

Minutes of the Borders Association of Bridge Clubs

37th Annual General Meeting

held on Friday, 5 August 2022 online on Zoom

Present: Louis Moore (Berwick) Chair
Paul Gipson (Berwick) Secretary
Tony Reed-Jones¹ (Berwick) Treasurer
Jean Mole¹ (Berwick)
Pauline Harris (Jedburgh)
John Loudon (Kelso)
Donald Swanson (Ormiston)
Barbara Pavey (Ormiston)
Gordon Milne (Peebles)

Apologies: None.

The Borders Association of Bridge Clubs (BABC) currently has six members: Berwick BC, Duns BC, Jedburgh BC, Kelso BC, Ormiston BC (Melrose), and Peebles BC. Sadly the Hawick Bridge Club closed during the last year.

Five affiliated clubs were represented.

Minutes of 36th AGM

The minutes of the 36th AGM held on Zoom on Friday, 30 July 2021 were approved.

Statement of account

The statement of account for the period 1 August 2021-31 July 2022 was presented. The balance as at 31 July 2022 was £657.43. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Gordon, seconded by John, and accepted unanimously.

Annual affiliation fee

The annual affiliation fee was maintained at £5.

2021-22 competitions report

It was decided to hold the events on Bridge Base Online and were run by the Berwick Bridge Club.

Paul reported that the [pairs competition](#) was held on 21 November 2021 with 22 pairs. The competition was won by Diana Drysdale and Ros French (Berwick); Mary Millar and Morag Beaton (Kelso) were second; Jean Mole and Reg Drysdale (Berwick) were third.

The [teams competition](#) was held on 20 February 2022 with 12 teams. The competition was won by Sue and Eric Price, Colin Edney and Alan French (Berwick); Anne and Alister Lambie, Elizabeth Quigley and Sheila Burke (Peebles) were second. Diana Drysdale, Ros French, Jean Mole and Reg Drysdale (Berwick) were third.

2022-23 competitions

There was discussion about whether to return to face-to-face tournaments or remain online. It was recognised that there is no easy answer. Paul said that the SBU is not running face-to-face before Christmas.

¹ Voting powers for Berwick

There was a clear desire to get back to face-to-face bridge at some point but perhaps November was too early. It was decided to run the pairs online in November and make a decision about the Swiss Teams at that point, with the aim of playing it in Gala.

There was a short discussion about playing the pairs on RealBridge or BBO. RealBridge was thought to be more social, applicable for our event, although most people are more familiar with BBO. It was decided to use RealBridge and promote its familiarisation sessions (<https://realbridge.online/try-realbridge.html>).

The Border Pairs will be run on Sunday, 20 November on RealBridge at 1pm.

The Border Teams will be run on Sunday, 19 February (12 February is SBU Mixed Swiss Teams).

SBU area affiliation agreement

The new SBU area affiliation agreement was distributed before the meeting and the Committee agreed that Paul can sign and return it. It will be published on <https://berwickbridgeclub.co.uk/babc>.

2023-24 chairmanship

Paul will contact Duns about taking over the chairmanship next year.

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None.

The meeting closed at 2.30pm.