

YC Bridge Sub-Committee Meeting
Thursday 18th September 2008
6.30 pm at YC



Minutes

1. **Present:** Brian McGuire, Audrey Hartley, Luke Porter, Chris Duckworth, Simon Cochéme and Gordon Rainsford.
2. **Apologies:** Debbie Stanford, Jeremy Dhondy and Ian Payn
3. **Approval of Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes were accepted (only date of next meeting was incorrect).
4. **Items arising (not on the agenda):** There were no items arising.
5. **International Teams 2009 (invitation to Simon Cochéme):** Simon gave his report about the International teams Competition held in June. This had been a huge success both financially and in enjoyment. There were eighteen teams on Saturday comprising members domiciled in and around London from Australia, Canada, Denmark, France (4), Iran (3), Italy (2), Japan, Netherlands, Poland, USA (2) plus GB (YC twins). Many of the teams came in their national colours. Two parallel round robins were held on Saturday with the top four from each qualifying for the final on Sunday. The winners: 1. Poland, 2. Iran Green, 3. USA Stripes. The remaining teams were joined by three transnational teams on the Sunday and the winners were 1. World B, 2. Iran Red, 3. Italy A. Prizes and trophies were donated by Chelsea Building Society, Bridge Magazine, Sally Brock and New Bridge Assets. Income £1298 plus takings from the bar. Simon was congratulated on the success of the event and thanked for the hard work he had put in to organize it. Simon said he was willing to organize another similar event next year. The agreed weekend date is May 30/31st 2009. Simon left the meeting after he had made his report.
6. **Individual Report and System Update:** The first of what is intended as a monthly Individual Competition was held in July 2008 and was very successful. There were 10 tables and that was more than expected. The systems allowed in the game are either simple ACOL or 5-card majors plus a strong NT. Gordon recommended that the systems allowed should also include splinters and this was agreed. An Individual was not held in August as it would have coincided with Brighton but the second monthly Individual would be held later that evening.
7. **Marathon Dates 2009:** It was thought that it was important to attract more juniors to this event and a reduction in entry fee for them was recommended. Their membership of the club was thought not to be a financial problem as all students enjoy free membership. The next Marathon would be held on the weekend of 18/19 April 2009.
8. **YCKO 2008/2009:** The 2007/2008 YCKO had gone well, the teams had kept within the deadlines for matches played. It was agreed that the deadline dates for each round should be as last year, the entry fee recommended was £5.00 per player and we should start asking for entries immediately. Late entries had caused a slight problem last year and it was agreed that members should be told that late entries would only be accepted if it was convenient to the organizers. An entry of 32 teams was agreed as the ideal. When the draw was made it was agreed that the byes should be numbered so that in the event of late entries byes would disappear in that order.
9. **Weekend Swiss Pairs:** This had been suggested having seen the success other clubs were having with similar events. It was agreed that we should have a trial run of a Swiss Pairs Event on Sunday, November 30th 2008. It was agreed that we should aim at a different timing for the day than that used at Richmond and Wimbledon.
10. **Disciplinary Matters:** There was nothing new to report.
11. **Any Other Business:**
 - a) The Christmas Party would be held on December 13th 2008.
 - b) Gordon reported that the new Laws (2007) which came into force on August 1st 2008 delegated to clubs the decision as to which Laws they wished to follow. It was agreed that YC would follow the EBU elections.
12. **Date of next meeting:** 6.30 pm, Thursday 11th December 2008