

Crawley Bridge Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 28/4/17

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from

Pauline Burfoot, Rosie Ferguson, Sue Snelling, Ray Bullen, Sonia Lee, Hazel Ogden, Shirley Price, Carolyn Braithwaite, delsia Dosen, Val Graham, Kate Massie, Klaas van Zanten, Doreen O'Dell, Janet and Kerry Scott and Cheryl Clarke.

Minutes of the previous AGM

The minutes were approved a correct record and there were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report

One of the most exciting developments for our club was the introduction of Bridgemates last year. This has been warmly welcomed and we have now purchased a further 2 sets as our numbers are increasing.

Our membership and attendances are both increasing. This is mainly but not entirely due to student numbers and several of them coming along to club nights. The current cadet night will run until September when we will be starting another beginners' course. At this point, it is our hope that the majority of the students will play on a Wednesday or a Friday. We already have a reputation as a friendly club and we hope that the new players will be made to feel comfortable and grow in confidence. We will be talking about what is known as Best Behaviour at Bridge before they start. The Xmas party was a great success once again – especially the new improved buffet. We had 2 sections running and because we were able to borrow the County Bridgemates and because we have Mervyn and his superb IT skills, the results were out within minutes of close of play!

We intend to hold stalls again at the Turners Hill and Crawley Down fairs. Volunteers to play bridge while these fayres are on will be most welcome.

My thanks go to your hard working committee, Betty as social secretary – finding partners, opening and closing every night as well as furniture monitor, Alan for looking after our more complicated accounts, Richard for his spectacular secretarial duties and his commitment to teaching and to Sylvia and Mark who are most welcome members of the committee.

Finally thanks also to Mervyn without whom we would not have been able to set up the bridgemates nor would we have the varied programme of events, nor read his prompt updating of our website. Other non- committee helpers are Tricia, and Christine for supporting our students and making up numbers at the classes.

Treasurer's Report

Alan tabled a financial summary for the year ending 31st March 2017. A copy is attached following. It shows a loss for the year of £1,281.66 and a balance of £3,932.77. The loss is due to the purchase of the Bridgemate system which cost £1,988.20 and, allowing for that, we made a trading profit of over £700.

Alan proposed that the annual subscription should remain as £2.

Chris Mills agreed to act as auditor.

A motion to adopt the Treasurer's Report was proposed by Cecil de Aurajo, seconded by Stewart Sole and carried unanimously.

Competition Report

The report was presented (copy attached). Club competitions were successful and well attended. CBC and its members have done well in county competitions.

Election of Officers

Alan Litchfield is standing down from the office of Treasurer after many years service. A vote of thanks for all his hard work was proposed and warmly supported. A call was made for a volunteer to replace him but none was forthcoming. The committee will seek a replacement.

Action: HK, RJ

A motion to re-elect the remaining committee and officers en bloc was proposed by Cecil de Aurajo, seconded by Stewart Sole and carried unanimously.

Constitution

An amended constitution was tabled for discussion. The amendments arise from the alternative subscription renewal process used this year. Instead of CBC and GIBC doing their own renewals separately at different times, the renewal process was consolidated into a single event done by CBC but using the GIBC timetable. This proved to be much easier all round and requires two dates to be amended on the CBC Constitution.

Cecil de Aurajo proposed that the new constitution be adopted and this was seconded by Tad Jasko. It was passed unanimously. (copy attached)

AOB

None

The meeting closed

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Competition Report 2016/2017

Club Competitions

Sheila Becarevic – Postponed

Lillian Massingale – Helen Kent & Christina Backholer

Compensated Teams –

September: Susie Swadling & Debbie Doran, Mark & Carol Randall

March: Bill Draude & Cecil de Araujo, Maureen Rooney & Sumi Grub

Saeed Plate for Best Improvement – Cecil de Araujo

Most MPs Friday – Betty Lecky-Thompson

Most MPs Wednesday – Betty Lecky-Thompson

Sussex County Competitions

Charity SIMS

Out of 135 competitors

7th Bill & Cecil

12th Tad & Richard

17th Mervyn & Helen

Mid-Sussex Challenge

Crawley came 2nd out of seven (one better than last year)

New Year Swiss Teams

Mark & Carol Randall, Cecil de Araujo & Richard Jameson came 12th out of 30 in a very competitive field

Constitution and Rules of the CRAWLEY BRIDGE CLUB

NAME.

The name of the club shall be the Crawley Bridge Club.

OFFICERS & COMMITTEE.

The officers of the Club shall consist of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer who shall be ex-officio members of the Committee and be re-elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Any officer is eligible for re-election at the end of his/her term of office.

The Committee shall consist of the officers of the Club and up to six other members of the Club.

A quorum of the Committee shall consist of any four officers or other committee members provided that not less than two officers be present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Officers and other Committee Members shall be proposed and seconded for election by other Club members either in writing before the date of the AGM or from the floor at the AGM, provided that the consent of each proposed member has been previously obtained.

In the event that more than one member is proposed for the same vacancy, the matter will be determined by ballot at the AGM by a show of hands.

A vacancy on the Committee occurring during the term of office of the Committee may be filled by the Committee nominating any other Club member.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & OTHER MEETINGS

The AGM shall be held on a date to be decided by the Committee, provided it falls between 15th April and 31st May.

A Notice and Agenda shall be forwarded to all Club members not later than 21 days before the date of the AGM. A Statement of Accounts shall be made available to all members attending.

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by order of the Committee or at the written request of not less than 10 Club members or a quarter of the membership of the Club, whichever is the smaller. Such meetings must take place within ten days of the requisition which shall state the precise nature of the resolution to be discussed.

The Committee shall meet as and when required without formal notice.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

All Officers, Committee Members and Ordinary Members of the Club shall contribute an annual subscription the amount of which will be discussed and agreed each year at the AGM.

The subscription shall fall due on 1st August in each year and any member whose subscription is not paid by the 30th September shall cease to be a member of the Club from that date.

Any new member joining the Club after 1st May will be exempt from subscription payment until August of that year.

The rate for Table Money shall be fixed by the committee who are empowered to alter the amount as and when they find it desirable.

FINANCE

The moneys and other resources owned by the Club shall be held by the Treasurer and administered by the Committee.

No part of the Club's assets shall be expended other than on the activities of the Club except with the consent of the full Membership at the AGM or at an EGM.

A Statement of Accounts shall be prepared annually by the Treasurer and audited by auditor(s) elected at the preceding AGM.

MEMBERSHIP

The Committee shall appoint a Membership Secretary. Acceptance of an application for membership of the Club shall be at the discretion of the Membership Secretary. If the Membership Secretary intends to reject an application, such rejection must be approved by the Committee of the Club.

GENERAL

All members shall be bound at all times by the Constitution and Rules of the Club.

The Committee is empowered to make such additional rules as they consider necessary to the running of the Club and any such rule shall be considered effective until the date of the AGM at which time it may be confirmed or set aside as so desired by a majority of the membership.

Any question relating to the interpretation or validity of any part of the Constitution and Rules of the Club shall be decided by the Committee and, if necessary, their decision ratified at the AGM or an EGM.

Any part of the Constitution and Rules of the Club may be amended by a majority vote at a General meeting provided full details of the proposed amendment(s) have been published to all members prior to the date of the meeting.

It is the responsibility of individual members to notify the Secretary of any change of address or other contact details. Any club notices sent to the last known address of a member shall be deemed properly delivered.

DISSOLUTION

If at any time due to the withdrawal of members or other causes the Committee considers it necessary to dissolve the Club they shall call a Special General meeting. If the members present at the Meeting elect by simple majority to dissolution, the Committee shall be empowered to sell the effects of the Club and after paying all just debts to dispose of the balance in such a way as the Meeting shall determine.

April 2017

CRAWLEY BRIDGE CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2017

2016	2017	2016	2017
-£3,400.00 HIRE OF PREMISES	-£4,185.00	£4,500.00 TABLE MONEY	£6,216.50
-£915.09 P2P	-£953.74	£130.00 SUBSCRIPTIONS	£144.00
-£35.00 EBU AFFILIATION FEE	-£35.00	£10.92 INTEREST	£12.45
-£824.67 STATIONERY	-£208.52	£174.50 RAFFLE	
-£5.00 SECURITY CARDS		£15.00 XMAS PARTY	
-£28.80 SHIELD ENGRAVING	-£8.40	COLLECTION	£384.00
-£189.94 REFRESHMENTS & PRIZES	-£120.81	£2,486.00 LESSONS	£936.00
-£53.47 CARDS & FLOWERS	-£62.59	£60.00 BEGINNER'S BOOKS	
-£174.50 DONATIONS	-£462.00	GRATTONS MEMBERSHIP	£840.00
-£284.50 COMPETITIONS	-£170.50		
-£21.07 POSTAGE & PHOTOCOPYING	-£10.85		
-£390.00 BUFFET	-£619.00		
-£40.00 BRIDGEWEBS	-£40.00		
-£9.00 SCOREBRIDGE	-£90.00		
-£17.00 LESSON EXPENSES	-£20.00		
-£450.50 PUBLICITY			
-£30.00 SERVICES			
GRATTONS MEMBERSHIP	-£840.00		
BRIDGEMATES	-£1,988.20		
	-£9,814.61		£8,532.95
EXCESS OF EXPENDSITURE OVER INCOI	£1,281.66		

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2017

ACCUMULATED FUND B/FWD 1/4/2014	£5,214.43	CASH AT BUILDING SOCIETY	£3,932.77
DEDUCT LOSS FOR YEAR	-£1,281.66	CASH IN HAND	
	<u>£3,932.77</u>		<u>£3,932.77</u>

NOTE:-

THE CLUB OWNS CERTAIN ASSETS, MAINLY BRIDGEMATES, BUT INCLUDING BOARDS AND STATIONERY WHICH HAVE BEEN FULLY DEPRECIATED. HOWEVER, IN THE OPINION OF THE TEASURER THESE ASSETS WOULD HAVE A REALISABLE VALUE OF £2100.
MEMBERS ALSO HAVE DOOR KEYS, FUNDED BY THE CLUB, WORTH £360

A. Litchfield

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HON. TREASURER

I HAVE EXAMINED THE BOOKS OF CRAWLEY BRIDGE CLUB FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2017 AND HAVE OBTAINED SUCH INFORMATION AS WAS NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MY AUDIT. I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE ACCOUNTS ARE CORRECT AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOOKS AND INFORMATION FURNISHED TO ME.

C. Mills

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HON. AUDITOR