

MINUTES OF THE 28TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH CHURCH MEETING ROOM ON THURSDAY 13TH MAY 1999.

1. **Present:** Mr G Martin, President, and 27 members (copy in file)
2. **Apologies:** L McAskill, A Ross, E Carmichael, B Bladen, C Campbell, P Mackie, P Calder, D Robson, J Robson, A Drysdale, R French, P Carlisle, J Gregson, C Edney, T Tyler, B Thomas, J Robertson, M Robertson and S Pearson.
3. The minutes of the 27th AGM were read, approved and signed.
- 3(a) **Matters arising:**
 1. The new arrangement for the Pivot Teams had proved satisfactory, and would be continued next season.
 2. **Slow play:** There was a fairly lengthy discussion about slow play, with the suggestion that penalties should be imposed. However, the competition secretary, T Harris, pointed out that it would be difficult to enforce penalties, and the meeting generally agreed that the club directors should always use the clock.
4. **President's report:** Mr Martin submitted his report to the meeting, and it was adopted. (Copy on file).
5. **Treasurer's report:** Mrs Drysdale submitted the audited accounts to the meeting. The accounts were adopted. (Copy on file) Mrs Drysdale recommended that the subscription and table money for next season should remain unchanged. This was agreed
6. **Competition Secretary's report:** Mr Harris reported that the table numbers were down by approx 1½ tables per night, and that this was causing a slight concern. The new format for the Pivot Teams had been an improvement. The National & District events again attracted a poor entry, but would be mostly continued. With regard to the Calder and Martin Trophies, he advised that although the same pair could not win money prizes in both competitions, he felt that the trophy should always be presented to the winner, and one pair could in fact win both trophies. He also suggested that as the handicaps now covered a much wider range, the rule disallowing a pair with two minus handicaps from competing in the Calder was no longer appropriate.
7. **Team Captains' reports:** These reports were given by T Harris for the A Team, R Drysdale for the B Team, and G Sandwith for the C Team, and adopted. (Copies on file)
8. **Election of Officebearers:** The following were elected:

President:	Mr George Martin
Vice President	Mr Bill McCreath
Secretary	Mr Reg Drysdale
Competition Secretary	Mr Terry Harris
Treasurer	Mrs Jean Mole
Committee	Mr Gerald Sandwith
	Mrs Marjorie McDonald
	Mrs Margaret Patterson
9. **Appointment of qualified auditor:** Mr Jim Coates
10. **SBU Delegates:** Treasurer and the two secretaries
11. **Committee recommendations for 1999/2000:**
 1. The venue to remain unchanged
 2. The winter bridge season to start on Tuesday 7th September 1999.

12. **Points for discussion:**

Calder/Martin trophies: The meeting agreed unanimously with the competition secretary's suggestions regarding these competitions.

Thursday night bridge: Morven Stone suggested that the pre Christmas Thursday night programme was preventing pairs from coming to the club as there were too many team competitions. It was decided to spread the Tom Woodman throughout the season, and hold it on the last Thursday of each month.

It was also suggested that the club programme should be posted to each member three weeks before the start of the season, and this was agreed.

13. **Any Other Competent business:**

The President asked the meeting for suggestions with regard to a trophy in memory of the late Robin Pearson and it was decided that this should be left to the committee.

Gerald Sandwith reported from the Eastern District AGM that the president had paid tribute to Robin Pearson. He also informed the meeting that Pam Mackie had been elected to the ED Committee.

14. The meeting concluded with the presentation of prizes (copy on file), followed by bridge with prizes.

PROPOSED C. McENACHIE

PRESIDENT



SECONDED

Mrs R. McCREATH

DATE: 11/5/00.

PRESIDENT's REPORT

This past year has been a good one for the Club, but which has been tinged with sadness at losing one of our best members, Robin Pearson.

If I can mention Robin first. A senior Life Master, Robin was a strong competitor every year in most of the National Competitions and was usually highly placed. I'm pleased to say also that Robin has won the Club Championship this year, playing with Pam Mackie. As Immediate Past President he still kept a fatherly eye on the Berwick Club and was always available to give advice. He will most certainly be sadly missed. I have received two letters from Sheila, and I would like to read both of them.

With regard to the second letter I suggest that we leave the decision to your very able committee, although, under *Any Other Business*, I am prepared to accept suggestions.

With regard to the Club itself I am pleased to say that membership has increased, and most Club Competitions have been well attended. I would like to see more members taking part in National Competitions because that is the one way to improve your playing standards.

I do not want to go into too much detail and pinch the thunder from the other reports but I would like to congratulate the 'A' and especially 'C' teams for their performance in the League. The 'C' team, of course, won the 5th Division Cup. Two individual performances should be mentioned. Our hard working secretary, Reg Drysdale, won the Faie Trophy for the individual Championship of the Eastern District. The other was the winning of the Borders Pairs Championship by Brian Thomas and myself. Several members took part in various Congresses through the year and were highly placed, keeping Berwick Bridge Club's name to the fore.

I must thank my committee for all their hard work on your behalf during the year, especially Secretary Reg Drysdale, Match Secretary Terry Harris, Treasurer Diana Drysdale, and not forgetting Marguerite Robson who is a tower of strength behind the scenes in getting us partners. I would also like to mention Terry's wife, Josephine, for all her work in making up the prepared hands and would like Terry to give her a Gardening Token on our behalf. *Peter Collier.*

In conclusion may I thank all of you for your support during the season.

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BERWICK BRIDGE CLUB

'B' TEAM REPORT 1998-99

MOTTO 'STEADY'

The 'B' Team have not done well in the 3rd Division, winning only two of their nine matches.

After being promoted from the 4th Division, we had high hopes of staying in the 3rd, but have found the slightly higher standard just too much and have been relegated back to the 4th Division, where we should be more comfortable. This will allow us to regroup and try again for promotion.

I thank the team for their effort and sportsmanship, neither of which were ever in doubt.

Finally, congratulations to the 'A' Team for staying in Division 1 and also to the 'C' Team who won Division 5 and will therefore play with us in Division 4 next season. We look forward to an interesting evening playing them – I hope not too interesting!

RN Drysdale
13th May 1999

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BERWICK UPON TWEED BRIDGE CLUB - CONGRESS ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1ST MAY, 1998 TO 15TH APRIL, 1999

<u>1998</u>		
<u>Income</u>		
415.00	Entry Money	420.00
<u>188.50</u>	Congress Meal Money	<u>174.00</u>
603.50		594.00
<u>Expenditure</u>		
80.00	Room Hire	30.00
25.50	Licence and Master Points	25.00
69.13	Printing, Postage and Stationery	65.07
195.75	Cost of Meals	174.00
115.00	Prize Money	135.00
50.00	Congress Directors Fees	57.25
4.95	Engraving	0.00
<u>14.40</u>	Sundry	<u>26.69</u>
<u>554.73</u>		<u>513.01</u>
<u>48.77</u>	<u>Profit for the Year</u>	<u>80.99</u>

BERWICK UPON TWEED BRIDGE CLUB
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1ST MAY, 1998 TO 15TH APRIL, 1999

<u>1998</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>1999</u>
442	Subscriptions	2110	Room Hire	1925.00
2498	Table Money	55	Competitions	518.80
49	Profit on Congress Account	536	Prizes and Engraving	39.88
38	Bank Interest (Net)	277	Master Points and Affiliation Fees	295.00
271	Coffee Money	-	Equipment Purchases	295.49
-	Competition Entries	121	Printing, Postage and Stationery	117.33
		-	Party Expenses	199.95
		-	Chest, Heart and Stroke Association	20.00
		1000	Transfer to Building Society Account	500.00
		161	Sundries	20.00
<u>3298</u>		<u>4260</u>		<u>3931.45</u>
2314	Balance B/Fwd - Royal Bank of Scotland	1352	Balance C/Fwd - Royal Bank of Scotland	<u>820.51</u>
<u>5612</u>		<u>5612</u>		<u>4751.96</u>

RESERVE ACCOUNT - UNIVERSAL BUILDING SOCIETY

1748	Balance Brought Forward	2861	Balance Carried Forward	3509.64
1000	Transfer from R.B.O.S. Current Account			
113	Gross Interest			
<u>2861</u>		<u>2861</u>		<u>3509.64</u>

We have prepared the above Income and Expenditure Account dated 15th April, 1999 from your books, accounts, vouchers and information and explanations given to us and the above is in accordance therewith.

28TH APRIL, 1999

GREAVES WEST & AYRE
 CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
 BERWICK UPON TWEED

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