

Berwick Bridge Club

Minutes of the 44th AGM held at the Parish Meeting Room Thursday 14th May 2015.

Present , President Jean Mole plus 40 members

Apologies for absence

Reg& Diana Drysdale, Christopher Smith, Ros French, Pat McQueen, Kelvin Butler, John Smithson
Ian McCreath, Mike & Christine Rowell, Jeremy Stone, Kitty Home Robertson, Ian Guthrie, Sandy Moor,

The Minutes of the last AGM were read and approved, proposed by Marion Mead, seconded by Marguerite Robson,

President's Report (on file)

Jean reported a successful season and extended thanks to all those who had given up time to assist in the running of the club. She reported that the club would be using a different website, Pianola, from the start of next season which had many enhanced features. Paul Gipson is helping with the setting up of this. She suggested this would be a good opportunity to update the club's constitution which needs refreshed, before putting on website. The English Bridge Union has a template constitution which could be personalised.

Treasurer's report.

Jane reported a surplus of £597 for the year. We have 80 members. She suggested that subscriptions remain unchanged at £1.00 plus the SBU sub, which is set to increase.

She had been unable to complete the congress accounts as not all the costs were in. However this is estimated to have raised a surplus of approx. £500, 00. This is an increase of £200, largely because of increasing entry fees by £2.00

Competition Secretary's report

Louis expressed some relief that his first year in the role is now behind him. He felt that apart from some problems with mis boarding and slow play, competitions had largely run smoothly. There has been a good attendance, although subsidising SIM events does not seem to make them any more attractive. The Lindsay had gone well and limiting numbers to 28 makes life much simpler. He thanked his fellow directors plus those who helped with the computer.

Team Captains Report.

Jean reported that the A team had performed well and remain in the 2nd division, a good achievement when one considers that the team was almost defunct.

Christine McCreath reported that the Bears had won Division 5, with 9 wins and one losing draw. Trish Frew is taking on the captaincy for next year.

Election of Office Bearers

President Jean Mole,

Vice President GarnethEllis

Secretary Trish Frew

Treasurer Jane Smithson

Competition Secretary Louis Moore,

New Committee Members: Christine McCreath and Dorothy Moore.

Auditors GWA were reappointed.

AOCB.

George Martin made the suggestion that the club should subsidise a Club director's Course. Louis is in communication with Duncan Cursiter and obtaining further details including cost of these.

Morven reported that the handicap sub committee had decided that they would revert back to altering handicaps in increments of 50 rather than 100. The committee will undertake to review the handicap of new members after a period of 3 months.

David King reported that he found the club very noisy during play and also made a suggestion that more copies of the hands should be made as these frequently ran out.

Summer Bridge.

Jean stated that we should be encouraging potential new members to take part and suggested that this should be run under the jurisdiction of Berwick Bridge Club next year in the parish hall. This will require constitutional change as the bridge club season concludes currently at the AGM and reconvenes in September. There was clearly some confusion from the floor as to which organisation is responsible for running it at present.