

BRAUNTON BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting May 10, 2023 @ 6.30pm

In Attendance

Officers: Chair, Steve Munns (SM); Secretary, Jacqui Munns (JM); Treasurer, John Wintle (JW).

Committee Members: Colin Found; Hilary Adams

Members: Lee Bristow, Catherine Davey, Penny & Roger Gowland, Jen & Michael Grimshire, David Hurrell, Steph Long, Brenda Martin, David Meek, Mel Morgan, John Parr, Margaret Riddoch, Carol Ritzen, Sandra Robertshaw, Dena Sells, Lindsay Shaw, Chris Smith, Peter Squire

1. Apologies

Chris Bray, Peter Clough, Catherine Crocker, Serena Kirkman, Nic Long, Alison Pollok, Barbara Rennie, Karen & Eamon Rogers, Kate Ross, Julie Rotchell, Nicky Sandom, Regina Thomas.

2. Minutes of the last AGM dated 24th April 2022

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Roger Gowland and seconded by Catherine Davey, there being no matters arising.

3. Chair's Report

The chair welcomed everyone to the AGM, and thanked them for making this a successful year for the club. He then thanked Brenda, our previous chair, for her contribution to the club over the years. He reminded everyone of the very enjoyable lunch held in her honour at the Barnstaple Hotel in the summer, where she was made Braunton Bridge Club president for life. He then went on to thank the club secretary Jacqui and the club treasurer John for all their hard work. He also thanked committee members Colin & Hilary and the TDs and scorers, Jacqui, Roger, Catherine and Nic for their help and support during the year. And finally, he thanked everyone who comes early and helps to set up the room. The chair then asked the secretary to chair the rest of the meeting, delegation being one of the privileges of his role.

4. Secretary's Report

First, Jacqui thanked Steve for stepping up as chair at the last AGM and for a fun year. She then thanked Brenda for kindly offering to juggle the players looking for partners while she is away, and to everyone for helping with the set up and scoring during this period.

The club has made a good post-covid recovery and are averaging around 8 tables per week, making us the most successful EBU-affiliated club in North Devon, and one of the best attended in the county. We have welcomed some new members this year, Dave Bowen and John Parr. We have also said goodbye to a few members who have passed, Pearl Corner, Denis Davey, Betty Wakeford & Mari Squire; we miss them all.

6. Treasurer's Report – see accounts and balance sheet below

John stated that previously, the accounts have been reported on a cash basis, and he is now reporting them on an income & expenditure basis. The club is in a good position financially having averaged 7.6 tables per week in the year ending March 2023, and since then over 8 tables per week so far. This level of attendance has given us a surplus of £760 for the year, despite having to pay extra for the heating over the winter. We have also have increased the tea ladies' money from £56 to £61 per month. The accounts show a healthy end of year balance, and net assets attributable to the members of £2,841. John thanked Roger for scrutinizing the accounts this year.

7. Table Money & Subs

John confirmed that there is no need to increase our income and that yearly membership and table money will continue at £10 and £3, respectively.

8. Competitions

Before Covid, Braunton ran several competitions each year, some with prizes and some with silverware. Since the pandemic, the first competition to return was the Brenda Martin Handicap Trophy, won by Karen & Eamon Rogers in August 22. Following this, we started a monthly wine prize handicap and this has been popular. The only other competitions currently running are the Masterpoints Champion for the Blackwell Cup, last won by Chris Bray August 2019, and the Pairs Ladder for the League Championship Cup – last won by Dawn & Roger in November 2019. Both competitions will finish at the end of August, the leaderboards are updated weekly and are available to view on the website.

We also propose to continue with the Sims for Children in Need in November, and plan to restart our own charity night in March for the Margaret Curtis Charity Shield, last won by Penny & Julie in March 2020. We will not be running any other competitions - the League teams, Swiss Teams, the Pairs and Singles Championships, the Ladies & Gents Pairs or the Multiple Teams, unless we hear from you that that is what you want us to do. Despite our requests for your views on competitions, we have yet received none!

9. Trophies

Likewise, we have not received any comments or suggestions from members regarding the future of the silverware held by the club. The committee felt that rather than giving out trophies at the end of the year, we would create a 'Hall of Fame' section on the website to record the names (with pictures) of all the winners. But what to do with the trophies that relate to competitions that we do not plan to continue? Options include giving them back to the person who donated them, if appropriate, or giving them to the last person(s) to win them. So, we need to hear member's views on competitions and trophies.

Action JM will put a piece on the website with links to all relevant docs and the 'Contact Us' option. Members to send their views before the end of June. The committee will make a final decision during the next committee meeting in July.

10. Xmas Party 2023

The weekend of the 16th & 17th December looks like a suitable date assuming we have another lunchtime party. The party in 2022 was a great success for those that were able to attend, despite the weather trying to ruin it. However, there were a few issues, including clearing up afterwards, that would need to be addressed if we were to go with the same venue and caterer for this year, and David M suggested his cleaner might be available. Other lunch (or dinner) options include having an event at one of the Barnstaple hotels or the Saunton Sands Golf Club, although these venues would be expensive. Brenda mentioned that we had previously had a party in the Christchurch Hall but that alcohol would be prohibited, and many felt that David M's generous champagne reception was not to be missed.

Action JM will continue to investigate options and the committee will decide at the July meeting. Again, members views are requested via the website.

11. Election of Officers

There was one nomination for chair - Catherine Davey. She was proposed by John Wintle, seconded by Jacqui Munns, and she was duly appointed.

Secretary & Treasurer – there were no nominations for these posts and both Jacqui & John have agreed to continue for another year.

12. Election of Committee Members

Both Colin & Hilary have agreed to continue for another year and Lindsay Shaw has stepped forward to join the committee, welcome!

13. Election of Scrutineer

Roger agreed to continue as scrutineer and was proposed by Steve M and seconded by Brenda.

14. Any Other Business

As a result of recent technical issues, on Wednesday 17th May, the club are going to trial new software to run and score our sessions. To prepare for this, all members with a smartphone are asked to download the BriAn app - search for 'BriAn Bridge Client and look for this logo. Don't worry, our usual tablets will be available if you can't or don't want to download the app.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 18.55pm

Jacqui Munns
Secretary
Braunton Bridge Club

BRAUNTON BRIDGE CLUB. BALANCE SHEET. 31st MARCH 2023		
FIXED ASSETS		
TROPHIES (Estimated Value)		50
BRIDGETABS		500
LAPTOP COMPUTER AT COST		64
TABLES & SMALL EQUIPMENT(Estimated Value)		200
		814
CURRENT ASSETS		
CASH AT BANK		1,712
CASH IN HAND		-
AMOUNTS DUE FROM MEMBERS		205
UNBILLED TABLE MONEY		294
		2,211
TOTAL ASSETS		3,025
LESS:- LIABILITIES		
CHRIST CHURCH BRAUNTON		138
EBU (Pay to Play Charges)		46
		184
NET ASSETS		2,841
MEMBERS CAPITAL		
Brought forward		2,081
Surplus/(Deficit for the Year)		760
		2,841

BRAUNTON BRIDGE CLUB INCOME & EXPENDITURE YEAR TO 31st MARCH 2023		
2022		2023
INCOME		
0.00	SUBSCRIPTIONS	555.00
969.00	TABLE MONEY	5102.00
578.72	DEVON BRIDGE	
500.00	CHRISTMAS LUNCH	649.00
0.00	MEMBERS CHARITY DONATIONS	102.70
2047.72	TOTAL INCOME	6408.70
LESS EXPENDITURE		
760.00	HALL HIRE	2150.00
390.66	REFRESHMENTS	861.97
941.19	EBU P2P & AFFILIATION FEE	821.32
154.82	BRIDGETABS LICENCE & SUPPORT FEE	133.65
71.60	INSURANCE	71.60
-	WEBSITE	48.00
59.99	INTERNET SECURITY	63.99
-	STATIONERY & SMALL EQUIPMENT	-
814.73	CHRISTMAS LUNCH	1026.37
-	TROPHIES, ENGRAVING & PRIZES	261.79
-	DONATION TO CHILDREN IN NEED	210.00
32.00	MISCELLANEOUS	-
3,224.99	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5648.69
-1,177.27	NET SURPLUS FOR YEAR	760.01
	Average Tables	7.6
	Paid up Members	56
Notes		
	Table Money, Hall Hire, Refreshment Costs and P2P for 2023	
	Include sums relating to 2022	
	Net Cost of the Christmas lunch was £377. Last Year was £315	