**Minutes of the Huddersfield Bridge Club Committee Meeting held on 12th January 2022**

**Members Present**

Michael Robertson, 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

**Matters Arising**

*TD Training* – Katie has emailed Yorkshire Contract Bridge Association but hasn’t had a reply yet

**Health & Safety Issues**

*Steps –* Katie has had a quote of £180 to jet wash the steps and they will also inspect and rod the drain for an extra £40, it was agreed to accept.

*Locks –* The locksmith is putting a new 5-lever and a deadlock on both outside doors. Each door will use the same two keys. We have ordered 60 keys, 30 for each lock type.

**Premises**

*Electrical testing –* this has not been arranged yet

*Fire Extinguishers –* this has been completed

*Fire Alarm testing –* this will take place on the 14th March

*Insurance review –* this is due in June; Katie will look round for someone local

*Cleaner* – Katie to have a review with Rachel

*Odd Job man* – David to sound out someone at the golf club about becoming our odd job man

**Finance**

The cash balance was £46700.25

**Teaching Update**

There is a new term of lessons and there are 10 beginners and 10 improvers. Michael And Denis have discussed how to move forward with beginners and improvers with no conclusion yet. One possibility for new beginners from now on is to involve U3A -Michael will talk to Dallas/U3A.

There are no lessons at half term so Pearl will run some play sessions for both groups upstairs.

**Competitions/Teams**

There are 2 matches left -to be played Sunday 20th Feb and Sunday March 6th.

**Members’ Suggestions**

Some suggestions from Pam Cooper:-

* Get rid of all unused electrical goods before pat testing – **committee have decided to make no decision yet as some equipment may prove useful in letting a room**
* Request someone to put screws on the electric heaters’ feet – there should be 3 working ones -**believed to be now fixed.**
* Increase in Membership fees to £15 payable 1st April and before last day in May- **committee agreed at last meeting to suggest a rise in fees at next AGM. Needs approval at this meeting.**
* Dangerous steps/flags – **being addressed, see above**
* New doors – **new locks and door strengthening arranged, see above**

**Other Items**

*Trustees* *Update* –progressing with solicitor/land registry.

*Nearby Clubs Meeting Update –* Four clubs met, Brighouse, Shelley, Halifax and the U3A. Everybody is in the same boat. Halifax likes online but Brighouse don’t. We are busier than the others. We will try and get together to do TD training. Bridge lessons starts could be staggered with other clubs. Also, a competition night with the other clubs was suggested, taking it in turns to hold them. We’ll pick a date and invite them; this will include refreshment and socialising.

*Bridgemates Update* – David rang Bridgemate UK and found out that you can refurbish our existing ones for £20 each. We have agreed that this should go ahead and use our back ones for now.

The committee also expressed their thanks to both David and Pam Hall for their efforts this week in resolving the issue with the Bridgemates currently in use.

*Committee Whatsapp Group –* Yes, Sue will set it up for those that have smart phones

*Purchasing Sundries –* Margaret taking on the purchasing

*Windows and Ventilation –* It was agreed that windows can now remain shut, but tables should still be spread out and windows opened occasionally to let in fresh air.

*Art Society Update –* We are in negotiations about leasing a room – Liz to clarify their requirements.

*Ladies Bridge* – they are coming back on March 17th

*Screens –* Liz has spoken to Mike Woodward to learn how to operate the screens upstairs

*Liz proposed standing agenda items to be discussed at every other meeting only –* agreed

**Date of Next Meeting**

23rd March 2022 at 5:30 pm