

## **BERWICK BRIDGE CLUB**

### **Minutes of 37<sup>th</sup> AGM Held 15<sup>th</sup> May 2008 in the Parish Room**

Present: T Harris - President and 32 members

Apologies: R French, J & M Stone, G Martin, A French, A Ross, C Edney,  
D & L Moore C Elder, M & C Rowell, M Copley

The minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> AGM were read, approved and signed.

**Presidents Report.** TH submitted his report in which he reported a good year for the club, tinged with sadness at the loss of Jill Robson and Tom Morgan. The new alerting system had been adopted well by the club. International laws of bridge have been revised (78 pages!) broadly in line with the SBU. He passed on his congratulations to winners both within and out with the club.

**Treasurers Report.** J Mole reported a loss of £211 for running costs for the club. The congress made a profit of £308.06. A donation of £150 was made to the Mayoress's Charity: Chemo for Berwick. She recommended that table money be increased to £2.00 whilst reducing the annual subscription to £1 plus SBU levy. She reported that we have 66 full playing members at present.

**Competition secretary's report.** D Drysdale made her report (copy on file) and recommended that Pearson Pot should be held after Christmas, with Calder Martin starting earlier and spread out over the year. This would mean that new, less experienced members of the club would not be faced immediately with Match Pointed scoring. Committee to consider this when making up program.

**Team captains reports.** K Mole reported that the Bears had enjoyed their season and finished 5<sup>th</sup> in their league. R Drysdale reported that the A Team had finished 6<sup>th</sup> and would therefore remain in league 1. He outlined his plans for ensuring the team remain in the top league; G Sandwith requested that the 2 teams play their matches in Haddington on separate evenings. To be discussed at team captains meeting.

#### **Election of Office Bearers.**

President: Ros French  
Past president, Terry Harris  
Hon Sec. Trish Frew  
Hon treasurer. Jean Mole  
Hon competition Secretary; Diana Drysdale  
New Committee members; Marguerite Robson and Roger Smith.

**Auditor;** Greaves West and Ayre were re elected. We now have a separate congress Account for inspection.

**AOCB**

R Drysdale was unanimously appointed as delegate to the Borders Bridge Association.

The issue of poor exterior lighting was again raised. The hall committee are to be approached again with the suggestion that the club pays for enhancing the system.

Comments were made about the unpredictable heating within the hall with some evenings being exceptionally cold. TH reported that the boiler had been malfunctioning of late.

Royal Bank Scoring – discussion took place as to the preferred method of scoring. It was agreed the committee should make the final decision.

The presentation of prizes (copy on file) took place at the conclusion of the meeting.

This was followed by a most enjoyable session of social bridge. Thanks to Terry for organising this

COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT  
15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2008

I have very much enjoyed being competition secretary very much. I managed to persuade seven other members to direct a competition, and this has spread the load considerably. I feel that this was a positive move, involving more people in the running of the club, and my thanks go to them all.

One of my aims has been to speed up play, and I think this has been achieved, with very few evenings finishing after 10.30, and many finishing earlier than this. To those who felt that they were rushed, my apologies, but with practice, I am sure that you will learn to play faster, which will keep everybody happy.

I said that I enjoyed my year, but I do have one complaint – the travellers. I don't think I scored a single competition without mistakes, and I frequently had to phone people early on Wednesday and Friday mornings, often getting them out of bed, to sort out the situation. PLEASE, be careful entering the scores – always ask E/W to check.

I have only one recommendation to make for next year, and that is that the Pearson Pot should be held after Christmas, and the Calder & Martin start earlier and be spread through the year. There are two reasons for this – I believe that a few of Jean's class members are hoping to join the club, and I don't think it appropriate that they be immediately faced with a match pointed competition – aggregate is more suitable for beginners. Also, in September, members are sometimes still on holiday, or still busy tidying their gardens, and miss the first few weeks. As the Pearson Pot only has seven rounds, they find that they have not played enough to have a chance of winning. The Calder & Martin competitions, on the other hand, have a longer run. I would ask the committee to consider this when they make up the programme.

**BERWICK-UPON-TWEED BRIDGE CLUB**  
**CONGRESS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 10thMAY,2008**

**2007**

**Income**

1,943	Entry and Meals	2,440
	Soup	<u>84-50</u>
		£2,524-50

**Expenditure**

39	Licences and Master Points	36
65	Printing, Postage and Stationery	72-90
200	Room Hire	300
770	Cost of Meals, including soup	937-50
400	Prize Money	380
100	Congress Directors Fee	100
	Staff Tips	60
	Table Cloths	190-35
	Pens	76-31
154	Sundries	<u>63-38</u>
		£2,216-44
_____	Profit for the Year	£ 308-06

BERWICK UPON TWEED BRIDGE CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2008

<u>2007</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2008</u>
436	Subscriptions	640	1,935	Room Hire	1,800
3,457	Table Money	3,206	579	Prizes and Engraving	831
235	Profit on Congress Account	-	589	Master Points and Affiliation Fees	606
35	Bank Interest	24	3,040	Equipment Purchases	164
100	Sundries	362	192	Postage and Stationery	204
2,000	Transfer from Yorkshire Building Society	1,000	417	Party Expenses	437
			312	Sundries	232
			76	Tea, Coffee etc.	169
			-	New Congress	135
<u>6,263</u>		<u>5,232</u>	<u>7,140</u>		<u>4,578</u>
1,903	<u>Balance B/Fwd - Royal Bank of Scotland</u>	1,026	1,026	<u>Balance C/Fwd - Royal Bank of Scotland</u>	1,680
<u>8,166</u>		<u>6,258</u>	<u>8,166</u>		<u>6,258</u>

RESERVE ACCOUNT - YORKSHIRE BUILDING SOCIETY

5,313	<u>Balance Brought Forward</u>	3,520	<u>Balance Carried Forward</u>	2,676
207	Interest	157	Charity Donation	1
			Transfer to Royal Bank of Scotland	1,000
<u>5,520</u>		<u>3,677</u>	<u>5,520</u>	<u>3,677</u>

We have prepared the financial statements dated 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 from your books, accounts, vouchers and information and explanations given to us and the above is in accordance therewith.

6TH MAY 2008

GREAVES WEST & AYRE  
 CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS  
BERWICK UPON TWEED