**StepBridge UK Meeting**

6th February 2024 @ 10am by Zoom

Present : Tony Howarth, Ceri Pierce, Alan Screen, Jean Cufley, Neville Richards

1. **Treasurer’s payment**

Financial status reported as follows :

£500 paid from Stepbridge to the WBU for the Treasurer’s honoraria rather than the £250 recommended at the last meeting.

It was noted that the reconciliation of the StepBridge account takes up a lot of time.

**Proposed Stepbridge will contribute £300 per annum from April 1st 2023 (retrospectively).**

**Agreed**

1. **Operational / Financial Report**

An operational report was circulated beforehand by Tony.

Jean summarised the financial position:

Income to end of Jan £7,963

Expenses to end of Jan £7,249

Profit to end of Jan £ 714

Income for Feb and March estimate £1,300.

Expenses for Feb and March estimate £3,450

£1,435 loss estimated for 23-24.

**Proposed that the Participation Points be raised from 20p to 25p from 1st March 2024 ie £1 to £1.25.**

**Agreed**

**Proposed that the Club charge be raised from 50p to 60p from 1st March 2024**

**Agreed**

Tony will put a note on the website to this effect.

1. **Stepbridge**

Tony will meet with Epko and will summarise our meeting here today and request that the server cost be reduced (without pushing too far).

There is a web version of StepBridge available, but it is an all or nothing situation – ie everyone uses it or no-one uses it. Tony will obtain an update from Epko it was generally felt that the web version was superior.

1. **Membership**

We are averaging one new member request every 10 days. Tony does encourage people on bridge holidays to try out StepBridge.

1. **AOB**

Dave Lea declined an invitation to join the committee.

A MP Convertor has been developed by Dave to convert the Stepbridge user name into a real name and generate the corresponding masterpoints. This has been a great help.

**5. Next Meeting**

Stepbridge AGM – Saturday 1st June at 11am.

Neville to post notice of the AGM on StepBridge Website, and Tony on the WBU site.

Ceri to set up Zoom link for the AGM.