

GOSPORT BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 30th August 2016 at Stubbington Methodist Church Hall.

The meeting opened at 1900 with Chairman Phil Downham in the Chair and 26 members present.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Mike and Marilyn Mollart-Rogerson, Jean Ruskin, Malcolm Healey, Tom Hogarth and Alan Burgess.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM held on Tuesday 9th September 2015 and Matters Arising.

These minutes had been available on the Club website and notice board for the last year. They were not formally read but the secretary summarised them and were accepted as a true record of the meeting as proposed by Jean Ruskin, seconded by Julian Sykes with nil against.

3. Chairman's Report.

Phil reported that the Club was still afloat, just, and that we were averaging 5 + tables at Duplicate Pairs nights, usually more during the winter and less during the summer holiday season. We have negotiated with the Solent Bridge League that they would have fewer sessions for catch up matches so that we could offer more regular pairs sessions. The Committee had considered various ideas to attract more members and regular attendance, we felt that with electronic scoring and by publishing the hands played by using curtain cards we were a modern forward looking club but any suggestions from the membership would be discussed and considered. Last year our team had won the NICKO Plate Competition for teams knocked out in the first round of the main competition, in other competitions this year we had not been so successful. (The secretary pointed out that competition results were reported regularly in the committee minutes.)

In Club Competitions the Club Pairs had been won by Phil Downham and Mac Nurmohamed and the Mixed Pairs had been won by Phil again playing with Mo Osborne. Roz (Vice Chairman) presented these trophies to applause and congratulations. Our magnificent new Trophy, The Mac Lowcock Memorial Cup for the best results using EBU grading to determine handicaps has been won by Mike and Marilyn Mollart Rogerson who were unfortunately not present but who will be presented with the trophy at the next meeting they attend and we shall invite Mac's sons to come to present them with it. Mike and Marilyn also won the prize for the best attendance at Pairs evenings along with Mo again. This three attended 30 out of 37 sessions and so all receive a box of chocolates and applause.

4. Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer Nigel Tay presented his financial report. The accounts have yet to be inspected by Kim Beazley but arrangements are in hand for him to do so. Income was £2,510, mostly table money and subscriptions. Expenditure was £2,710 mostly hire of the hall and P2P fees to the EBU, but including coffee and a directors course for Nigel. We have £2158 in cash and at the bank with debts of £466 for hall hire and P2P. Our net assets are therefore £1,692 which is £200 less than last year. Nigel and the committee felt that our financial situation is satisfactory and annual subscriptions (due) and table money remain unchanged at £5 and £2 respectively. It was proposed by Pat Lane, seconded by Pauline Bishop that the accounts be accepted and this was passed unopposed.

5. Election of Officers and Inspector of Accounts.

There were no volunteers to join the Club Committee (new members are welcome at any time) and so it was proposed by Adrian Fontes, seconded by John Jones that the current Officers and Inspector of Accounts be re-elected. This was accepted unopposed and the Club Officers for the next year are:-

Chairman	Phil Downham
Vice Chairman	Roz Reid
Secretary	Phil Runchman
Treasurer	Nigel Tay
Committee Member	Shirley Corner
Inspector of Accounts	Kim Beazley

6. SBL and Next Season's Programme

A draft programme for the next year has been posted on the website (paper copies are available for members without internet access). The SBL AGM is next week followed by bridge, with pairs on the remaining Tuesdays in September. SBL will play on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from October to March with GBC playing pairs on the 2nd, 4th, (5th) Tuesdays and on all Tuesdays from April to August. The AGM will be on 29th August 2017. Dates for simultaneous pairs, Pottage Qualifier, and Club Competitions will be decided and promulgated by the committee in due course as some dates are not yet available. We shall unfortunately not be able to play Children in Need Sims as this falls on an SBL night.

7. Any Other Business.

There were no items raised and Clare Palmer proposed a vote of thanks to the Club Committee for their work over the last year.

The meeting closed at 1920 in order to play some bridge.