

**Minutes of a GBU meeting held at the Links
at 12h15 Saturday 18th September 2022**

Present

D Ingersent
T Meyer
B Donde
J Grant

Apologies

J Solovei

Welcome

Deirdre welcomed those present.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Financials

Tor reported that financially the GBU was extremely healthy with a balance in the account of over R200,000

The Links AGM

One of the main topics to be discussed at the upcoming AGM was the small number of players who had returned to face to face bridge. This was clearly a concern to the Links but also to the GBU as the Links had for many years been the home of bridge in Gauteng and it would be tragic if it should be forced to close. Ways of encouraging players to return to the club were discussed but it was agreed that the main reason for staying at home was proliferation of online tournaments provided by the Links and other clubs around the country. Only by reducing these or at least rescheduling them so that they did not coincide with Saturday afternoon would we see more people returning to the club. Another possibility discussed was the re-opening of the Wednesday afternoon bridge run by Helen Kruger.

GBU Pairs

This was scheduled for the 23rd October though for some unknown reason a second tournament by the same name now appeared on our calendar. After some discussion it was agreed that the final red point event to be held by the GBU this year would be a Mixed Pairs.

James raised the point that SABF would be running the Interclub under supervision at the Links in November again with the aim of encouraging players to return to the clubs and suggested that all of the above events be hosted by the GBU with wine and refreshments laid on in celebratory fashion.

Beginners Classes in Schools

James informed the committee that an initiative had been started by a local member, Kojo Parris, and Duncan Keet from Western Province to teach bridge to school children around the country. Although so far no official approach had been made to the SABF or GBU it was agreed that we would give this project our full support.

SABF subs

Deirdre raised the matter of next year's subs and James confirmed that an amount of R200 had been agreed on by the SABF committee. He went on to state that here in Gauteng we needed to announce this very early on and make sure that those playing only in our virtual clubs realized this payment also applied to them.

General

Nothing was raised under general.

The meeting was then closed