

## Borders Association of Bridge Clubs

### Minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> AGM held in the Abbey Row Centre Kelso Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2013.

Present; ;Reg Drysdale & Penny Davidson Berwick,

John Urquhart & Bob Witherington Hawick ,

Trudi Davidson Jedburgh, Jim Stone Kelso

Judith Jackson & Partner Duns.

Apologies from Peebles

The meeting was Chaired by John Urquhart who circulated his report and the financial statement for BABC.

John reported that entries for the border competitions had been poor, but in November 2012 a pairs competition was played instead of the teams of 4 and the Winners of that were Brian Thomas and George Martin from Berwick Bridge Club.

In March the teams of 4 competition was held ,only 5 teams played and the competition was won by Gwen& Ken Cole + Ian & Liz Ross.

John stated that if it was not for Berwick Bridge Club these competitions would not take place, and urged that we encourage other members of the association to try and support these competitions in the future.

BABC hosted the Edinburgh District heat for the Diamond Pairs which is run by the Scottish Bridge Union, and this was played at the Abbey Row Centre, Kelso where 17 pairs took part.

John expressed his thanks to Hawick Bridge Club for their help with the catering for Competitions over the last 2 years and also his sincere thanks to Reg Drysdale & Sheena Macpherson for the help and support over the last 2 years.

The Financial statement shows that the association has a balance of £600.22

Peebles Bridge club intimated that they would no longer be members of the association due to lack of interest from their current membership to travel to competitions. Trudi to write and acknowledge this.

A bit discussion took place about club membership numbers being in decline for some clubs.

The Chair is handed over to Jedburgh Bridge Club for the next two years and they are to undertake to organise the Associations competitions.

The Match with Edinburgh District is to be arranged at the The Lodge, Carfraemill and a provisional date of Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2013 was set.

It is also proposed to hold the Pairs competition on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2013, and the Teams of 4 on Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2014 at Glendouglas Hall Edgerston Jedburgh, these dates will be confirmed once Jedburgh has been able to confirm the venues. We are to try and urge each club to get at least 2 teams or pairs to attend these competitions to make it worthwhile continuing holding them.

The meeting closed at 6.45pm.

Adopted John Urquhart  
2nd Reg Drysdale.

## BABC AGM 23/05/2013

### Chairmans report 2013

The Edinburgh match took place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September and once again Edinburgh were victorious despite the new handicap system.

No arrangements have been made as yet for this years match.

Due to a complete lack of interest the team competition due in November 2011 had to be cancelled.

In November 2012 another pairs comp was held in lieu of the teams of four and once again 18 pairs took part with winners this time being Brian Thoms and George Martin representing Berwick. This Comp also acted as a heat for the Cowan Cup with the agreement that the charge would be restricted to £1.25 per pair . The Association covered the cost of £22.50 which resulted in a small loss in running the November Comp.

In March we held the Teams of four comp but only five teams took part. The winning team being Gwen and Ken Cole with Ian and Liz Ross.

The entries for the Border Comps has not been great, especially the teams comp. In fact it was thanks to the support from Berwick Bridge Club that the comps took place at all. Somehow we will have to garner support from other clubs particularly Kelso, Ormiston and Jedburgh who have a fairly strong membership but have little or no members entering these comps. When you think about it where would you get a competition nowadays with an entry fee of £5 or £6 which includes lovely sandwiches home baking and tea or coffee, in fact you would pay a lot more in a cafe for the same

We were invited by the Edinburgh District Committee to host the Edinburgh District Heat for the Diamond Pairs which is run by the Scottish Bridge Union. This heat was held in Abbey Row Centre on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October with 17 pairs taking part. The other venues I believe were Ayr Dundee and Elgin and I'm pleased to say that we had the biggest entry.

I wish to express my thanks to the Hawick club who have shared the catering costs for the various comps.

However I reserve my most sincere thanks to Reg Drysdale and Sheena Macpherson for all the help and support they have provided in my two years as Chairman.

I think we are lucky to have such an able representative as Sheena attending the Eastern District Committee Meetings although Reg is a hard act to follow.

I regret to say that Peebles have resigned from the association due to lack of interest from their members

Finally I wish Jedburgh Bridge Club good fortune in their two years stint in running the Association.

John Urquhart

Chairman

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Statement of Accounts at 23rd May 2013

Income

club fees May 2011 (Peebles paid two years)	40.00	
Club fees May 2012	35.00	
Refund of expenses paid to Dominic Alkin	25.00	
Share of A.L. Fleming account from Borders Team	31.46	
Table monies Match v Edinburgh September 2012	480.00	
Profit from Border Comps	35.50	
Bank interest	<u>0.45</u>	647.41

Expenditure

cost of venue re Borders v Edinburgh Sept. 2012	481.00	
Expenses paid to Dominic Alkin	25.00	
A.L. Fleming account	50.96	
Loss incurred border pairs nov. 2012	10.50	
Trophy engraving	<u>24.00</u>	591.46

55.95

Add balance brought forward

544.27

Balance to be carried forward

600.22

Money in bank	632.72	
cash in hand	39.50	
Deduct outstanding cheque	<u>-72.00</u>	<i>o/s</i>
	<u>600.22</u>	