

MINUTES OF THE 29TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH CHURCH MEETING ROOM ON THURSDAY 11TH MAY 2000.

1. **Present:** Mr G Martin, President, and 27 members (copy in file)
2. **Apologies:** L Macaskill, A Ross, E Carmichael, P McQueen, C Campbell, D Robson, A French, P Carlisle, C Edney, T Tyler, B Thomas, J Robertson, M Robertson, M Copley, K Copley, R French, L Douglas, K Mole, M McDonald, E Forgan and K Home Robertson.
3. The minutes of the 28th AGM were read, approved and signed.
4. **President's report:** Mr Martin submitted his report to the meeting, and it was adopted. (Copy on file).
5. **Treasurer's report:** Mrs Mole submitted the audited accounts to the meeting. The accounts were adopted. (Copy on file) Mrs Mole recommended that the subscription remain the same, and that table money for next season should increase by 25p. A motion was proposed that table money should increase by 50p to £1.50, and that coffee and soft drinks be provided free. This was adopted.
6. **Competition Secretary's report:** Mr Harris reported that there were several new members, which was encouraging. The competitions had all gone well with the exception of the Pivot Teams. Only 3 teams had played in all three rounds, and he recommended that the committee give some thought to the timing of this competition. A survey of members on the subject of Simultaneous Pairs had found that the members were generally satisfied with the number of these.
7. **Team Captains' reports:** These reports were given by T Harris for the A Team, B Bladen for the B Team, and G Sandwith for the C Team, and adopted. (Copies on file)
8. **Election of Officebearers:** The following were elected:

President:	WLA McCreath
Secretary	Mrs D Drysdale
Competition Secretary	RN Drysdale
Treasurer	Mrs J Mole
Committee	T Harris
	Mrs C McConnachie
9. **Appointment of qualified auditor:** Mr Jim Coats
10. **SBU Delegates:** Treasurer and the two secretaries
11. **Committee recommendations for 1999/2000:**
 1. The venue to remain unchanged
 2. The winter bridge season to start on Tuesday 5th September 2000.
 3. The new starting time will be 7.15 pm
12. **Points for discussion:**

Summer bridge – it was decided not to run summer bridge, due to the lack of interest last year.
13. **Any Other Competent business:**

It was agreed to give Mr J Coats, who has audited the books for many years, a bottle of whisky.
14. The meeting concluded with the presentation of prizes (copy on file), followed by bridge without prizes.

WLA McCreath

PRESIDENT's REPORT

Before I start I have to tell you that there is absolutely no truth in the rumour that we are going to start drug testing in the Club when any member starts getting too many good results!

It is incredible but true that one can now get drugs that improve not only your memory but your brain power. Drug testing has started at international level--- how long will it be before it starts at Club level?

I've come to the end of my reign as President of the Club and I must say that I have thoroughly enjoyed my period of office. Having said that it has culminated in a supposedly humorous remark made during the final of the Borders Knockout Team competition against a Peebles team at Innerleithen a fortnight ago. It was a remark that rather shocked me and has made me realise that as a Club we have a lot of public relations work to do, and something that my successor, Bill McCreath, may have to address. My team enjoyed a very closely fought first 12 boards when we stopped for tea. It was during tea when we were relaxing, and chatty, when one of the Peebles ladies laughingly said that before we arrived we were talked of as 'the Rottweilers from Berwick'. Although it was said in humour there was a hint of seriousness there, but they realised that we were human after all! Peebles Bridge Club regularly gets about 15 tables every session whereas Berwick is lucky if it is getting 10 tables. There are a tremendous number of Bridge players in Berwick who are not members of the Club. Unfortunately we have a reputation of being unfriendly and aggressive. Over to you Bill!

Having made that comment we have had a very good year in successes in competitions outside the Club. Top of the list is the tremendous win by Pam Mackie and Eileen Carmichael in winning the Bowman Trophy for Life and Senior Life Masters. In the last week Margaret Patterson has won the Faie Rosebowl for the Eastern District Individual Championship. Eileen Carmichael (playing with Margery Brydon of Edinburgh) won the Congress Pairs at the BBL Summer Congress at Peebles; and they also won the Berwick Congress Pairs. Also at the Berwick Congress Reg Drysdale and Marietta Fenty (playing with Grant Dowie and Sheila Lorimer) won the Swiss Teams competition. Reg Drysdale and Brian Thomas were 3rd in the Diamond Trophy for Senior National Pairs. Marguerite Robson and Betty Kelly won the trophy for the International Competition at the Strathpeffer Congress. Eileen Carmichael and Pam Mackie were 2nd in the Congress Teams final at the South Congress. At the same Congress Brian Thomas and I were 4th in the Congress Pairs final. Brian and I also won the Borders Pairs Championship. David Elder, Terry Harris, Colin Edney, and Alan French won the Borders Teams Championship. Finally, Ros French, Terry Harris, Marietta Fenty, and I won the Borders Knockout Team

Trophy. I would again like to congratulate the 'A' team in managed to stay up in Div I and thank all the team captains for their team management. I must thank all the officials on the committee who have helped me in my year of office. Terry Harris has been Match Secretary of the Club for many years and has decided to retire this year. He has been a tremendous asset to the Club and I wish to thank him for all the hard work he has done, not only for this past year, but for the many years previously. Thank you Terry! Another member who has put in a lot of work, and tries very hard for the Club, is Reg Drysdale. Reg keeps us all on our toes and is always busying himself with something to do with the Club. Our treasurer, Jean Mole, has quietly and efficiently looked after the Club's finances. All of the remainder of the Committee: Margaret Patterson, Christine McCreath, Gerald Sandwith, Kate Mole, Marjorie McDonald, Peter Calder, Alan French, and Bill McCreath have worked tirelessly on the Club's behalf, especially for the Club Congress. This Congress at the Marshall Meadows Country House Hotel was one of the best ever, which bodes well for the future. One member who also works tirelessly behind the scenes for the Club, is Marguerite Robson who I'm sure has helped all of you at one time or another during the season to find a partner. Thank you, Marguerite. Two members who are not on the committee but have helped in the running of the Club were Mike Rowell, who directed the Wilf White competition and Colin Edney who directed the Team competitions. Thank you both. I would like to pick out two committee members for special mention. Christine McCreath has organised your drinks throughout the season, and Peter Calder has done all the Master Pointing for you. Thank you both. I think that you will all agree that it has been an enjoyable season's bridge at the Club, and I thank you all for making it that way!

in Robson's memory
new starting time

"C" Team Report.

Not a very successful year but we have maintained our record of playing in a different league each year.

My thanks to the team for support during the year when problems were both on and off the field.

Hopefully the squad will be strengthened next year and special thanks go to the regular drivers and those who acted as substitutes at short notice.

BERWICK UPON TWEED BRIDGE CLUB - CONGRESS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 15TH APRIL, 2000

1999

<u>Income</u>		
420.00	Entry Money	530.00
<u>174.00</u>	Congress Meal Money	<u>705.00</u>
594.00		1235.00
<u>Expenditure</u>		
30.00	Room Hire	--
25.00	Licence and Master Points	31.50
65.07	Printing, Postage and Stationery	87.67
174.00	Cost of Meals	760.00
135.00	Prize Money	160.00
57.25	Congress Directors Fees	50.00
--	Engraving	8.00
<u>26.69</u>	Sundry	<u>60.20</u>
<u>513.01</u>		<u>1157.37</u>
<u>80.99</u>	<u>Profit for the Year</u>	<u>77.63</u>

BERWICK UPON TWEED BRIDGE CLUB
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 15TH APRIL, 2000

<u>1999</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2000</u>
416	Subscriptions	416.00	1925	Room Hire	2150.00
2241	Table Money	2520.73	519	Competitions	76.00
81	Profit on Congress Account	77.63	40	Prizes and Engraving	477.52
31	Bank Interest (Net)	7.43	295	Master Points and Affiliation Fees	284.00
140	Coffee Money	145.18	295	Equipment Purchases	158.37
491	Competition Entries	-.-	117	Printing, Postage and Stationery	98.27
			200	Party Expenses	102.00
			20	Chest, Heart and Stroke Association	-.-
			-	Berwick Parish Church Trust	100.00
			500	Transfer to Building Society Account	-.-
			20	Sundries	5.00
<u>3400</u>		<u>3166.97</u>	<u>3931</u>		<u>3451.16</u>
1352	<u>Balance B/Fwd - Royal Bank of Scotland</u>	<u>820.51</u>	821	<u>Balance C/Fwd - Royal Bank of Scotland</u>	<u>536.32</u>
<u>4752</u>		<u>3987.48</u>	<u>4752</u>		<u>3987.48</u>

RESERVE ACCOUNT - UNIVERSAL BUILDING SOCIETY

2861	<u>Balance Brought Forward</u>	3509.64	3510	<u>Balance Carried Forward</u>	3621.84
500	Transfer from R.B.O.S. Current Account	-.-			
149	Gross Interest	112.20			
<u>3510</u>		<u>3621.84</u>	<u>3510</u>		<u>3621.84</u>

We have prepared the above Income and Expenditure Account dated 15th April, 2000 from your books, accounts, vouchers and information and explanations given to us and the above is in accordance therewith.

GREAVES WEST & AYRE

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
BERWICK UPON TWEED

27TH APRIL, 2000