

Bristol Bridge Club

Grenville Hall, 99 Oldfield Road, Bristol BS8 4QQ

Minutes of the Trustee Board Meeting

Tuesday 30th July 2024 6.00-7.00pm

Present	Stuart King (Chair) Teresa Watson (Secretary) Mike Forrest (Treasurer) Hilda Ball Jane Barrett David Turner Caroline Drugan Kimberly Warner
1.1 1.2	Welcome and apologies The chair opened the meeting. There were no apologies Declarations of Interest None Minutes of meetings The minutes of the meeting from 13/06/2024 were agreed. The minutes of the AGM from 11/7/2024 were agreed. Teresa will post the above sets of minutes on the web site.
2	Stuart reported that the contact from the council has asked for more time to review the planning application and he granted an extension until 31/7/2024. Mike reported progress is being made regarding obtaining grants to improve the front access and is now in the region of £11K. David stated that a member of the club is prepared to donate £10K and suggested this request was put out to the wider membership. This will be discussed further at future meetings. There was a general discussion on how to re-start the finance and refurbishment committees. Mike will take steps to recruit members to the finance committee.

3	<p>3.1. Discuss small refurb of main hall Requested by - Caroline Drugan</p> <p>General discussion on small refurbish of the main hall. The refurbishment committee will re start and begin investigating, planning what can be done and at what cost. David to organise re-starting the refurbishment committee which will include Kimberly and Hilda and will report back in the next trustees meeting on their plans and costings.</p> <p>3.2 Members Questionnaire/Survey Requested by - Jane Barrett</p> <p>Stuart to confer with Mike Letts regarding the wording of the questionnaire and once this is agreed it will be sent out to the trustees for their feedback before being sent out to the wider membership.</p> <p>3.3 Banking Changes Requested by Mike Forrest</p> <p>Mike will reaffirm that we have any two out of three signatories to sign instructions to the bank (and change the three to Stuart, Mike and Teresa, as chair, treasurer and secretary), and he will also arrange for David to have a debit card so that he can purchase food provisions . Kimberly will also be required to be on the bank mandate and Mike will organise obtaining signatures from all required persons to be forwarded to the bank.</p>
4	<p>AOB</p> <p>Kimberly suggested a further survey to ask for volunteers to specify their skills and their willingness to volunteer when and how often. Kimberly asked about accessing the club's document storage area. Stuart will provide this information to Kimberly. Kimberly suggested contacting refugee organisations to see if they may be interested in participating in club playing sessions. Kinberly and Mike both stated they had contacts at refugee organisations and would investigate and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>Teresa has picked up from work done by Caroline regarding involvement with the D of E scheme. Teresa has obtained interest from 8 schools in Bristol with regards to having playing bridge as one of their learning a new skills offering. Teresa is currently trying to set up a meeting with a D of E contact for the southwest to obtain more details on the scheme's requirements. She will report back at the next meeting.</p>

	<p>Jane raised the issue of the challenge to make the leap from classroom to clubroom.</p> <p>General discussion on how to encourage people who have attended courses to continue coming to the club to play.</p> <p>There was a suggestion to run a duplicate session on the tail end of the beginners lessons, where beginners can start to experience playing etiquette, use of bridge mates etc.</p>
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Next trustees meeting Tuesday 1st October 2024 at 6:00pm