



## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BROMLEY NORTH BRIDGE CLUB MONDAY 19 JANUARY 2015

	Item
	<b>Committee members present</b> Dave Parkinson (Chair), Dave Harper (Vice Chair), David Powell (Treasurer), Hilary Powell (Secretary), Ian Cotton, Vernon Hughes, Judy McKeown, Val Smith
1	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Janet and Peter Butler, Harry and Gwenda Evans, Margaret Exley, Glenda and Don Gibb, Peter Hibbins, Tricia and Vernon Hughes, Christine Kempton, Stuart Macoustra, Jan Parkinson, Michael Prior, Morag Robertson, Howard Surfleet, Geoff and Wendy Thackwray, Chris Wall, Neil Wotherspoon.
2	<b>Minutes of the last Meeting</b> Following some minor corrections to the minutes of the previous AGM held on Monday 20 January 2014, these were taken as read and agreed.
3	<b>Matters Arising</b> Dave Parkinson reported that SGC are reluctant to allow a second evening of bridge, but this will be addressed again early in the year.
4	<b>Chair's address</b> The Chair expressed the deepest sadness of everyone for the sudden death of Beryl Tedore and was pleased that Fred was able to attend the Christmas party.  He gave thanks to Barbara Delmar, Norma and Ajay for organising the food for the party. He also thanked all the committee for their hard work, Val for all the work in arranging the weekend away and also the directors and scorers.  The Chair commented on the success on the introduction of the Web Mitchell movement which makes the play fairer given that generally everyone plays the same boards, even though it is impossible for everyone to play all the pairs participating.  The Chair gave an update on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- it may be necessary to penalise pairs arriving late for play, by giving them a lower % score on the first board;</li><li>- all are encouraged to use convention cards and two versions of these are available for members;</li><li>- the BNBC team nearly won the Mitchell Salver competition in 2014;</li><li>- Dave Harper will captain teams for 2015;</li><li>- the committee will review if it is appropriate to enter a team in the NICKO competition.</li></ul>



5	<p><b>Treasurer's Report / Adoption of Accounts</b></p> <p>David Powell (treasurer) reported that the club had enjoyed a good year with a healthy financial position. £2000 is ring-fenced for replacement of IT equipment.</p> <p>He thanked Ewa Hardwick for her work as auditor and for the help she gave him with the accounts.</p> <p>As the AGM is a free EBU night no charge was made to members for the evening.</p> <p>Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by David Lightfoot and seconded by Gerry Holt.</p>
6	<p><b>Resolution to amend clauses 5.8, 5.10 and 5.11 of the constitution</b></p> <p>The meeting approved the following changes to the Constitution subject to some corrections to typing mistakes and numbering (proposed by David Lightfoot and seconded by Rae Lee):</p> <p>5.8 In considering applications for membership the Committee shall have regard to the playing facilities available, and may from time to time decide that the Club shall be closed to new applications for membership for such period as it may decide, <b>with the agreement of members given at a General Meeting of the Club.</b></p> <p>5.10 A member whose subscription has not been paid shall cease to be a member on the expiration of the period of two months from the date on which the subscription was due for payment. <del>or how the Committee may decide.</del></p> <p>5.11 A former member of the Club who wishes to rejoin as a member may do so, <b>subject to clause 5.8,</b> without the necessity for a further formal application for membership, unless the Committee decides otherwise.</p>
7	<p><b>Resolution to include a Disciplinary Procedure in the BNBC Constitution</b></p> <p>The meeting approved the following change to the Constitution (proposed by Rodney Meredith and seconded by Bernard Smith):</p> <p>Replace clause 14 of the constitution with a new clause entitled Members' Behaviour and include a Schedule of Disciplinary Procedures at the end of Constitution.</p>
8	<p><b>Use of BNBC website to hold members' details</b></p> <p>Jan Tltcombe outlined the proposed changes to the website to make use of the members' area for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- contacting other members;</li><li>- posting partner wanted requests;</li><li>- viewing members' only documents;</li><li>- changing contact details;</li><li>- etc.</li></ul>



	<p>Full details of how this will operate in practice will be sent to all members and they will have the opportunity to opt-out if required. The meeting gave approval in principal to this proposal (4 people were against).</p> <p>Many thanks are due to Jan for all her work in setting up this facility.</p>
8	<p><b>Election of Officers and Committee</b></p> <p>All the existing committee members were willing to stand again and as there were no other nominations, David Parkinson read out their names and these were elected en bloc.</p> <p>The following members will serve on the committee during 2014-2015: Dave Parkinson (Chair), Dave Harper (Vice Chairman), David Powell (Treasurer), Hilary Powell (Secretary), Val Smith, Ian Cotton, Vernon Hughes, Judy McKeown.</p>
9	<p><b>Appointment of Auditor</b></p> <p>David Powell complimented Ewa Hardwick on the excellent service given to the club as its Auditor and proposed her for the position of auditor (seconded by Bob Middleditch). This was approved by the members.</p>
10	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><u>Club Rules Changes - Members and Guests:</u> David Powell presented the views of the committee on this topic. The majority would like to increase the membership cap with a minority wishing to leave it at its current level. David said that the committee wished to leave it for the membership to decide at this AGM. Judy McKeown spoke against the main committee recommendation and a discussion followed. It was agreed that the membership cap should remain at 120 and there should be no change to the membership and guest rules.</p> <p><u>Public Holidays:</u> David Parkinson confirmed that agreement had been reached to allow the club to be open on 28 December 2015.</p> <p><u>Sim competitions for the year:</u> Members gave approval for the planned Sims events for the year (March - Stratified Sim Pairs, July - Summer Sim Pairs, November - Children in Need Sim Pairs).</p> <p><u>Cut In Teams:</u> Cut in teams events are planned for 26 January and 9 June and other dates are to be decided.</p> <p><u>Presentation of prizes:</u> The following prizes were presented: Herring Cup - Mark and Barbara Howarth Creighton Cup - Dave Harper and Norman Roach Chris and Frank Davis Memorial Trophy - Jenny Watson and David Fletcher-Smith Roger Horton Knockout competition - Dave Harper and Norman Roach Ladder - Dave Harper and Norman Roach, runners up Tony Price and Steve Burton.</p>