**MINUTES OF GRANGE BRIDGE CLUB 2016 AGM**

**HELD AT THE NETHERWOOD HOTEL ON NOVEMBER 1st 2016.**

APOLOGIES:-  Y Wareing. M Hicks, R Brazier, L Green, J Farmer,

Y Williams, S Howse, M Howse, S Norman

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING :-  Read and accepted.

MATTERS ARISING:- None.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:-  The club has had a good year in general with no upsets, so much so that the committee only had to meet once in the year. The club felt that there was enough money in the bank to purchase a Duplimate dealing machine, which was delivered recently. The members who deal the boards will no longer have to travel to Staveley to deal the boards. The Chairman thanked the committee for their work throughout the year.

SECRETARY’S REPORT:- The annual dinner is booked for Jan 10th 2017 at the Netherwood, 5.30pm start.

TREASURER’S REPORT:- The balance in the bank is £4336.61 which is now reduced by about £1400 due to the purchase of the Duplimate machine. With this in mind I recommend that the table money remains the same but would like a mandate from the members for the committee to be able to implement an increase if the need arises. This was agreed by the floor.

Allithwaite BC are to have their boards dealt using our Duplimate machine for which they will pay £2.00/ session.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR’S REPORT:- The year in general has remained trouble free. We now use Mike Rothwell’s bridge scorer programme which has been very successful.

Having spotted an article in the EBU magazine which indicated that the EBU would pay half the value of the full price of a Duplimate machine for the smaller clubs to purchase their own. I applied and to my delight, found that they would, and we now have our own dealing machine. The only concession is that we have to remain in the EBU for the following three years.

The stratified pairs competition was won by the following.

A Stream:- A Anderson & S Norman.

B Stream:- M Trepte & H Parsons

C Stream:- A Woodburne & C Ord-Smith

The Summer handicap was won by B Matthews & J Farmer

Thanks to Alan & Stuart for helping throughout the year with directing and dealing.

SLOW PLAY:- Following a long discussion, it was decided that any member indentified by the committee, who persistently affects other members enjoyment will have restrictions applied to the extent that when playing at this club, they will not be allowed to use a score card. If this does not resolve the issue, then further restrictions will be applied.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:- All serving members were re-elected.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:- The members decided to adopt Alan Anderson’s motion, to play the Summer handicap competition over four weeks in May with the top three results to count.

Meeting closed at 6.50pm