

MINUTES OF THE 32nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8TH MAY 2003.

1. **Present:** Mr CCM Edney, President, and 28 members.
2. **Apologies:** E Carmichael, B Thomas, C McConnachie, D & C Elder, J Davey, R French, M & T Tyler, R Smith, M & K Copley, A French, L Douglas, M Robertson, R McCreath
3. The minutes of the 31st AGM were read, approved and signed.
4. **President's report:** Mr Edney 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 surplus for the year was £398, of which £265 was the profit made on the Congress. The accounts were adopted. (Copy on file) Mrs Mole recommended that the subscription and the table money remain unchanged.
6. **Competition Secretary's report** - Mr Drysdale reported a successful year, with a good spread of winners of trophies. His report was adopted (copy on file)
7. **Team Captains' reports;** These were given by T Harris (A Team) and G Sandwith (C Team) The A Team had finished in 7th place in the Division 1, and the C Team in second place in Division 5, thereby achieving promotion to the 4th Division for next season.
8. **Election of Officebearers:** The following were elected

President:	CCM Edney
Vice President:	Mrs M Robson
Hon Secretary	Mrs DL Drysdale
Hon Treasurer	Mrs J Mole
Hon Competition Secretary	RN Drysdale
Committee	Mrs C McCreath G Sandwith

9. **Appointment of qualified auditor:** Greaves, West & Ayre
10. **SBU Delegates:** Treasurer and the two secretaries
11. **Committee recommendations for 2003/2004:**

1. The subscription and table money to remain unchanged

12. **Points for discussion:**

Charitable donations - The President explained that there were two aspects to this matter :

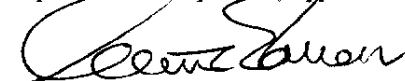
1. Donation of the surplus made on the Congress each year to a charity
2. Donating a sum from the accumulated funds of the club.

He stated that the second option would be against the club constitution, and that therefore only the first option was open for consideration.

After much discussion, a motion was put forward by B Kelly, seconded by W McCreath, that the Congress be run and marketed as before, but that out of the surplus each year (if any) a donation be made to a charity, this being acknowledged in the ensuing year's brochure. This was voted on, and passed by a majority. It was further decided that this would start for the 2004 Congress, and that the committee be left to decide how much, and to which charity, with the proviso that it be local.

Club Competitions - T Harris put forward the view that there were too many competitions, with the result that the main Tuesday & Thursday events were not running for enough weeks, thereby reducing the number of pairs who qualified for the prizelist. He proposed that the Committee be asked to look at this, and possibly either pension off some older trophies, or reallocate them. This proposal was passed.

13. The meeting concluded with the presentation of prizes (copy on file), followed by bridge.


8th May 2004.

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED BRIDGE CLUB

Ladies and Gentlemen - it has been an honour for me to be your President during this past year.

I must say that life has been made very easy for me because of the help which many of members have given both to me and the Club. A lot of things - just happen - or so it appears - to make a Club such as ours function. For example the members who open up and lock up each evening - The stocking up of cordials , tea and coffee - thank you Betty, the laying out of the tables and the Directors each evening who run and score up the events we run. George Martin who runs our web-site and writes up our weekly newspaper report. David Elder who controls the Master Points and, of course, Marguerite who for many years has found partners for us, often at very short notice. *Thanks to all concerned*

The attendance at our Committee meetings has been exceptional and the debates lively. My thanks to Bill McCreath who is leaving the Committee after some years as well as having served the Club as your President. Also retiring by rotation are Catherine McConnochie and Terry Harris and my thanks to them also for their contribution.

On the wider front Terry and Gerald have worked hard to organise the league teams - it is no easy task. *More will be heard ~~as to~~ from them as how they fare*

Our biggest event is, of course, our Annual Congress. Many members will not realise the work that Terry and Reg put into this event which this year was again a great success - so much so that we have re-booked the Kings Arms for next year - the date is 4 April. Personally I am particularly pleased with the support that we are now getting from the Borders and N.E. England.

On the playing side perhaps the biggest success was Eileen being part of the winning Congress Team at Aviemore, a close second was the triumph of Brain and George in winning the Cowan Cup not forgetting Betty and Marguerite in putting Zia Mahmood 4 off in a 3 no trump contract!!

My congratulations to all those who have been successful in the Club events, clearly the duties of President are not conducive to good bridge - at least that's my excuse!

*Jean & Reg
THANKS
amount of
work*

quietly and efficiently eh my f&honor off looks
I have already thanked Jean and Reg who are two of my fellow officers but as always it is the Secretary who continues to keep your President in order but more importantly ensures that overall the Club keeps ticking over and I am extremely grateful to you Diana, for all your support.

Finally I look forward to seeing you all next year. Enjoy your bridge, try hard but don't be frightened to have a laugh (usually at yourself) from time to time, but most important be courteous to your partner and opponents. Don't forget it is supposed to be fun.

Comp. Secretary Report 2003

My main concern as competition Secretary is that all members have enjoyed their bridge season. Enjoyment at bridge means different things to different people but the first basic requirement is that the evening is well organised - The directors duties on the evening are - having everything ready for a prompt start, choosing the moment, making rulings, ~~tidying~~ ^{tidying} up afterwards and then scoring accurately and having the results recorded in the on-going competition all ^{this} takes time and effort and I would like to thank all who have ~~done~~ ^{run} competitions this year, George, Tony, Gerald and Colin. Also thank you to those who made boards up for Simultaneous pairs events. There is no doubt that the new computer programme has made it much easier to score aggregate evenings.

Over the years we have made a number of changes and I have noted some disquiet about some of those. 1) Are there too many competitions 2) Is the new scoring system better, ^{and,} 3) Handicaps. I would remind everyone that these changes were carefully thought out before the change was made as well as being well discussed by the committee so I would warn against rash decisions to reverse these, ~~decisions~~ - at anything to go forward one must make changes.

Finally competition has been well supported and a good spread of winners. I have ^{had} engraved 27 names on the silver trophies and 20 of these were different people, a good spread of winners and I would particularly like to congratulate Margaret Ann Bow & Trish Frew

as winning the Caddis, Morrow Stone for winning the Grand and
Paul Thomas, Betty Kelly, Clelia Katsen + Margaret Robson for winning
the Pilot Teams.

Berwick C Team Report 2003

My first duty tonight is thank everyone who played in the team this year and to thank the club for allowing us to represent it together with the A team in the Eastern District Leagues.

My second remark is to say that in our team friendship between us is important as well as enjoying fellowship with our opposition away from the Bridge Table.

We have been grateful to the proprietors of our venues for their help and hospitality. During the year we played in 3 venues, The Bowling Club at Haddington where Geoff Goodhall was very helpful and welcoming. The Abbey Row Centre with their brilliant coffee/Tea machine and the Kelso Ice Rink who accommodated us at short notice when we played Jethart. It is good to be able to work with other sports clubs.

We had an excellent Team Treasurer who has done the job much better than her predecessor and our refreshment team kept everyone in a good mood throughout the night. Our drivers never complained despite in some cases the long distances travelled, never mind more dual carriageways next season will help, as only two games will be in the Borders next season.

Now, what about Team Performance, it was good.....

In the knockout we fell at the first fence against Nomads but we were not disgraced and earned our opposition respect not to be taken lightly.

In the League, we got our strategy right in 8 games and had 8 clear wins but against the Royal Scots we came up against a much improved team than in the past and came out with a winning draw which at the time we had to get a win to ensure playing in the 4th Division next year.

Against the Borderers I got the strategy wrong and take full responsibility for the hammering, which we received. However, Ann Ross who was drafted in for her first but not last team game when we had 5 regular team members missing proved that she could play well at that level. This was despite having to cope with Brian Atkinson who I think was playing his second team game with that strange system of his. I decided that it was too risky to Brian and Tony together but this may have been wrong judging by the problem George has playing against them!!!!!!

After all that we gained promotion but only came second in the league to the Borderers.

Thank you everyone, for your support, encouragement and a tremendous team spirit. It will be great to have our Club Vice President in the team next year.

BERWICK UPON TWEED BRIDGE CLUB

CONGRESS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 15TH APRIL, 2003

2002

Income

1592	Entry and Meals	1600.00
-	Union of Crowns Donation	<u>400.00</u>
		2000.00

Expenditure

30	Licence and Master Points	35.40
69	Printing, Postage and Stationery	65.50
995	Cost of Meals	994.50
230	Prize Money	220.00
-	Congress Directors Fees	50.00
25	Engraving	13.95
50	Sundries	<u>355.08</u>
<u>1399</u>		<u>1734.43</u>

<u>193</u>	<u>Profit for the Year</u>	<u>265.57</u>
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BERWICK UPON TWEED BRIDGE CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 15TH APRIL, 2003

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
<u>Income</u>			<u>Expenditure</u>	
402 Subscriptions		370.00	1775 Room Hire	1775.00
3261 Table Money		3297.00	512 Prizes and Engraving	477.97
193 Profit on Congress Account		265.57	328 Master Points and Affiliation Fees	529.00
9 Bank Interest		10.34	51 Equipment Purchases	212.61
			95 Printing, Postage and Stationery	95.52
			154 Party Expenses	275.00
			107 Sundries	102.72
			189 Tea, Coffee and Juice	62.48
			24 Competitions	15.00
3865	3942.91			<u>3545.30</u>
646	1276.39			1674.00
			<u>Balance B/Fwd - Royal Bank of Scotland</u>	
39	39.00			39.00
			<u>Balance C/Fwd - Royal Bank of Scotland</u>	
4550	5258.30			<u>5258.30</u>
			<u>Balance C/Fwd - Cash in Hand</u>	
			39	39.00

1276
1674
398
265
193

RESERVE ACCOUNT - YORKSHIRE BUILDING SOCIETY

(Transferred from Universal Building Society)

3744	3811.16		3811	3811
67	-			
			<u>Balance Carried Forward</u>	
3811	3811.16			<u>3811</u>

We have prepared the financial statements dated 15th April, 2003 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

25TH APRIL, 2003