Minutes of Tournament Committee Meeting: 11th Sep 2018

**Present**: Ann Thornton, Irene Davies, John Roberts, Rhona Goldenfield, Barbara Lewis, Jeff Morris, Joan Lewis

**Apologies**: Jeff Smith, Alan Mould, Rodney Lighton, Susan Triggs, Michael Byrne, Kevin Comrie

**Congress**:

Irene stated that this coming Congress would be the last which she would be organising.

Neil Morley will direct.

Discussion re timings for the Congress. Players have requested earlier start so that an evening meal can be catered for (pardon the pun). It was also noted that directors not always on the case with regard to keeping to timings. Irene will discuss the need for vigilance, pacing the room, keeping an eye on slow tables etc, with the director. A clock will be displayed both on the computer and on the large screen.

Proposed timings for the Congress:

·         Sat start at 12.00, 1st session finish at 3.00pm followed by 1 hr break: 2nd session 4.00 – 7.30pm

·         Sun start at 11.00am, finish at 2.15pm: 2nd session 3.00 – 6.30pm

·         Novices event will also start at 12.00

The proposal was carried.

Jeff Morris pointed out that the Norwegian players would need to be informed. Irene will do this.

Discussion re online entries and using BACS. It was agreed that this would be an efficient thing to do, perhaps reducing sums of money collected at the door. Irene will ask Kath Nelson how to go about setting this up.

Discussion re social media advertising. Irene will talk to the Project Officer, Sara Miles.

Fees to remain at £25 per person, £45 for full Congress: juniors half price.

Jobs for set up etc the Congress were determined. Irene has the schedule.

**Cantor Cup**:

A provisional booking will be made for 24th Feb at ABC. Joan Lewis will book. Jeff will let us know venue of MBC when he has finished discussions with the casino.

**Intermediate Swiss Pairs**:

Date: 24th March: venue tbc.

**NBL**:

Irene would like to propose that Manchester host NBL matches at the 18th Oct NBL Meeting. It was suggested that both CHBC, A Team, and ABC, C 1&2 and B, could host matches.

**Ben Franks**, 2nd Dec, will be held at MBC, Palatine Road. Ann Thornton to e-mail Jeff Smith to ask if he can direct.