**Reading Bridge Club**

**Minutes of the 71st Annual General Meeting**

**held on Thursday, 17 May 2018 at 6.30 p.m**

 The meeting was chaired by Mike Ribbins.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Mike Perkins, Ann Brown, David and Janet Barnes, Joyce Baldock

1. **Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting**

The minutes of the 70th Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 18 May, 2017, were taken as read and approved.

1. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**4. The Secretary’s Annual Report**

 **AGM of the READING BRIDGE CLUB**

**Secretary’s Report for 2018**

1. **Numbers attending averages**

Tuesday 5.6 Tables 2017 6 Tables 2016
Thursday 9 Tables 2017 9.25 Tables 2016

1. **Successes in County Events**

Mixed Pairs – Tony Parkinson & Joyce Baldock finished 3rd

GP Swiss Teams – Pat Dowdeswell, Mike Ribbins, Jonny Richards & Jim Chapman finished 3rd

County Pairs Qualifier –Peter Jackson & Mike Perkins finished 1st

County Pairs Final – Peter Jackson & Mike Perkins finished 1st

County Pairs Plate – Joyce Baldock & Jim Chapman finished 1st

Perkins Cup – Peter Jackson, James Bond, Peter Hawkes & Mike Perkins finished 3rd

Committee Cup – Pat Dowdeswell, Mike Ribbins, Jim Chapman & John Greenhalgh finished 1st

Senior Pairs – James Bond & John Greenhalgh finished 2nd

League of 8

In Division 1 the A team, captained by Mike Perkins, finished 1st f for the third successive year and the B team, captained by Mike O’Neill finished4th .

In Division 2 the newly promoted C team, captained by Sam Botfield finished equal 5th.

 League of 4

In Division 1 the team captained by Mike Perkins finished 1st, the team captained by Bob Dowdeswell finished . 5th and the team captained by Davi Barnes finished 6th.

 Chiltern League

Reading A finished 3rd and Reading B finished 7th.

1. **Successes in National Events**

Reading A qualified for the Garden Cities National final.

1. **Club**

Annual Trophies 2016/17
 Presidents Cup – Roger Donato
 Francis Cup –Mike O’Neill and Roger Donato

Six Monthly trophies – Summer 2017 and Winter 2017/18
 Brown Cup- Roger Donato Mike Perkins
 Laycock Cup – Roger Donato Georgio Jeronimidis
 Bilbey Cup – Mike Nunn Andy Fothergill
 Boucher Cup – Pam Hanson Peter Bamford

1. **Other Matters**

I would like to thank the following who have all helped make the club a success:
 Jonny Richards for maintaining our websites
 All those who have dealt the boards and acted as captains and directors.
 Christine Cook for running another successful social evening.

John Greenhalgh

Secretary

18 May 2018

**5. Presentation of the Annual Accounts**

The Treasurer presented the Annual Accounts for the year ending

31 March 2018. They showed an excess of expenditure over income of £7,720 compared with £3,462 last year.

Treasurer presented the budget for 2018 -2019. This showed a projected shortfall of £1,010.

1. **Election of Officers and Committee**

**President: Pat Dowdeswell**

 **Secretary: John Greenhalgh**

 **Treasurer: Mel Thomas**

The following Committee Members were also elected

Sam Botfield, Christine Cook, Mike Ribbins,Joyce Baldock, Jonny Richards, Martina Zwieflhofer and Simon Fixter.

1. **Appointment of Examiner of Accounts**

John Chamberlain was appointed

1. **Motion proposed by Sam Botfield**

**It is proposed that the Founder’s Trophy / Cocktail Pairs event to be moved to a Wednesday adjacent to Midsummer’s day**

The motion was approved

1. **Any other business**

 None