**Minutes of the Huddersfield Bridge Club Committee Meeting held on 8th November 2022**

**Members Present**

Michael Robertson, Carrie Babington, 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**

*Disabled Ramp* – The ex gratia payment of £500 has been paid into our account

*Trustees Paperwork –* We are only waiting for Shirley’s signature now but she is currently unwell and unable to sign

**Health & Safety Issues**

*Defibrillator* – There has been a query into how often it should be charged and whether it is working correctly. **David** to make further enquiries.

**Membership**

192 Members including 5 Honorary

**Financial Update**

We have £52,064 in the bank

**Premises**

The only problem at the moment is heating which can be temperamental. In the cupboard, the top control is for upstairs and the bottom for down. If it needs turning on for Teams matches, Michael or Ian will put it onto constant and then put back to timer. The temperature in the rooms is controlled by radiators and wall thermostats and these need to be returned to their original settings in order to function. A problem with the downstairs timer has been corrected and the boiler restarted by Katie

**Competitions/Teams Update**

The League is progressing with HBC fulfilling their fixtures. Sue will contact Pauline at YCBA mentioning that the Castle Swiss Pairs date is Coronation weekend but the club will host the event.

**Any Other Business**

*Contact Us Page –* A problem was highlighted by Maurice Cooper that the page was not working correctly as no messages were being delivered from the website to the committee. **Michael** contacted Bridgewebs, and resolved the issue so now it works. It was also agreed by the committee that Michael will continue to attempt to resolve the ongoing query from Maurice while the other committee volunteers continue to run the club to the best of their abilities.

*Team Refreshments –* Sandwiches and cake will still be as agreed at the last meeting.

*Christmas Parties dates –* The 9th December will be the social evening as previously agreed. We shall find out from members how many people would like to come to a catered party on Sunday 18th December and **Michael** will sort out a caterer. **David** has volunteered to head a subcommittee to organise it.

*New Year Teaching –* Denis will run improvers classes from Tuesday the 10th January and Dallas and committee members will run beginners from the 12thJanuary 2023. Both to run in the morning.

*Notice board –* It was suggested we fix the upstairs boards to the wall - Agreed

*Fire Service Upgrade –* The suggestions made by the fire service are not mandatory, but the cost for smoke alarms, etc would cost about £3000. It was decided we didn’t think they were necessary.

*Membership Form –* It was all agreed that the changes should be implemented

*Screens –* Liz will look into using them

Christmas opening – It was decided to close on the 26th and 29th December. All other sessions will run as normal.

*Duplimater* – This is still sticking on occasions as raised by Sara Watkins. **Michael** to see about having the machine serviced.

*Tablets* – **David** mentioned that some clubs were using tablets instead of Bridgemates and had obtained a grant to purchase. He is to make further enquiries and report back.

*Resignation –* During the meeting Ian presented Michael with a resignation letter from Chris Pilling that he hadn’t seen as the email to him had been addressed incorrectly. **Michael** will email Chris and accept her resignation.

**Date of Next Meeting**

10th January 2023