

Borders Association of Bridge Clubs

Minutes of the 26th AGM held at Kelso on Thursday 24th May 2012

Present:- Isabel Middleton – Jedburgh

Sheena McPherson - Kelso

Reg Drysdale – Berwick

Donald Swanston – Ormiston

John Urquhart – Hawick

Bob Witherington – Hawick

Apologies

Apologies received from Peebles

Competitions

Chairman reported that due to lack of entries the Teams of four Comp., due to be played in Nov 2011, was cancelled.

The Pairs Comp. was held in March 2012 at Abbey row centre Kelso. 18 pairs took part and the consensus of opinion was that it had been that it had been a success. A large number of those taking part thought that the sandwiches and tray bakes provided were excellent and we should consider this arrangement for future comps.

It was decided that in November a pairs comp. should be held in place of the teams of four.

Accordingly this will be held on Sunday 25th November in Ednam Village Hall (subject to availability)

It is proposed that on the 3rd March 2013 a teams of four comp will be held. In the event of lack of interest a pairs event will be held instead

We would ask at the start of the new season club members should be consulted re this proposal.

Eastern District Committee have once again expressed their desire to see Border pairs entries for the Cowan Cup. It has been suggested that our November Pairs Comp. be used as a qualifying event for the Cowan Cup.

Reg Drysdale is keen to see the knockout teams comp being reinstated. The suggestion is that the ties should be played between March and June with the draw taking place on the 3rd of March

The Annual match between Edinburgh and The Borders will take place on Friday 14th September in the Lauderdale Hotel. The cost will be £10 per player and sandwiches sausage rolls etc will be provided. The match will take the usual format ie twelve pairs on each side and with handicap allowances. It is hoped that all border clubs will be represented.

The Chairman was pleased to announce that Sheena McPherson (Kelso) has agreed to attend future Eastern District meetings as our representative

Finances

Chairman reported that the funds had increased slightly from last year and now stand at approx £520. It was agreed that the annual subscription should remain at £5 per club

Finally the date of the next AGM will be on Thursday 23rd May at Abbey Row Kelso

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Chairmans report 2012

The Edinburgh match took place on Friday 9th September and once again Edinburgh were victorious despite the new handicap system.

This year the match will be held in the Lauderdale hotel on Friday 14th September. I hope each club will provide two pairs.

Due to a complete lack of interest the team competition due in November had to be cancelled.

The pairs competition was held in the Abbey Row Centre Kelso. 18 pairs took part the winning pair being Sam White and John Urquhart representing Hawick.

I propose that the November team competition be amended to a pairs event and the venue to be Ednam Village Hall.

There is a proposal from Mike Ash that in order to encourage Border players to enter the Cowan cup the November event could be used as a qualifying heat.

I wish to express my thanks to the Hawick club members who helped to make the March pairs Comp. a success.

However I reserve my most sincere thanks to Reg Drysdale for all the help and support he provided in this my fledgling year as Chairman.

I am also happy to say that Sheena Macpherson has agreed to represent the Borders at future Eastern District meetings

John Urquhart

Chairman