

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED BRIDGE CLUB

MINUTES OF THE 26th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held at The Kings Arms Hotel on 13 May 1997

1. Present:- Mr. Robin Pearson (President) & 35 members
2. Apologies for absence:- Mr. & Mrs. D. Robson Mr. & Mrs. B. Thomas Mr. & Mrs. T. Tyler K. Home-Robertson M. McDonald D. Brenchley L. MacAskill A. Ross T. Oates L. Douglas B. Bladen E. Carmichael *Mr. & Mrs. C. Drysdale*
3. The minutes of the 25th A.G.M. having been displayed on the notice board were taken as read and signed as a true record.
4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Pearson submitted his report to the meeting which was adopted.
5. TREASURER'S REPORT - The President on behalf of Mrs. D. Drysdale submitted the audited accounts to the meeting. These accounts were approved. A request to identify the type of investment where the club funds were held was accepted.
6. COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT - Mr. T. Harris reported the Club competitions had gone well except for the Pivot so one substitute would be allowed next year. The National/District qualifying & simultaneous events were again poorly supported.
7. TEAMS CAPTAIN'S REPORTS - These were given by George Martin ("A" Team) Terry Harris on behalf of Reg Drysdale ("B" Team) & Gerald Sandwith ("C" Team). All three reports were adopted.
8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS - The following were elected -
PRESIDENT :- Mr. Robin Pearson
SECRETARY:- Mr. Colin C.M. Edney
COMPETITION SECRETARY :- Mr. Terry A. Harris
TREASURER:- Mrs. Diana Drysdale
COMMITTEE:- Mr. John Gregson & Mrs. Christine McCreath
AUDITOR:- Mr. Jim Coats
S.B.U. DELEGATES:- Mrs. Drysdale & Messrs. Edney & Harris
9. RECOMMENDATIONS - It was agreed that summer bridge would continue at The Kings Arms on Wednesdays @ 7.30 p.m. £2 a head
10. CLUB VENUE FOR 1997/98 - A full and frank discussion took place over the committee's proposals for next years venue. A show of hands gave a majority of 19 - 16 in favour of The Parish Church Meeting Room. A number of members unable to attend had indicated 6 - 3 in favour of staying at The Kings Arms. The President ruled that the "result" was indecisive and ordered a ballot of all the members. The Committee would then decide as empowered by the constitution.
11. The formal part of the meeting was then closed. The presentation of prizes then followed with social bridge thereafter.

*R. Pearson
12.5.98*

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President's address.

Ladies and gentlemen, I don't propose to speak to you at great length. In fact, I will speak on two subjects only.

Firstly, I would like to thank the committee, most of them sitting here, for the efficient way they have handled the club's affairs during the past year. Perhaps you would care to show your appreciation in the usual way.

Secondly, I would like to speak about the club's A team. In spite of George Martin's strenuous efforts, the situation is somewhat bleak. During the past year there have been so many departures from the team, that next year we will have insufficient players to make up a team of eight, let alone have a margin for contingencies. Barring some radical solutions, we will have no choice but to throw in the towel. In other words, withdraw the team from the league.

Ladies and gentlemen, I don't know what you think about that, but I think it is an absolute disgrace.

Looking around, I don't see too many smiling faces and I wonder if it has to be like this. I wonder if a phoenix will rise up from the ashes of defeat. By that, I mean, will we have the courage to bring the team back to life?. To be successful, we need a team of about ten players - with a fair bit of emphasis on the word team. Please think seriously about what I'm saying.

And what would be the objectives in bringing the team back to life?. I believe we have the necessary talents and experience to achieve first place in the second division next year and who knows, with determination and effort, we could perhaps achieve first place in the first division a couple of years later. Those of you with mathematical skills will have noted that that will be in the year 2000. What a splendid way in which to celebrate the millenium!

Finally, ladies and gentlemen, if we want to achieve these objectives, we can. If we don't want to, we can't. The choice is ours and ours alone.

Thank-you for listening.

Robin Pearson.

BERWICK UPON TWEED BRIDGE CLUB - CONGRESS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL, 1997

1996

Income

418.00 Entry Money 540.00

314.42 Congress Meal Money 249.75

732.42 789.75

Expenditure

70.00 Room Hire 110.00

27.00 Licence and Master Points 30.00

54.85 Printing, Postage and Stationery 58.55

312.50 Cost of Meals 256.50

175.00 Prize Money 175.00

45.00 Congress Directors Fees 45.00

0.00 Engraving 14.53

22.42 Sundry 23.40

706.77 712.98

25.65 **Profit for the Year** 76.77

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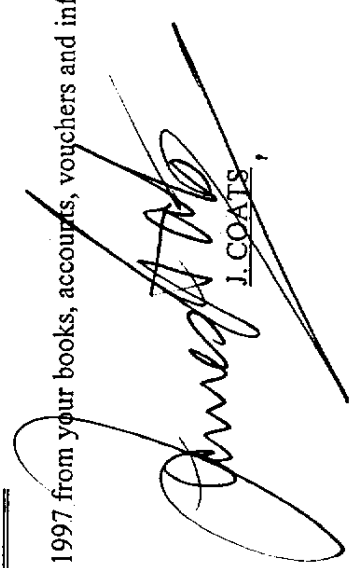
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL, 1997

<u>1996</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>1997</u>
730	Subscriptions	726.00	314	Playing Cards and Score Cards	287.66
2761	Table Money	3198.50	2485	Hotel Charges	2655.50
26	Profit on Congress Account	76.77	458	Prizes and Engraving	483.83
70	Christmas Party Takings	0.00	226	Master Points Certificate and Licence	65.00
32	Bank Interest (Net)	34.30	30	Scottish Bridge Union Affiliation Fee	40.00
471	Coffee Money	310.70	64	Printing, Postage and Stationery	88.91
4	Competitions	0.00	65	Repairs	0.00
155	Sale of Bidding Boxes (1996)	0.00	-	Corporation Tax	28.96
4249		4346.27	112	Sundries	70.00
			3754		3719.86
1192	<u>Balance Brought Forward - Current Account</u>	1687.56	1687	<u>Balance Carried Forward - Current Account</u>	2313.97
5441		6033.83	5441		6033.83

RESERVE ACCOUNT

1559	<u>Balance Brought Forward</u>	1674.92	1675	<u>Balance Carried Forward</u>	1748.35
116	<u>Interest Received Gross</u>	73.43			
1675		1748.35	1675		1748.35

We have prepared the above Income and Expenditure Account dated 30th April, 1997 from your books, accounts, vouchers and information and explanations given to us and the above is in accordance therewith.


 J. COATS

12TH MAY, 1997