

GODSTONE BRIDGE CLUB

MINUTES OF A.G.M. HELD ON WEDNESDAY 08 JUNE 2016 at 19.00 hrs

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

24 members present. Apologies for absence from Camilla & Roger Blackburn and David Parker

2. Last Year's AGM Minutes were approved, and there were no matters arising.

3. Secretary's Introduction

Due to the sad, recent death of Colin Thomas there was no Chairman's report, and the Secretary (Martin Fuller) conducted the meeting up to the election of a new Chairman (Item 5).

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer (Terry Sparrow) distributed and presented the completed accounts.

A surplus of £615 accrued over the year compared with £392 the previous year. Income from subscriptions and table money was practically identical to the previous year whilst Membership had increased from 49 to 55. Most items of expenditure were largely similar to the previous year, the main differences being Consumables (up by £175) and Stationery (down by £267, because the previous year we had invested in new bidding cards). In addition, there had been no fees for outside Competitions and, surprisingly, no invoice for Trophy Engraving. Net assets now stand at £3893.

There were no questions, and the accounts were approved unanimously. Martin Davies was thanked for examining them, as was David Parker for acting as an Independent Examiner.

5. Election of Officers and Committee

Existing Committee Member Martin Davies was proposed, seconded and approved unanimously as the new Chairman. The other existing Committee Members agreed to stand again and in the absence of any other nominations, the Committee is now:-

Chairman	Martin Davies
Treasurer	Terry Sparrow
Secretary	Martin Fuller
Committee Members	Gillian Thomas Honor Shearing

6. Competition Awards, 2015-16

The new Chairman (Martin Davies) presented the awards, which were as follows:-

Individual	Colin & Gillian Thomas (joint-equal winners)
Pairs	Colin & Gillian Thomas
Teams (Geoff Smith Salver)	Colin & Gillian Thomas Reg & Judy Hull
Boffa Bowl	Martin Fuller & Peter Mornement

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7. Continuation of Saturday Evening Functions

This was included as a separate Agenda item since Colin Thomas, along with Gillian, used to be the main organisers of these functions, and obviously their continuation will require other Members fill the void.

There was a very encouraging response from the floor, and a number of Members offered their help. Additional to Gillian, these were: Annegret & Ian Duerden, Terry Sparrow, Martin Davies, and Joan Maynard. They agreed to liaise, initially to try to ensure that the upcoming function on June 18 went ahead, and longer term to devise an organisational framework for their continuation.

8. Any Other Business

Reg Hull, as one of the Teams winners, wondered whether we would be entering the Wanborough Cup this year. Obviously the winning team could not enter due to the death of Colin Thomas. It was thrown open to the floor as to whether any of the other eligible members would like to participate, but there were no offers. It was agreed that, if a team could be assembled then, as is customary, the Club would be more than happy to pay the entrance fee.

Martin Davies raised the subject of Directors for Club sessions, especially as we are now one less. He mentioned a Director's Course that could be attended, although David Broom said that he had never attended such a course, and had learned from experience and recourse to the rule book. Nevertheless, it was felt that at least one more Director was needed and if anyone would like to attend a course, then the Committee would probably look favourably on funding it, especially in view of the current favourable financial situation.

Terry Sparrow raised the point that some Members had expressed a wish for a wider choice of refreshments, and especially teas, during Club sessions. Martin Fuller suggested that those Members purchased the items of their choice, the cost of which the Treasurer would be more than happy to refund upon presentation of the relevant receipt.

Gillian Thomas raised the subject of our current lack of participation in SIMS events, and there seemed to be a favourable reaction from the floor in our reinstating these. Martin Fuller pointed out that we discontinued them when we did because (a) a number of Members did not like them, and (b) we traditionally had an embarrassingly small number of tables when we did participate. However, if the situation has improved since then, the Secretary said that he would be happy to look into the possibility again.

And finally, on behalf of the Membership, Evelyn Brodie thanked the Committee for their contributions over the year.

There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 19.40 hrs.