

**Scottish Bridge Union – EAST District**  
**Minutes of the Online Committee Meeting of Sept 2nd 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,

**Apologies:** Mrs. D King, Mrs. J Carnegie, Mrs. M Evans, Mrs. S Gunn, Mr. S Kirkwood

**Minutes:**

The minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020 were proposed by Mrs. Bailey and seconded by Mrs. Davies as being a true record of that meeting.

**Matters arising:**

- Teachers –FG confirmed an email had been sent to all Clubs asking for details of their teachers to be forwarded to Mrs. Gunn.
- Dr Palmer had emailed Ms. Greenwood the information re TD's payment and Ms. Greenwood confirmed she was receiving information from Anne Coles.

**Chairman's report:**

Playing less bridge online and working more since coming back from furlough at the New Melville Club. The matches against South Africa were going well and the Polish Bridge Federation had been in contact to invite a senior team to play in a 2 week Seniors Cup event for European teams. This has been accepted and a second Scottish team also added - it will take place early October. The Real Bridge platform is currently being tested and Ms. Perkins said that she liked it and that there was a video where you can see all players. Ms. Greenwood had also tested it and said was very good.

**Secretary's report:**

Berwick Upon Tweed had emailed to inform the East District and SBU that their new secretary was Paul Gipson and the treasurer was Tony Reed-Jones following their recent AGM.

**Sub-committee reports:**

**Finance:** Nothing to Report

**League:** Nothing to Report apart from reiterating that the season was extended until bridge can be played in clubs.

**Education:**

- New Melville courses are being shared on the SBU website. Dr Palmer has been asked by several clubs to offer guidance on how to set up these courses and to date had done this one a one to one basis. Dr Palmer suggested that she pull together a seminar and share the information with several Clubs at one time. Discuss in more detail with Sam Punch, SBU Education Convenor. (Action: JP)
- The Meville Bridge Academy, Dundee Bridge Club and Glasgow Bridge Club are all offering online courses, with them all starting week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020.

**Bronze Events:**

- Brunch Pairs on a Saturday organised by Eddie McGeough– the first Saturday had gone very well. The tournament was short and sweet with 15mins allowed for 2 boards, however moving on as soon as all players had completed the 2 boards. EMG had requested various clubs to host and Mrs Davies agreed that the Carlton would host in September.
- GBC are running an open event on a Wednesday night in early November with a trophy being awarded in memory of Steve Bailey.

**National Tournaments** - nothing to report

**East District Tournaments** – Nothing to report on recent events.

**Forthcoming events:**

- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Ms. Greenwood updated the committee with the organization plans:
  - tournament will be 20 boards and will be clocked so will be slower in playing, Dr Palmer should not need assistance as TD
  - The tournament has been publicized to all East District Clubs and is on the SBU website.
  - The include list is being organised by Gordon, however the New Melville is asked to pass the BBO names to Gordon.
  - The stand by pair will be Denise King and either Katharine Bailey or Julie Choudhury.
  - Results will be posted onto the East District website – Alan Officer to assist.
  - Dr. Palmer or Ms. Perkins will congratulate the winners of N/S and E/W
  - Feedback of the success of the tournament will be fed back.
- Ms. Greenwood asked if all tournaments run by the East District would pay their TDs as if they were running a tournament in the club. This is currently £40 a session. The committee agreed.
- The McGregor (mixed pairs) is being planned to be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020 starting at 6.30pm. It will possibly be 28 boards with a break half-way. Players will be asked to pre book in order to prepare the include list.
- It is also planned to hold a Bronze Pairs/Cross Imps on the 18<sup>th</sup> September and an Open Pairs/Cross Imps on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October.
- Swiss Pairs is currently scheduled to be held over one day on the 29<sup>th</sup> November starting at 12pm - 8pm with a onehour-1.5hour break.
- There would be no trophies for these tournaments as BBO does not allow, however Ms. Greenwood is looking into the option of BBO prizes. (Action: FG)
- The Alan Filch will be discussed at a later date.

**MiniBridge:**

- Lesley Laidlaw of Dalry Primary had been in touch saying that they would reinstate the mini bridge sessions as soon as it was safe to do so. It had been very popular with the children.

**Website news:**

- The upgraded East District website will be going live this week. There was a discussion re uploading results on to the website using bridge webs and a converter program. It was agreed Mr Officer would access the Bridge Webs 3month free trial to check out ease of use. (Action: AO)
- Ms. Greenwood would send out a mass email via Mempad informing members that the East District website is 'live' (Action: FG)

**Report from Council:**

- Ms. Perkins updated the Committee with the names of the new Treasurer – Scott MacDonald, Finance Convenor – Fiona Greenwood and Junior Convenor – Alastair MacLeod.
- Kibitzers will not be allowed at SBU and District tournaments, but Clubs can make their own decision whether to allow Kibitzers or not.
- Mrs. Choudhury congratulated the Council on filling the posts so quickly.

**AOCB:** None

Meeting closed with thanks to all for attending.

**Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7.00pm.