Minutes of Director’s meeting on 9 June 2016 in the HC at 10h30

Present: John Boonzaier(chair), Judith O’Hara, Geoff Ellis, Judy Beck(secretary), Eileen Ellis

1. Judith invited comments on the course she gave earlier this year. All comments were extremely positive and the course was generally found to be brilliant.
2. Judith wants to know who – of those that did the course - are going to direct in the club.
3. Judith’s advice is as follows:
   1. Must have only one person on duty because consistency is important.
   2. The person on duty must not hesitate to ask JO for help.
   3. Everyone should direct on a Monday or Friday.
   4. It is important to find out why a person wants to direct.
   5. The manner in which the director is called is important so that no one feels that they are under attack.
   6. Committee support for directors:
      1. If a director feels someone is abusing any situation a note should be made of their name in a book so that there is a record kept in a book. The book can be kept in the computer bag.
      2. Note that the ethics of game is hinted at by all laws.
      3. No one can use body language to give any hints to their partners.
      4. Clearing bidding cards prematurely can be taken as a hint to a partner to not continue bidding.
      5. Poor behaviour must be corrected immediately.
      6. Talking throughout the game is an example of poor behaviour.
      7. The general behaviour in the club must be improved because a pattern has developed of ignoring the bell etc.
   7. Law book – the SABF puts out additional local rules. JO is concerned about announcing and alerting. What about alerts after a bid of 3NT? Nothing given by SABF. We can make our own rules here because we are not a member of SABF. JO recommends adopting her summary of announcing and alerting as in appendix A. JO has had many discussions in this regard. Suggests the circulation of appendix A and the introduction of this system.
   8. The DM produces highly distributional hands – our bidding systems often do not cope. There is a need to improve.
4. JO hopes to get the roster for directors’ duties from John soon.

The meeting ended at 11h05