

Welwyn Garden City Bridge Club

Minutes of 78th Annual General Meeting on 25 October 2018

Present	Srimath Agalawatte, Arni Anidjar-Romain, Berwyn Aston, Tony Beck, Ronnie Bourne, Peter Brossy, Geoff Butt, Jo Childs, Janet Cohen, John Collins, Sue Collins, Asil Esenbel, John Eyre, Anne Flockhart, Sheila Gabriel, Bill Gordon, Jeff Green, Ian Greig, Norman Heaton, Helen Holehouse, Geoff Horn, Jill Horn, Alan Kaye, Helly Kaye, Linzy Kenton, Linda Lennox, Lindsay Leslie, Nigel Lewis, Fiona Littlewood, Paul Littlewood, Rodger Livesey, John Mathews, Pamela McAllister, Denise Miller, Morgan Howard, Timothy Nash, Hilary Nesbitt, Glen Parry, Sue Patrick, John Phalp, Judith Phalp, Clive Richardson, Helen Robinson, Michael Rudd, Vicky Salmon, Jane Scaysbrook, Lawrie Seal, Michael Sint, Rod Smith, Pamela Taylor, David Wren, Janet Wren, Margaret Wright (53 members)
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1. Apologies	Jean Anderson, Gordon Barker, Margaret Barker, Deborah Berwitz, Sally Burnay, Nadia Button, Roy Button, Anthea Denton, Anthony Golding, Trevor Hampton, Wendy Hampton, Michael Hancock, Kate Howland, Robert Keech, Barbara Kime, Derrick Kime, Susan McEwen, Barbara McKinnon, Sheila Miller, Jill Mumford, Derek Peers, Julian Peers, Eve Richardson, Linda Roberts, David Simmons, Robert Teesdale, Richard Tite, Ruth Tite, Lynn Wilcock, Frances Wilson (30 members)
2. Minutes of previous AGM	Approval proposed by Jo Childs, seconded by Vicky Salmon and ratified by the meeting.
3. Matters arising from minutes of previous AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GLL have agreed that the club can use the Trackside bar on several agreed dates throughout the year • The club's recognition of Barbara and Derrick Kime's contribution is consistent with that of others • The club has paid a higher subsidy to support club members in the NICKO event • Improvements to exterior lighting have been agreed in principle by GLL, waiting for it to be actioned
4. Chairman's report	Previously circulated to all members. Jeff Green reported that the heat of the Humble Cup was successfully held at the club recently. In response to a question from Paul Littlewood about the parking charges paid by the bridge club, Jeff Green explained that the club negotiated with GLL the package to ensure that individuals do not have to pay for parking.
5. Deputy Chair's yearly review	Previously circulated to all members.
6. Treasurer's report and approval of accounts	<p>The report was distributed at the meeting. John Eyre reported that club had £4 000 less at the end of the financial year due to several factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly car parking costs payable to GLL • Free tea, coffee, water and biscuits at every session • Cost of cleaning the clubroom • Painting and decorating the clubroom • Purchase of dealing machine, tablets and new router <p>The tuition programme has a surplus of over £4 000.</p> <p>It is not sustainable for the club to operate at a loss and therefore from January 01 2019, the cost of playing at a session will rise to £3 per member. This price rise has already been implemented for the pairs league.</p> <p>John Eyre thanked Mark Westerly for his help with banking the table money and Arni Anidjar-Romain for auditing the accounts.</p> <p>In response to question from John Collins about paying table money in alternative ways, John Eyre said that it was being considered.</p> <p>In response to a question from Bill Thurl about increasing table money immediately, John Eyre said that it had been agreed by committee that it would be increased in January 2019. Bill Gordon commented that apart from</p>

	<p>the increase needed by the EBU's 'Pay to Play' scheme, there has not been an increase in table money for a very long time.</p> <p>In response to a question from Ronnie Bourne about the large balance in the club finances, Jeff Green said that there was an historic issue of the long-term viability of staying at Gosling.</p> <p>In response to a question from Paul Littlewood about spending club money on upgrading toilets, Jeff Green described discussions with GLL about upgrading the toilets and the problems that have been encountered.</p> <p>In response to a question from Mike Sint about the amortisation of cost of capital items in the club accounts, John Eyre answered that the auditor was happy with the way it had been done.</p> <p>In response to a question from David Wren about the car parking costs, Jeff Green confirmed that the club's payments were based on the number of members not the number of number plates in the data base.</p> <p>Approval proposed by Bill Gordon, seconded by Mike Sint and ratified by the meeting.</p>
7. Election of auditor	Approval proposed by Geoff Horn, seconded by Ian Greig and ratified by the meeting.
8. Approval of changes to club rules	Previously circulated to all members. Approval proposed by Ronnie Bourne, seconded by Glen Parry and ratified by the meeting.
9. Election of Chairman	John Mathews thanked Jeff for all his hard work for the club. Approval proposed by John Mathews, seconded by Paul Littlewood and ratified by the meeting.
10. Election of officers/committee members	Approval proposed by John Mathews, seconded by Ronnie Bourne and ratified by the meeting.
11. AOB	<p>Paul Littlewood raised the issue of overhanging branches on the site, Sheila Gabriel to discuss with GLL.</p> <p>Vicky Salmon and Glen Parry commented on the poor state of the ladies toilets, Jeff Green said that it is unlikely that there will be any material improvements and any day-to-day issues needed to be emailed to Sheila Gabriel who will liaise with GLL.</p>
12. Presentation of prizes	Ian Greig presented the prizes.

Janet Wren
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