**GRANGE & DISTRICT BRIDGE CLUB AGM**

**HELD AT THE NETHERWOOD HOTEL**

**6.30pm 14th November 2017**

APOLOGIES:-  Yvonne Williams, Sam Norman, Joan Thomas & Geoff Harrison.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:-  Read and approved.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:-  The Chairman thanked the members present for attending in such large numbers. He also thanked the members of the committee for their time spent running the club.

The club lost money during the past year and it is intended that the members will vote on increasing the table money which has been static for at least nine years.

Table numbers are down. Members are asked to try and encourage other club players to come along to try our Tuesday night sessions at this lovely venue.

Thanks are also due to Sam Norman who organises the inter club matches.

SECRETARIES REPORT:- The Christmas party has been booked at The Netherwood for Jan 9th 2018, 5.30pm for 6.00pm.

TREASURERS REPORT:- The club lost money last year. Some factors are due to the fact that the club paid half of the TD course fees and the purchase of the duplimate dealing machine. The room rent was down slightly as The Netherwood had omitted to charge for one of the months which they have kindly written-off.

TD REPORT:- John reported that the directors had encountered very few problems this year. Thanks were given to ST who stores the dealing machine and deals the boards on a weekly basis. Thanks also to ST and AA for sharing the directing duties.

The club won the county 8 a side inter-team competition. They also represented the county in the annual Garden Cities competition, where they competed well.

A friendly match against Kendal resulted in a narrow win for Grange by a margin of 14imps.

The winners of the stratified competition were, A stream: David Strawbridge and John MacLachlan. B stream: Adrian Dobson and Mike Ollerton, and the C srtream were Joan Thomas and Geoff Harrison. The winners of the Summer Handicap competition were David Strawbridge and John MacLachlan. The mini league winners were Betty Troughton and Audrey Farrer,

COMPETITIONS AND TEAM NIGHTS: The feeling of the members was that the mini-league and Summer league would continue. With the  addition of a one night only competition.

Team play was discussed and it was decided that the club would try a couple of nights early next year to see what support is encountered.

TABLE MONEY: It was proposed and agreed that the table money will increase to £5.00/night for a member, £6.00/night for a visitor and that the membership fee would remain at £15.00.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: As nobody put forward a request to take part in the running of the club. The existing committee remain.

AOB: Richard Brazier asked if the table could be laid out in a more uniform manner. It was agreed that this would happen when  the Netherwood replace the existing lighting with LED lighting which will be much brighter.

Peter Goulding asked if we had investigated moving to a cheaper venue. The committee had looked into this and found a decent alternative but felt that playing at the Netherwood was one of the reasons that members and visitors came to play on Tuesday nights.

Meeting closed at 18.40.