

YC Bridge Sub-Committee Meeting

Thursday 1st February 2007



Minutes

1. **Present:** Jeremy Dhondy (chairman), Audrey Hartley (secretary), Brian Mcguire, Debbie Sandford, Luke Porter, Christine Duckworth.
2. **Apologies:** Ian Payn, Simon Cearn, Gordon Rainsford.
3. **Approval of Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes were accepted.
4. **Items arising (not on the agenda):** There were no matters arising.
5. **Debrief Keith Loveys Individual and Xmas Party:**
 - a. **Xmas Party:** There were 21 tables and a profit of £440. It seemed to go well and it was agreed that we would hold a similar event this year on Saturday, 15th December 2007.
 - b. **Keith Loveys Individual:** There were 9 tables and Christine and Debbie reported that it was a fun event. Suggestions for enhancing the event included making it a more social event, providing food and wine afterwards at an inclusive charge of approximately £10 and changing to a date later in the year (probably April). The details would be decided at the next BSC meeting.
6. **Prize Structure:** (Jeremy presented a paper).
 - a. **Duplicates:** At present MWF awards were cash to about 10% of table money and TuTh awards were wine or chocolates to the winners only. It was decided that MWF and TuTh would have the same award structure, that the awards would be vouchers to the value of £4 and the number of vouchers and awards would depend on the number of tables. The vouchers would be printed with the name of the recipient and the date won and could be used towards paying for another game or possibly in exchange for purchases at the bar (no change given to vouchers). Awards would be:
 - i. 1 – 10 tables: 1 voucher to each winner only;
 - ii. 11 – 20 tables: 2 vouchers to first place and 1 voucher to second place;
 - iii. 21+ tables: 3 vouchers to first place, 2 vouchers to second place and 1 voucher to third place.
 - b. **Ladder:** It was agreed to hold a Spring ladder (Monday, 16th April 2007 – Friday, 20th July 2007) and an Autumn Ladder (Monday 14th September 2007 – Friday, 14th December 2007), each of 40 games for MWF games only. Awards would be based on the best 10 scores played with a minimum of 4 different partners. It was agreed that a Friday end to ladders was a preferred day. The following prize structure totalling £1,100 for each ladder was agreed:
 - i. First place - £500;
 - ii. Second place - £250;
 - iii. Third place - £100;
 - iv. Fourth place - £75;
 - v. Fifth place - £50
 - vi. Sixth to tenth places – a year's membership subscription (£25).
 - c. **Championship Pairs:** This was discussed between MC and BSC members, by email, prior to the meeting. For special events of this nature it was agreed that only club members are eligible to win awards and that no player may receive more than one award (in the event of a player winning one award with partner A and a smaller award with partner B then the smaller award would go to the next pair in the list but partner B would receive an award equal to half of the smaller award). The following awards were agreed:
 - i. First place - £1,000;
 - ii. Second place - £300;
 - iii. Best overall score - £100;

- iv. Best 3 games in the second half - £100;
- v. Best 2 games of last 3 games - £100

6. **Systems Disclosure:** It had been noticed that some MWF players, when using systems higher than level 4, were not being as helpful to their opponents as is required. Rules governing the use of such systems on Friday evenings were no longer being followed. It was agreed to recommend that systems higher than level 4 should still be permitted on Friday evenings subject to the appropriate notice and permission being given together with a suggested defence being submitted and it then being displayed on the club noticeboard. Pairs needed to ask at each table if they could play such a system. In the Thursday Club Pairs championship only, no permission needed to be sought but it was expected that any pair playing a complex system would have properly completed convention cards and that they would be helpful to their opponents in explaining methods and suggesting a basic defence. Christine said she would write a notice explaining this which would be displayed on the bar notice board.
7. **Thursday arrangements:** A Swiss Pairs Competition is held on the 2nd Thursday of each month and the Club Pairs Championship is held on the 4th Thursday of each month. It had been hoped that the normal duplicate would continue in parallel but numbers had fallen on those nights so that it had been decided to include this small number of players in the other game. Consideration was being given to making a special game of one sort or another on Thursdays and terminating the Thursday night duplicate. It was agreed to recommend that a Novice Duplicate should be held on the 1st Thursday of each month starting in April. For the 3rd Thursday a multi-teams game was suggested. It was agreed to make these changes gradually, to continue with the Thursday duplicate on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays and delay the introduction of multi-teams or any other suggestion for the 3rd Thursday.
8. **Dates for Open Teams and Marathon 2007:** From Brian's list it was agreed that the Open Teams would be 22/23 September 2007 and the Marathon 2007 would be 17/18 November 2007.
9. **Hosting Arrangements:** After discussion with Warwick and Gordon, Debbie emailed a paper to all members before the meeting. At present Warwick "hosted" Wednesdays and also Fridays up to 10pm when Gordon took over. Mondays were without a "host". At the meeting Debbie said that since the email, Gad Chadha had volunteered to "host" Mondays for a six month period waiving any payment and only asking for modest expenses. The Committee were delighted to accept his offer. The Committee wished to involve more members in working for their club and decided that a volunteer "host" system should be started with committee members heading the list. The "host" would get a free duplicate, one drink and reasonable expenses. Jeremy agreed to contact Gad to thank him for his offer.
10. **YCKO Progress:** All but one 1st round match will have been played by 14/02/07. The last 1st round match would be played on 28/02/07. This would leave only 18 days before the 2nd round deadline of 18/03/07. Brian would chase up the late playing team captains. Ideally the YCKO would be completed by the end of July, comfortably before the Lederer. It was suggested that for Round 2 onwards each captain would be emailed with his opposing captain's contact details. Brian would organize this.
11. **40th Anniversary:** Fuller discussion was deferred to next meeting but suggestions for consideration include: a Lederer style of event, a celebratory Marathon, a party,
12. **AOB:**
 - a. Why were no master points issued at our special events? It was agreed that in future all our events, YCKO, Ladders, Championship Pairs, Novice Pairs, Marathon and any other competition not previously receiving master points should from now on receive master points at the appropriate rate.
 - b. Why did we not use Deep Finesse for our hand printouts? It was agreed that Gordon be asked to go ahead with this as soon as possible. The cost was believed to be no more than £35
 - c. The mat by the front door was dangerous and needed replacing. This was referred to the Management Committee.
13. **Date of Next Meeting:** 7.00 pm, Thursday, 19th April 2007.