

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
BRIDGE D'ALBRET
LES MICHELETTES MEZIN
TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2016
MINUTES

Present : Lynne Johnstone, Daniele Gilder, Robin Brumwell, Christine McArdle, Anna Suter, Phil & Sandra Appleby, Lavinia Pearce, Deb & Bob Hall, Ann Elliott, Irene Barker, Peter & Anna Dobson, Ann & Ronnie Johnston

Apologies : Sue Russell, Paul & Sylvia Hames, Peter & Bernadette Cummins, Lesley Feltham

1. Confirmation of Committee Members :
President : Sue Russell elected unopposed
Treasurer : Daniele Gilder confirmed unopposed
Secretary : Lynne Johnstone confirmed unopposed
Sue Stephens & Robin Brumwell confirmed unopposed
2. Treasurer's Draft Financial Report discussed. Report will be finalised as soon as we have the next Bank Statement to hand. Discussion about expenses, after which 850 Euros was confirmed as a Statement of Intent for annual spending levels.
3. Change to **winter** playing times discussed and approved by the majority (3 members opposed) to be trialled until the end of this year, **commencing next week**.
Regular Club playing time will be Thursday afternoon 2.30pm, except for the 2nd Thursday of each month when it will be Thursday evening at 6.30pm. Whether this will be Gentle Duplicate evening still to be decided.
Tuesday evening 6.30pm will be an optional extra evening for those keen to play and it will be important to confirm whether you are attending.
Time and place for beginners lessons to be discussed with Sue Russell.
4. Long discussion re : Gentle Duplicate Evening. Essential to retain it. Mitchell Movement idea approved, but Christine explained it depends on the number of people attending. Less boards to be played, more slowly, with discussion. If all hands are not played this will not affect the scoring, which the majority wished to be retained.
5. Annual Subscription to remain at 5 Euros and 3 Euros for summer visitors, plus 1 Euro to play. Christine's suggestion of an annual fee was discussed briefly and will be considered for the future. New Subscription Slips to be completed.
6. Prizes for winners not a good idea.
7. No payment for lessons, but Sue R. should be reimbursed her expenses. Beginners should be encouraged to come every week not just on GD days.
8. Christine will organise Lawn Star Trophy competition between now and the end of the year. Taking the best 4 results averaged over a 7 week period when there are at least 3 tables.
9. Christine will organise for us to take part in the SIMS Tournament in June next year.

- 10 It was resolved that the Bridge Club funds should not be regarded as a source for charitable giving --which more properly belongs to the individual members acting in an individual manner.
Further discussion ensued regarding using Club funds to send flowers, etc. as congratulations or condolence to Members, plus a suggestion of a separate levy for this purpose.
11. Christmas Lunch suggested date Tuesday 12th (not a Wednesday). 5 venues suggested. Sue R to liaise with Robin.
12. Anna & Lynne will continue to organise Bridge Loto.
13. Mézin Bulletin report on Bridge Club with photos will be done by Anna S.