

MINUTES OF THE 35th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11th MAY 2006

1. **Present:** Mrs M Robson, President, and 30 members.
Apologies: B Thomas, D&C Elder, C&M Rowell, P Davidson, C Edney, J Robertson, G Sandwith, R McCreath, K Home Robertson, M&K Copley, K&G Cole, K Mole, V Martin, R Smith, M McDonald
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the 34th AGM were read, approved and signed.
3. **Matters arising:** The President noted that in fact the C Team were demoted to Division 5
4. **President's report:** Mrs Robson submitted her report to the meeting, and it was adopted. (Copy on file).
5. **Treasurer's report:** Mrs Mole submitted the audited accounts to the meeting. The surplus for the year was £527, of which £166 was the profit made on the Congress. £100 of the Congress profit had been donated to Morven Stone's disabled friend for a trip on an ocean going yacht, and the remaining £66 to the Mayoress's charity, which was for the Air Ambulance Service. There is £5,313 in the reserve account and £1900 in the current account. The accounts were adopted. (Copy on file) Mrs Mole recommended that table money remain unchanged, and that the subscription be £2 per member plus the SBU levy (as yet unknown)
6. **Competition Secretary's report:** Mr Drysdale recommended that there be no change in the competition format for next year. He proposed that a Duplimate dealing machine be purchased by the club.
7. **Team Captains' reports;** These were given by R Drysdale (A Team) and M Patterson (Berwick Bears, formerly the C team) The A Team finished bottom of Division 1, and would consequently be playing in Division 2 next season. The Bears had won Division 5, and would therefore be promoted.
8. **Election of Officebearers:** The following were elected

President:	Mr T Harris
Hon Secretary	Mrs D Drysdale
Hon Treasurer	Mrs J Mole
Hon Competition Secretary	Mr R Drysdale
Committee	Mrs T Frew
	Mrs R French
9. **Appointment of qualified auditor:** Greaves, West & Ayre
10. **Committee recommendation:** That the club investigate the possibility of purchasing a Duplimate dealing machine.
The cost of the machine plus ancillary equipment would be around £3,000. The benefits would be
 1. More interesting, computer dealt hands, and the end of evenings where all the points seemed to be in one direction
 2. Print outs of the hands would be available
 3. Boards for Simultaneous Pairs events could be dealt automatically.
 4. Suitable hands for teaching could be dealt easilyThere was a lengthy discussion. A counter suggestion was made that Bridgemate computers for instant scoring should be purchased instead. It was finally agreed that every club member should be consulted. A special meeting would be held in October, when a final decision would be reached.
11. The meeting concluded with the presentation of prizes (copy on file), followed by bridge.

Tony Harris

Presidents Report 2006

Before I give the report for this year I would like to thank you all for allowing me to be your president for the last two years. I have really enjoyed doing this and have benefited a lot from it as everyone has been so friendly and I have gained a greater insight into how much work is done by the committee and other members to make this a happy healthy club. Once again we have had increased attendance and also welcomed several new members. It is pleasing to see some of their names in the prize list (Some handicaps are going to be reduced next year)

There were a few worrying moments about the end of October when I had emails and a letter of complaint about certain aspects of the club There were three main topics of concern

- ❖ One disappeared so will ignore that one
- ❖ Heating Despite the efforts of several people this still remained a problem but hope to sort it out next year
- ❖ Slow Play. This has been discussed every AGM for the last 30 years. (Friendly People etc)

The smooth running of the club is due entirely to the hard work of several members.

Reg Competition secretary

- ❖ Each evenings competition
- ❖ Directors
- ❖ Heats of events Cowan Cup National Pairs (hands results who can go etc)
- ❖ Charity Challenge Sim.Pairs
- ❖ Record of all that has happened during the year Look at book
- ❖ Handicaps

Diana Behind every successful man there is a woman!

- ❖ There is a lot of work involved being secretary and Diana does it all very quietly and efficiently.
- ❖ All correspondence
- ❖ Committee meetings
- ❖ Sending cards 🍷
- ❖ Scoring of Sim Pairs (results on Ecats by midnight of the same evening after playing and travelling home)
- ❖ If Diana sees a job she does it

Jean Every successful firm has a good financial advisor and that is what we have in Jean.

- ❖ Collects subs
- ❖ Keeps account of cash and banks it
- ❖ Prepares books for audit
- ❖ Advises on annual subscription and table money (it has been the same for a few years now)

- ❖ Sorted prize money for AGM and congress
- ❖ Next week she is starting a class for beginners

Pat McQueen has kept track of the Master points for the last two years This hasn't been easy as Pat has had a few problems this year but has kept everything up to date.

The Committee

Joan Tait has been our hostess for this year and made sure that we had a selection of soft drinks, tea and coffee.

I would like to thank all the other Committee members for their support and work they have done at Xmas party and the congress. Gerald Christine McCreath Penny Jim Dougal Terry and Morven

Betty Kelly No longer on the committee but helped to prepare for Xmas party and takes the key at least once a week so as to have the hall open before anyone else arrives

George Martin I heard George say to someone the other day that he has got a lot out of Bridge but he puts a great deal into it *Gerald Christine stand down*

- ❖ Press secretary Report awaited eagerly each week. People read this who have no connection with bridge. Nessie at 95 still reads the bridge report
- ❖ Website Records the results each week and other interesting items of news
- ❖ Helps at Congress
- ❖ Organises an Individual Competition

He also runs the U3A bridge and helps at the Day Centre

Directors Where would we be without them? Not only do they direct the evening's play but have to be have all the answers when some one makes a mistake or complain about something. It can't be easy playing and directing.

Thank you to Reg, Colin, George, Brian Thomas, Terry Alan and Gerald.

The Congress This was a great success due entirely to the superb organisation by Reg and Terry and all their helpers We had extra tables and a waiting list while other areas are finding numbers are down so Berwick must be doing something right if people are prepared to travel from as far a field as Dundee, Edinburgh, Northumberland and the Borders. There was a profit of £176. £100 went to Morven to help with her Tall Ship Venture and the committee suggest that rest goes to The Mayoress's Charity (The Air Ambulance)

The Christmas Party

This was very enjoyable. We had an excellent meal followed by fun bridge very ably organised by Gerald. If you don't go to the Christmas Party you miss an opportunity to get to know other members better. Thank you to all who helped

Competition Winners

Congratulations to all who have won trophies this year and commiserations to those who haven't we will do better next year

Club members have done well in events out with the club also.

- ❖ George and Terry with a pair from Dunbar were second in the teams event at Dunbar Congress
- ❖ Reg, Brian Thomas, Malcolm and Cathie won the Border teams
- ❖ George and Roz were 3rd in the Bobby Allan and Colin and Sheila Pearson were 16th in the same competition
- ❖ George and Brian were 26th out of 180 in the Charity Challenge
- ❖ Malcolm and Cathie won the Border Pairs. The first five places were taken by Berwick players
- ❖ Reg did well in the Russell cup in Edinburgh where he was playing against some of the top players in Scotland
- ❖ The Berwick Bears ably captained by Margaret Patterson won their section in the league.

Well done to you all

I hope you have enjoyed this year's bridge and have a pleasant summer break.

BERWICK UPON TWEED BRIDGE CLUB
CONGRESS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 15TH APRIL, 2006

2005

Income

1,688	Entry and Meals	2,020
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Expenditure

35	Licences and Master Points	37
67	Printing, Postage and Stationery	76
1,030	Cost of Meals	1,398
300	Prize Money	200
60	Congress Directors Fees	60
13	Engraving	-
112	Sundries	83
<u>1,617</u>		<u>1,854</u>

<u>71</u>	<u>Profit for the Year</u>	<u>166</u>
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BERWICK UPON TWEED BRIDGE CLUB
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 15TH APRIL, 2006

<u>2005</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2006</u>
426	Subscriptions	447	Room Hire	1,800
3,566	Table Money	3,577	Prizes and Engraving	439
71	Profit on Congress Account	166	Master Points and Affiliation Fees	374
9	Bank Interest	8	Equipment Purchases	174
-	Sundries	45	Postage and Stationery	235
			Party Expenses	345
			Sundries	290
			Tea, Coffee etc.	59
			Transfer to Yorkshire Building Society	-
4,072		<u>4,243</u>		<u>3,716</u>
2,030	<u>Balance B/Fwd - Royal Bank of Scotland</u>	1,337	<u>Balance C/Fwd - Royal Bank of Scotland</u>	1,903
39	<u>Balance B/Fwd - Cash in Hand</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>Balance C/Fwd - Cash in Hand</u>	-
<u>6,141</u>		<u>5,619</u>		<u>5,619</u>

RESERVE ACCOUNT - YORKSHIRE BUILDING SOCIETY

3,961	<u>Balance Brought Forward</u>	5,083	<u>Balance Carried Forward</u>	5,313
1,000	Transfer from Royal Bank of Scotland	-		
122	Interest	<u>230</u>		
<u>5,083</u>		<u>5,313</u>		<u>5,313</u>

We have prepared the financial statements dated 15th April, 2006 from your books, accounts, vouchers and information and explanations given to us and the above is in accordance therewith.

GREAVER WEST & AYRE
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
BERWICK UPON TWEED

24TH APRIL, 2006