

AYLESBURY ACES BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of Annual General Meeting
held on Thursday 6th October 2011
at 7. 15 pm at Sivatech

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

NEW COMMITTEE

Following a ballot of members, the new Committee was confirmed by Ian as follows:

Chairman: Ian Raynes	Dorothy Max
Treasurer: Paul Merrick	Joe Southall
Secretary: Dawn Baldwin	Julia Thomas
Avril Bates	Gloria Wren

Ian thanked retiring committee members, Kate Avery and Kevin Plumb, for their work over the past year. Ian urged more members to get involved with the running of the club, adding that he did not intend to stand as Chairman for a fourth term next year.

FINANCIAL POSITION

The club's finances were healthy. The committee had pursued a policy of spending income for the benefit of members, notably the purchase of BridgeMate scoring equipment. We now had over 70 members and were showing good increased attendance on both evenings.

HOSTING SYSTEM

Ian confirmed that, after much deliberation, we now had a working Host system. We also had a very effective Pairing system, through the efforts of our new Co-ordinator, Dorothy Max.

COMPETITIONS

Through the generosity of Carolyn Gamet, we had run a new competition – the Brian Burrows Cup – which had proved very popular. Current holders: Ian Raynes and Gerry Loran. The 2011 Chairman's Cup, awarded to the player for loyal attendance who had shown consistently good play, was won by Kate Avery. Kate was presented with the cup by Ian.

PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE

In reply to members' concerns, this had been discussed by the Committee. Ian had been appointed Fire Officer. Ian pointed out that the fire exits were: the front door of the building and two exits, clearly signed, at the back of the warehouse. In the event of fire, members should leave by the nearest exit where it was safe to do so and assemble in the Car Park in the fours in which they had been playing when the alarm had been sounded. It was the responsibility of the TD on the night to check numbers of members in the Car Park. Members were asked NOT to vacate the premises and leave for their homes but to wait and be counted, to ensure all members had safely exited the building.

WESSEX LEAGUE

We had maintained our position and were hoping to do better in the coming year. Ian thanked all members who had played and gave particular thanks to Greig Sneddon for all his hard work as Captain last year, as well as his work in setting up the fixtures this year.

SOCIAL EVENTS

A number of very successful events had been held in the past year, thanks to all those people both on the committee who had organised the events and to others who had contributed cakes and other dishes. We hoped to maintain our well-earned reputation in this area in the coming year.

The meeting ended ca. 7. 35 pm.