

# Minutes of the Borders Association of Bridge Clubs 38<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Friday, 11 August 2023 online on Google Meet

Present: Louis Moore<sup>1</sup> (Berwick) Chair  
Paul Gipson (Berwick) Secretary  
Tony Reed-Jones<sup>1</sup> (Berwick) Treasurer  
John Loudon (Kelso)  
Donald Swanson (Ormiston)  
Barbara Pavey (Ormiston)  
Gordon Milne (Peebles)

Apologies: Margaret Allen (Jedburgh)

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.

Four affiliated clubs were represented.

Louis welcomed everyone to the meeting and briefly covered his presidency, thanking Paul, Jean and Tony for their help.

## Minutes of 37<sup>th</sup> AGM

The minutes of the 37<sup>th</sup> AGM held on Zoom on Friday, 8 August 2022 were approved.

## Statement of account

The statement of account for the period 1 August 2022-31 July 2023 was presented. The balance as at 31 July 2023 was £590.12. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Gordon, seconded by John, and accepted unanimously.

## 2022-23 competitions report

Louis reported that the [2022-23 Border Pairs](#) was held on RealBridge on Sunday, 20 November 2022 with sixteen pairs. Elizabeth Quigley and Sheila Burke (Peebles) won with Alan French & Colin Edney (Berwick) and Reg Drysdale and Jean Mole (Berwick) also on the podium.

The [2022-23 Border Teams](#) was held at Kelso Golf Club on Sunday, 21 May 2023 with six teams. It was won by Anne Coles, Helen Todd, John Loudon and Diana Veitch (Kelso) with Margaret Patterson, Jean Mole, Ros French and Reg Drysdale (Berwick) second.

Louis reported it was a well run and enjoyable afternoon.

## Transfer to Kelso Bridge Club

The biennial chairmanship of BABC transferred to Kelso Bridge Club at this AGM. John Loudon becomes the chairman of the BABC. It is likely that the Secretary will be Shirley Redgrave and the Treasurer will be Helen Todd. The Treasurer will manage the BABC accounts within the Kelso club's accounts.

The balance of £590.12 will be transferred to Kelso Bridge Club from Berwick Bridge Club.

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<sup>1</sup> Voting powers for Berwick

### **Annual affiliation fee**

The annual affiliation fee was maintained at £5.

### **Alterations to the Constitution making it gender-neutral**

Minor changes were proposed to make the Constitution gender-neutral. This was proposed by Paul and seconded by John. It was approved by all present.

### **2023-24 competitions**

Kelso intends to run the Border Pairs as a face-to-face event on a Sunday in November.

Kelso expects the Border Teams will be run on a weekend in March.

John mooted the possibility of a Borders Online League in the absence of any initiative from the East District. The clubs will canvass their members for support.

### **AOCB**

None.

The meeting closed at 2.40pm.

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