

**MINUTES OF THE 33rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2004**

1. **Present:** Mr CCM Edney, President, and 36 members.

**Apologies:** E Carmichael, B Thomas, M McDonald, S Pearson, L Macaskill, M&T Tyler, M Fenty, K Mole, C Elder, C&M Rowell, P Mackie, L Douglas.

3. The minutes of the 32nd AGM were read, approved and signed.

4. **Matters arising:** The congress surplus for the 2004 congress amounted to £70, which the committee had decided to give to the local branch of the RNLI. This is the Mayoress's charity for 2004.

5. **President's report:** Mr Edney submitted his report to the meeting, and it was adopted. (Copy on file).

6. **Treasurer's report:** Mrs Mole submitted the audited accounts to the meeting. The surplus for the year was £356, of which £70 was the profit made on the Congress. The accounts were adopted. (Copy on file) Mrs Mole recommended that table money remain unchanged, and that the subscription be £2 per member plus the SBU levy (as yet unknown)

7. **Competition Secretary's report:** (copy on file) Mr Drysdale recommended some changes in scoring procedure, which would be discussed at the next committee meeting. He also proposed introducing a suggestion book.

8. **Team Captains' reports;** These were given by T Harris (A Team) and G Sandwith (C Team) The A Team had unfortunately finished joint bottom of Division 1, and consequently would be demoted next season to division 2. The C Team had finished in the middle of Division 4.

9. **Election of Officebearers:** The following were elected

President:	Mrs M Robson
Hon Secretary	Mrs DL Drysdale
Hon Treasurer	Mrs J Mole
Hon Competition Secretary	RN Drysdale
Committee	Mrs P Davidson
	J Dougal

10. **Appointment of qualified auditor:** Greaves, West & Ayre

11. **SBU Delegates:** Treasurer and the two secretaries

12. **AOB** The question of slow play was once again raised, and the President referred it to the committee to discuss

Mrs Lorraine Brander-Wolfe, a new member, expressed thanks for the welcome she had received at the club. Mrs Joan Tait and Mrs Penny Davidson concurred with this .

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

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED BRIDGE CLUB

*New 9*  
Ladies and Gentlemen - it has been an honour for me to have been your President during these past two years.

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, and many others who help on a regular basis or at the Congress.

*Export Kappov*

The attendance at our Committee meetings has been exceptional and the debates lively. David Elder and Gary Ellis retire this year by rotation and my thanks to them and indeed all the Committee for their support. On the wider front Terry and Gerald have worked hard to organise the league teams - it is no easy task.

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 3 April. Personally I am pleased with the support that we are now getting from the Borders and N.E. England.

On the playing side perhaps the ~~biggest~~ <sup>biggest</sup> success was Pam Mackie being part of the winning Ladies Congress Team at Aviemore, a ~~close second~~ <sup>close second</sup> was Diana Drysdale and Eileen Carmichael not only winning the pairs event at our Congress but teaming up with an Edinburgh pair in the evening to win the Swiss Teams. If there are others I should mention, my apologies, no doubt someone will remind me.

*see down her*

*Alan Pitten  
Cowan Cup* → → →

*Malcolm  
Kenny  
Copley*

My congratulations to all those who have been successful in the Club events, *also award*

I have already thanked Jean and Reg earlier on the proceedings 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 work and support.

Finally may I wish my successor Marguerite an enjoyable time as your President. It is an honour long overdue - she has been reluctant in the past to accept but I assured her that all the members would support her over the next two years so I am delighted that she has allowed her name to go forward.

*again*

In conclusion - (no apology) 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. Thank you for allowing me to be your President these past two years.

*Marguerite*

## Competition Secretary's Report - 13th May 2004

I am always pleased to do my bit before Terry's 'A' Team report , because although he may not have too many nice things to say this year, he has at least this lovely way of saying them. Never mind I have managed to scribble down a few thoughts and will read these to you.

As Competition Secretary, my duty is to make sure competitions are correctly run.. To do this I require Directors for each of the competitions and it is their duty to have everything ready for a prompt start, choose the movement, make rulings, tidy up afterwards and score the event. I then record the result in the file for cumulative totals. As Director you cannot come along at 7.30, have a chat with your friends, a cup of coffee and be away as soon as the last hand is finished. NO, it is not particularly good fun directing, in fact I sometime wonder why people do it.

All this therefore requires time and effort and I would like to thank those who have done the bulk of the work - Colin in the teams, Gerald , Terry, Brian and George. Also my thanks to those who have kindly made up the boards for simultaneous events.

Over the past few years we have made a number of changes, most noticeably

1. The Starting time
2. Handicap system
3. Computer Scoring on Aggregate nights
4. The method of recording results.

I note that there has been some disquiet about some of these even to the extent the 7.15 starting time was changed back after only one year when 85% of members had supported it. It seems that the new method has not worked in the Royal Bank competition where Colin and Alan were 2nd although finishing 1st on 6 occasions and I suggest that this should be scored on your best 6 percentage scores and the remainder of the competitions should revert to the old method of scoring which members are more comfortable with.

It is my intention to make two further improvements for next year.

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2. To start a complaint book..... whereby any member who was unhappy, (say....with SLOW PLAY ) could mention this to me and I would look into it and report back to them.....this should eliminate undirected remarks and therefore help directors and be an improvement for those playing. This changes can be re-assessed a year from now.

Finally, competitions have been well supported..I have engraved 15 different names out of 22 on the 10 trophies which shows a good spread of winners. Congratulations to Brian Thomas winning the Royal Bank with George, the Wilf White with Alan, the Pearson Pot with Terry and the Scott Cup with George and Malcolm and Kathie. Also pleased to see Margaret Ann and Trish retain the Calder and a special mention to May Robertson for her success in The Lindsay.

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**CONGRESS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 15TH APRIL, 2004**

**2003**

**Income**

1,600	Entry and Meals	1,590.00
400	Union of Crowns Donation	-.-
<u>2,000</u>		<u>1,590.00</u>

**Expenditure**

35	Licence and Master Points	36.00
65	Printing, Postage and Stationery	67.00
995	Cost of Meals	994.50
220	Prize Money	220.00
50	Congress Directors Fees	60.00
14	Engraving	14.00
355	Sundries	129.31
<u>1,734</u>		<u>1,520.81</u>

266

**Profit for the Year**

69.19

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 15TH APRIL, 2004

<u>2003</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2004</u>
370	Subscriptions	397.00	1,775	Room Hire	1,725.00
3,297	Table Money	3,227.00	478	Prizes and Engraving	504.04
266	Profit on Congress Account	69.19	529	Master Points and Affiliation Fees	360.00
10	Bank Interest	7.87	213	Equipment Purchases	83.95
			95	Printing, Postage and Stationery	155.50
			275	Party Expenses	271.96
			103	Sundries	185.98
			62	Tea, Coffee and Juice	57.90
			15	Competitions	--
3,943		3,701.06	3,545		3,344.33
1,276	<u>Balance B/Fwd - Royal Bank of Scotland</u>	1,674.00	1,674	<u>Balance C/Fwd - Royal Bank of Scotland</u>	2,030.73
39	<u>Balance B/Fwd - Cash in Hand</u>	39.00	39	<u>Balance C/ Fwd - Cash in Hand</u>	39.00
5,258		5,414.06	5,258		5,414.06

RESERVE ACCOUNT - YORKSHIRE BUILDING SOCIETY

3,811	<u>Balance Brought Forward</u>	3,811.16	3,811	<u>Balance Carried Forward</u>	3,961.16
--	Interest	150.00			
3,811		3,961.16	3,811		3,961.16

We have prepared the financial statements dated 15th April, 2004 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

10TH MAY, 2004