

Berwick Bridge club
Minutes of 38th AGM
Held 14th May 2009 in the Parish Room

Present. Ros French –President and 32 Members.

Apologies: M&C Rowell, J Davey, T Houghton, M&T Tyler, M&J Stone, A Ross, P McQueen, D&C Elder, A Plenderleith, C McConnachie, G Sandwith.

The minutes of the previous AGM were approved by Marjorie McDonald and seconded by Penny Davidson.

President Report

The president reported a successful year for the club, The duplimate machine was proving successful. It had been particularly pleasing to welcome all the new members to the club.

Treasurers Report.

The treasurer reported a surplus for the year of £1026. There are currently 68 members of the club. She recommended that table money remains unchanged at £2.00 and subscription at £1 plus a £5 levy to the SBU.

The congress had raised a profit of £410. She recommended that the committee decided at the next meeting the amount and destination of charitable donation from the surplus.

Competition Secretary's report.

The competitions had run well this year,
The recurrent problem of slow play finally seems to have been overcome with most evenings finishing comfortably by 10.30pm
An expression of thanks was made to fellow directors and scorers.

Team Captains report.

Reg Drysdale for the A Team reported that they had been demoted to division 2. Ros French is taking over as Team Captain.

Kate Mole reported that the Bears had enjoyed their season finishing 6th in their league. They had enjoyed a good end of season lunch party!

Election of Office Bearers

President - Ros French

Vice President - Marjorie McDonald

Treasurer - Jean Mole

Secretary - Trish Frew

Competition Secretary - Diana Drysdale

Committee Members, Kate Mole, Margaret Patterson, Roger Smith, Marguerite Robson., Kelvin Butler and Tony Houghton.

Christine McCreath and Alan French retire by rotation.

Appointment of Auditor.

Greaves West and Ayre were reappointed.

AOCB

George Martin relayed arrangements for Summer Bridge.

He requested that a regular press report should appear in the Tweedale Press and that a Press Officer be appointed.

Thirdly he asked the club to reconsider the introduction of a computerised scoring system. This met with a mixed response from the floor. The committee will consider the cost and benefits.

After some discussion it was agreed that the winner of the toss at the start of each session could choose their position at the table rather than automatically sitting North/South.

Diana reported that the club would trial a new website for the club through bridgewebs.com. These are specifically written for Bridge Clubs and allow responsibility for upkeep of the site to be shared between several people. Running costs after the free trial are approximately £60 per annum.

Marjorie McDonald requested that water be provided FOC at the congress. Coffee should be served after the meal and that steps are taken to reduce the length of the queue for food.

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED BRIDGE CLUB
CONGRESS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 10th MAY,2009

<u>2008</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>2009</u>
2,524-50	Entries & Meals	2,496-00
<u>40-00</u>	Donation	
2,564-50		<u>2,496-00</u>
	<u>Expenditure</u>	
42-00	Licenses & Master Points	42-00
72-90	Printing, Postage & Stationery	67-55
300-00	Room Hire	300-00
937-50	Catering	915-00
380-00	Prize Money	350-00
100-00	Directors Fee	100-00
60-00	Gratuities	60-00
76-31	Pens	228-80
----	Engraving	7-00
63-38	Sundries	15-00
190-35	Tablecloths	----
<u>(2,222-44)</u>		<u>(2,085-35)</u>
342-06	Surplus	410-65
135-00	Opening Balance	287-06
(190-00)	Charity Donation	
287-06	Closing Balance	697-71