

Scottish Bridge Union – EAST District
Minutes of the Online Committee Meeting of Oct 20th at 7.00pm

Present: Ms. A Perkins, Mrs. J Choudhury, Ms. F Greenwood, Dr. J Palmer, Mrs. F Davies, Mr. A Officer, Mrs. K Bailey, Mrs. M Evans, Mrs. S Gunn, Mrs. J Carnegie

Apologies: Mrs. D King, Mr. S Kirkwood, Mrs S McPherson

Minutes:

The minutes of 2nd September 2020 were proposed by Mrs. Bailey and seconded by Dr Palmer as being a true record of that meeting.

Matters arising:

- Dr Palmer pulling together a seminar to share information on setting up courses – this had been abandoned.
- Access the Bridge Webs 3 month free trial to check out ease of use – this has been done and is working well. The Committee agreed to purchase a license.
- Mass email via Mepad informing members that the East District website is 'live' - Ms Greenwood confirmed this had been done.
- Ms. Greenwood is looking into the option of BBO prizes – ongoing discussions.

Chairman's report:

Ms Perkins had been involved with the virtual tournament for the last 2 weeks with Poland. The two Scottish teams did not do very well but the 2nd team almost qualified for the quarter finals before falling away at the end. Poland may be running another tournament in late January. Sheena McPherson had emailed Ms Perkins with feedback saying only 3 clubs were playing online (including playing SBU tournaments) but were open to any Borders members.

Secretary's report:

Nothing to Report.

Sub-committee reports:

Finance: Nothing to Report

League: Nothing to Report.

Education:

- Mrs Gunn is creating a list of all teachers within the districts.
- Promotional material for the new courses will be issued to all Clubs shortly.
- Mrs Carnegie is going to review Realbridge for suitability of using as platform for courses in 2021.

Bronze Events: Nothing to Report

National Tournaments:

- Ms Greenwood aims to run on-line events on Tuesday and Saturday evenings until face-to-face bridge returns.
- The following tournaments will be held:
 - Edwin Berry – 7th November
 - Thea Teale – 14th November
 - Stirling Pairs – 22nd November

East District Tournaments:

- The McGregor was very successful. The cost was \$5 and the number of entries had doubled from previous year with 74 entered and 36 tables actually played. It was run as an unlocked event. Some people finished a good 40 minutes before others. Zoom session after was very well received.
- Lessons learnt were
 - suggest an email be issued before tournament what the movement will be
 - pro-activity by Director to ensure people know it's unlocked and to play accordingly
 - Zoom after session timing needs to be managed so that people are not waiting
 - Claiming – needs to be explained in more detail

Forthcoming events:

- Friday Nights
 - November 13th – ED X Imp Pairs
 - December 11th – ED MP Pairs
 - January 8th – ED X Imp Pairs
 - January 22nd – ED MP Pairs
- November 29th - Swiss Pairs
- February 5th – Open Bronze Pairs
- February 13th - Alan Filch (Married Couples) – Realbridge?

MiniBridge:

- Mrs Evans is looking to run a pilot online and will report back. Possibly look to run on Realbridge dependent on the cost.

Website News: Nothing to Report

Report from Council:

- The Council were in discussion with the insurance company re Public Liability and what will be included when Clubs are allowed to reopen
- BBO payments – Ms Greenwood was liaising with BBO re the setting up of accounts to enable using BBO \$ as prize money on certain tournaments.

AOCB:

- There had been a few problems with some of the Committee not receiving emails. This would appear to have been sorted but until the next meeting all documents to be sent to the Committee's personal email addresses as well as SBU east email addresses. (Action: CD)
- Mrs Evans asked the frequency of meetings. Ms Perkins stated that normally there was 4/5 a year plus the AGM. Recently due to the Covid pandemic there had been a need to hold more meetings. It was agreed to revert to the normal programme of meetings.
- Mrs Choudhury offered to be the contact to assist people in getting started to play on-line bridge, using Paul Gipson's videos and her own experience. This was thought to be a great idea and a note would be issued to all East District members by Ms Greenwood in next correspondence. (Action: FG)

Meeting closed with thanks to all for attending.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 16th February 2021 at 7.00pm.