**Aberystwyth Bridge Club**

**Emergency Committee meeting**

**Sunday 16th September 2018, 6.00pm**

Present: John Valentine, Roger Boyle, Alan Stein, Elenid Thomas, Jeff Thomas, Pamela Woodhouse

Apologies: Mair Jenkins

**Minutes**:

The meeting had been called to discuss recent correspondence. The President asked that the priority be the well-being of the Club and its members.

The President brought three points for discussion:

1. *The Committee supports the principle outlined in the ABC constitution that the Management Committee shall be responsible for all the conduct of the business of the Club.*

It was noted that the Constitution excepted actions that were to the detriment of the Club or its members. In discussion, it was agreed that it had been established that Club competitions should not permit “outsiders” to take trophies, but in a vote the recent anomalous result should be allowed to stand.

The meeting was unanimous in supporting this statement.

1. *Anyone who does not fully support the principle of Committee responsibility should step down from the Committee.*

A long discussion failed to reach a conclusion on this topic. The discussion moved into several areas not implicit in the statement, and included many unresolved disagreements between members.

1. T*he Committee recognises that the proposal to run a Mid -Wales simultaneous competition on a club night was brought to the ABC's attention and discussion on 1st May, on 8th July in committee, in a letter to members on 26th July, in reply to a letter dated 27 July from Elenid Thomas, and in the absence of a suitable date for a committee meeting in August or September by email of 30th July requesting ratification.*

This was not discussed for lack of time

Members regretted the second consecutive meeting running out of discussion time, and it was reiterated that the (sole) purpose of the Club was to support the playing of bridge.

The next scheduled [ordinary] meeting of the Committee is 12th October, 6pm.