

Committee Meeting Summary

8th June 2016

Bridge Lessons

Another set of lessons is planned to commence late July. There will again be daytime sessions on Thursdays and evening sessions on Tuesdays. The lessons are being actively promoted following the good attendance numbers achieved as a result of that approach. Should you wish to help in any way with promotion please contact Jeff Biddlecombe. A flyer has been put together with details of those lessons and is available for you to distribute to possible participants.

Membership

Club membership is looking healthy with a steady influx of new players coming out of the lessons. Committee is very aware of issues created by increased numbers, particularly concerning where to fit new players in to the structure of the existing programme. Sessions of supervised play have been established on Wednesday evenings and on Thursday afternoons as a means of transitioning newer players through to regular sessions. They run for approximately two and a half hours, and play up to 16 boards depending on the number of tables.

The future of those sessions is uncertain but for the moment they are being run as supervised sessions and will continue whilst ever they are supported. The participants at those sessions would be expected to progress to regular sessions once confident in their abilities. As to which sessions they progress becomes the issue?

Graded Sessions

Following on from the initial strong support for the Friday Graded Event, Committee may consider introducing specific sessions for lower graded pairs. 52% of the Club's membership is graded below Regional Master Rank indicating that there may well be the numbers to support sessions between players of like ability. Whether a regular session is split into two separate competitions or whether a completely new session is augmented is a question for Committee to resolve before too long.

Extra sessions require extra administration support. That support could be provided by volunteers failing which the Club is heading towards engaging players prepared to manage sessions. Having a non-playing director on Tuesdays and Fridays has been a success. That success could be the catalyst for considering more sessions being conducted similarly but are there any members who might be prepared to fulfil that role?

Sessions for 2017

Having due regard to all that has been reported above, at a Special Meeting called specifically to consider next year's programme Committee decided the following:

- Monday, Tuesday and Saturday sessions would continue in their present format;
- Friday sessions would retain a graded event on the fourth day of each month;
- Thursday afternoon sessions would be established for supervised play at \$6 per session; and
- Wednesday sessions would stay as currently being run, a daytime session starting at 10:30am and an evening supervised session starting at 7:00pm costing \$6.

Prize money allocation was also discussed at that meeting. Committee agreed that distribution of prizes should reflect when income was being generated. Prize money events for 2017 would be assigned to sessions to reflect an equitable return to members. A fresh schedule of awards was prepared for the incoming committee to approve.