

# THE SOBELL BRIDGE CLUB

In aid of The Friends of Michael Sobell House  
Registered Charity No. 1079638



Minutes of Committee Meeting no 90 held at the Michael Sobell Centre on Saturday 25 July 2015

## Present

Doug Edmonds (DE)	Chairman
Lynne Mathys (LM)	Treasurer
George Howlett (GH)	President
Jacquie North (JN)	Session Manager
Terry Butfield (TB)	Playing Secretary
Joanna May (JM)	Weekend Organiser
Shirley Tucker (ST)	Membership Secretary
Rob Pyburn (RP)	Webmaster
Val Lloyd	Session Manager
Adrienne Finch (AF)	Minutes Secretary
Sheena Edgar (SE),	Secretary

1 The minutes of the previous meeting no. 89, held on 25 April, 2015 were approved.

## 2 Matters arising:

- i) Re Item 3, Bridge Scoring, documentation had now been produced.
- ii) The new weekend computer was functioning well, though GH had one query.
- iii) The level of noise during play was improving, DE is still to investigate the purchase of acoustic tiles. DE
- iv) There is still an intermittent electronic buzz emanating from the loudspeakers. DE to follow up. DE
- v) An Open Evening is not now needed
- vi) Beginners may come on Tuesday evening to play Chicago @ a cost of £3.00.
- vii) Helen Hoskins is not interested in running a beginners' course.

## 3 Chairman's report

It was agreed that Calver Townsend should be invited to join the committee DE

## 4 Treasurer's report

- i) It was agreed that charity status should not be sought.
- ii) £14,000 should be donated to Sobell. LM
- iii) It was agreed that Calver Townsend should be asked if he would be a second signatory for cheques. DE
- iv) VL asked if she could have a copy of the running account to this date LM

## 5 Secretary's report

- i) Committee minutes should be placed on the web site after they had been agreed at the following meeting. AF
- ii) Regarding the Directors' course, bookings had been paid for. It was due to start on October 3 when DE would attend but subsequently JN would open up. Ruth Allenby had asked to join the courses. DE/JN

## 6 Playing Secretary's report

- i) TB had devised a rota for Thursday evening Directors, with Ian opening up and Vinod Khanna closing. LM and GH were ensuring that scoring was covered. It was suggested that Calver should also be involved. TB
- ii) TB has entered the club for the Eccles cup.
- iii) Sim pairs would be held on Monday October 5, and the next Teams event would be on Saturday, October 10.

- iv) Volunteers are to renew the bar codes on the cards. DE, LM, and TB took sets.
- v) The dealing machine is to be serviced, Martin Isham (MI) will take it to Cambridge near where it is to be done so that it will not be unavailable for too long. MI

#### Webmaster's Report

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- i) Extra facilities promised by Pianola have still not been delivered but RP will now organise the changover. All members would be notified when this would happen. RP
- ii) Club officers would be responsible for maintaining the web pages relevant to their responsibilities. All
- iii) There should be 6 years accounts and minutes on the site, with older records archived, but with 'log in' access.
- iv) Material which is under 'Technical' should be retained on the website.
- v) The 'Quotations' page should not be retained
- vi) The development site link is: <http://site.pianola.net/sobell>

#### 9 Social matters

- i) The summer party made a profit of £637 + 7 bottles of wine were unused and can be taken forward to the next event.
- ii) Calver (CT) and Audrey Townsend have offered to run the Christmas party and Anne McConnell will run the raffle. The charge is to remain at £6. CT to be reminded to organise the printing of tickets by an appropriate date. DE

#### 11 Bridge weekends

- i) JM reported that the Hayling Island weekend had been a great success, much enjoyed by all and made a profit of £633.70p.
- ii) To date 32 members had booked for the Cambridge weekend on 16-18 October.
- iii) Next year's booking are 20-23 May at the Stratford Manor Hotel in Stratford-upon-Avon; and from 21-24 October at Dury's Hotel in Bournemouth.
- iv) Next year's programme would be e mailed to members after the Cambridge weekend. JM

#### 12 Liaison Officer's Report Nothing to report.

#### AOB

- i) VL enquired after Colin Thomas and DE promised to follow up. (See note below) DE
- ii) No one appears to be playing Chicago on Sunday evenings, so there is no need for Elaine Softleigh to attend.
- iii) A membership will be deemed to have lapsed after 2 years and a joining fee should then be paid (subject to ST's discretion). ST

DONM Saturday 7 November, 2015 at 10:00 am. The meeting closed at 11:25 am.

Note: Following the meeting, the Chairman sent this message.

I have spoken to Eddie O'Sullivan enquiring after Colin's welfare.

Colin has just been moved from Watford General to The Langley House rehabilitation unit in St Albans Road Garston (near the Dome roundabout and Sainsbury's). Physically he is very weak and can just move his arms but scarcely his legs. As a consequence he has to be fed through his stomach. However Eddie reports that he is now making limited progress and Eddie is hopeful the rehab unit will be beneficial. Together with Richard Killick, Eddie hopes to arrange some bridge. Colin remains lucid and is putting on some weight. He hopes that the rehab will allow him to return home.