Wimpenny in the new year.

*Tablet Update –* Mike Woodward has contributed so much towards the IT involved and **Michael** will compose a message of thanks to Mike. The tablets shouldn’t crash. **Liz** will extrapolate from the manual and put some instructions together. Uploading the results will get sorted, although it is a bit more work for the TDs. Tablets have been well received and their use will continue to develop. **David** also due thanks (again) for a successful project.

*Website Feedback –* All feedback positive

*Noise/Hands Discussion –* We have probably got a bit lax in monitoring this, but if the noise level is unreasonable, it’s difficult for some people to concentrate; hands should not be discussed as players could use this information. The tablet should be put in the centre of the table so everybody can see the result and there would be no need for discussion. To give the TD time to set up the tablets, players should be seated by 6:50 pm in future. **Michael** to remind members of their responsibilities including the option of telling the TD they have overheard information that renders playing the hand unfair.

*Christmas Party –* This will take place on the 4th December and the caterers have already been booked. The tickets will be £15 each and numbers restricted to 44. They will be on sale at the beginning of November. We shall ask members to gift raffle prizes to help control costs.

*Duplimator –* Mike Woodward has been looking after it with regular cleaning etc but it needs a service; it could be away for 2 weeks so we would probably have to deal in advance if possible. **Michael** to arrange. If longer we will simply deal cards at club sessions. **Liz** to ensure we can still score and publish results without a deal file.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday the 9th January 2024