

**YC Bridge Sub-Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2007**  
**7.00 pm at YC**



**Minutes**

1. **Present:** Jeremy Dhondy (Chairman), Christine Duckworth, Audrey Hartley (Secretary), Ian Payn, Luke Porter, Gordon Rainsford and Debbie Sandford.
2. **Apologies:** Simon Cearns, Mark Davies and Brian McGuire
3. **Approval of minutes of last meeting:** The minutes were accepted.
4. **Items arising (not on the agenda):** There were no items arising.
5. **YC KO progress (Gordon):** Brian reported by email that the YC KO was now in the semi-final stage. He suggested advertising the final as an "occasion" with prizes presented in the bar afterwards. Ian said it had been tried before but failed to get an audience. Gordon said that it had run better than previous years. One team had been slow to arrange matches so the competition was marginally behind schedule but should finish by the end of July. Next year the timing may be critical and it was decided that Gordon and Brian should draft a firmer rules for arranging matches to be tabled at the next meeting.
6. **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Jeremy attended a MSC meeting. It was agreed that the BSC committee will be responsible for arranging bridge events. It was agreed to change the date of the Xmas Party to the 8<sup>th</sup> December to help Ricci, the organizer of the event and Gordon was asked to inform the MC and MSC. The Official start to the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations would be with the Marathon in November. This was proceeding well and already 24 pairs had announced their intention of playing.
7. **Hosting Arrangements review:** The Monday host, Gad, was doing a very good job, and was creating an excellent atmosphere amongst the players but there was no improvement in numbers. It was agreed to send a letter to Gad to show our appreciation of the work he has been doing. Getting more hosts for Friday was proving more difficult. Gordon found taking a list round the tables asking for volunteers got the best results. Chairman's note: Gad will be invited to the next meeting.
8. **Wednesday Brunch Duplicate review (Gordon):** There were only 2 to 3 tables as yet. The atmosphere was good and much enjoyed by those taking part. Gordon and Warwick made sure that there were full tables. A suggestion that the event should be closed for the summer was rejected. It was agreed that French club and IADBC members should be allowed to play as members.
9. **Disciplinary matters and procedure (Jeremy):** It was agreed that all incidents dealt with under the BCS's disciplinary procedure should be reported in the minutes and an extract posted on the Club notice board; but, in general, the names of those involved should not be publicized. It was also agreed to keep a complete record of all such incidents. There had been three incidents since the last meeting.
  - a. A member was verbally abusive to opponents and director concerning an incident at the table and, later, spoke vociferously about the incident in the bar. A letter was sent from the Chair requiring an apology which was given.
  - b. A second member, increasingly, over time, caused discomfort to opponents by continuously criticizing partner in a loud and abusive manner. It was decided to write to the member to explain that this was unacceptable and warn of the consequences of a repetition of such behaviour.
  - c. A third member was abusive to the partner supplied by the Club's hosting system. This was unacceptable and a letter was sent removing the privilege of using the host system.
10. **AOB:**
  - a. **YC teams:** The arrangements were going forward. If enough teams entered then those not qualifying would play a Swiss otherwise a Multi.
  - b. **Novice Duplicate:** Christine informed the BSC that the monthly Novice Duplicate (first Thursday in each month) with cheese and wine was going well with 3 to 3.5 tables. The contestants were playing between 14 and 18 boards and thoroughly enjoying the experience.
11. **Date of next meeting:** 7.00 pm, Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2007.