## MERSEYSIDE BRIDGE CENTRE Latest news including General Committee Structure

At our recent A.G.M the following proposal was tabled and adopted:

"I propose that all members/officers of the club's committee serve no longer than a maximum of three years after which time there could be a period of at least one year before they are eligible for re-election. This could result in more members having to/wanting to participate in the running of the club. This proposal would be phased in over the next three years commencing September 2017"

Your committee is now charged to begin the process of implementing these changes and we are therefore now seeking offers from members who are prepared to sit on the committee.

Within the existing make up of your committee there are specific roles/duties performed by individual members and any nominee wishing to put his/her name forward is advised to seek a detailed description of the tasks involved in any specific office in which they may be interested. This information will be made readily available at your request. There is a detailed list of "who does what" on the notice board in our hallway.

We do hope that members who supported the proposal and any others will now come forward to offer their service and would ask that you respond by 31<sup>st</sup> January next at the latest. This is especially important in that a transitional period of working together and hand over is desirable to ensure that the various tasks are fully explained.

Since the Annual General Meeting Mike Greatbatch has advised us he will not be seeking re election next year. We are therefore looking for members with I.T. skills to take some of his jobs, many of which do not require membership of the committee. We are also looking for more helpers to join the dealing rota and ask that anyone willing to help please notify any committee member.

Minutes of the A.G.M, together with our chairman's report, are exhibited on the notice board near the coffee table downstairs and also posted in the member's area of our website.

We are aiming to distribute this paper to as many active members as is possible and therefore bring to your notice an additional issue of which you should be aware.

Our current premises are on a ten year lease which is due for renewal on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017. We have been looking around for alternative property, preferably a single storey and better car parking to the one we have now but, to date, have not been successful. If you know of a possible alternative, please let us know.

## Forthcoming special events:-

<u>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November:</u> Ladies v Men teams 7.00 pm start (please be seated by 6.50)

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November: Children in Need simultaneous pairs (Table Money £5 each – all donated to the above charity)

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November:** Ladies & Men pairs (ladies downstairs & men upstairs – No mixed pairs)

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas party (limited to 18 tables – joint ticket £20)

<u>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January:</u> Annual charity pairs. One session starting @ 1.00 pm. Proceeds to CarersTrust4all. Please support by attending, providing prizes and purchasing raffle tickets.

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December @ 10. am we are planning to put up our Christmas decorations – please come along and help if you are free.

28.10.2016.