

KINGSTON SEYMOUR BRIDGE CLUB

Notes of Annual General Meeting held on 25th January 2022 on Zoom

Present: Liz Hale (Chair), Howard Davies, Joe Patrick, John Cockram, Daphne Patrick, Tim Mather, Sandra Sharp Derek Sutton, Patricia Ewing, Carolyn Waite, Pauline Wilding, Sylvia Stokes, Patti Craven-Wilkinson, Terry Bayley, Judith James, Graham Daniel, Martyn Macdonald, Jenny Gostlin, Mark Gostlin (19)

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Sue Wilson, Andrew Weller, Christine Weller, Ivan Gerstel, Ann Bawdon, Ken Bawdon, Mike Fearon, Sylvia Fearon, Norman Renfrew, Muriel Renfrew, Martin Holcombe, Judy Holcombe, Terry Yearsly, Ann Yearsley, Brian Cherry, Rodger Calderbank, Glenda Horner, David Sands, Sandra Jones, Veronica Hobbs, Salma Daniel, Mary Filmer (22)
2. **Minutes of Last Meeting** – Proposed Carolyn Waite, Seconded by Tricia Ewing
Unanimously accepted by all present.
3. **Matters Arising** – None.
4. **Chairman's Report** – Liz started her address by welcoming new Members and then continued.

2021 was a difficult year for everyone.

I was certainly not expecting to be acting chair of the club. However I took on the role in February following Graham's retirement and this has certainly kept me on my toes.

The club has survived and thrived, and that is down to you all but is especially due to the committee members and a few other individuals who have really helped with all the organisation. A great deal has occurred in the last year. A significant number of us have played a lot of Bridge on-line initially in Somerset but more at our club nights on RealBridge. We did get back to face to face in September for 4 months. It was lovely to see everyone, especially those who had not played on-line.

Somerset Contract Bridge Association gave us a very generous grant towards a new computer and help with Covid precautions which was wonderful.

Another development in the summer was 'Woodspring On-line', our collaboration with Clevedon and Portishead, playing RealBridge on Friday evenings.

Our A and B teams have continued to compete (via RB) in the Somerset League. Tricia and Graham captaining and organising the teams.

The club has continued to run due to a lot of work behind the scenes. The committee, ie Patti, Carolyn, Daphne, Tim, Tricia, and myself have met regularly on Zoom and managed to have fun in between the jobs.

I must also mention Tony and Graham for their help in directing and running RB, and Andrew Weller with his help with the computer and scoring on club nights.

Martin Holcombe for his very instructive (and entertaining) teaching sessions. Hopefully, more will also follow this year!

Finally I want to extend special thanks to Graham Daniel for all the work he has done over his 6 years in the chair, and his continuing help in organising and setting up RealBridge and helping solve our IT problems. The club is in a really strong position thanks to him.

For the future. The club now has over 60 members which is amazing. I hope we can capitalise on this and play more Bridge. I hope the links we have forged with Clevedon and Portishead, and Nailsea Bridge Clubs go from strength to strength. It would be lovely to see more players entering competitions outside our club, especially any Somerset ones. I hope some more of you will volunteer to help with the running of the club, as we always need 'new blood' to keep things going, for new ideas, and improvements.

Let's hope 2022 is less eventful and we play more Bridge!

Liz Hale (Acting Chair Kingston Seymour Bridge Club)

5. **Treasurer's Report** – Financial Statement attached.

Tricia had issued her report in advance of the meeting together with a detailed financial statement. Tricia did not read out her report at the meeting but did reiterate that the committee had decided that club fees would be reintroduced this year, namely; a £10 membership fee, and table money remaining the same.

Tricia then invited members to ask questions.

John Cockram asked what the Balance sheet looked like? Tricia responded by saying that the club had net assets of £2029.54 which is represented by accumulated funds of -£25.09 and £2054.63 brought forward from the previous year.

Tricia pointed out that she had received a couple of email questions regarding the need to reintroduce the fees this year to which Tricia explained that:-

We do need a membership fee as a club otherwise we wouldn't know we had members
It also goes to cover one off fees such as insurance etc

This means that we don't need to increase our weekly table money fees so that we can
encourage people back to playing face to face Bridge and keep numbers up.

To cover an increase in expenditure over the coming year, for example village hall costs.

Derek Sutton questioned the need for this years membership fee bearing in mind that the club appeared to be in such a healthy financial position. For instance why not just have a members joining fee to make a note of members.

Tricia corrected Derek about the previous members fee which had been £10 for some time and that last year we had introduced a new members fee of £5 while existing members remained free.

Liz pointed out that we do need to keep a contingent fund to replace existing deteriorating equipment, new, tablets for example, computer software, and replacing playing cards. In addition we continue to support our teams, and with costs going up, the surplus which we do have will quickly diminish.

Tricia then pointed out that the total of the years membership fee of say £500 would cover all the insurance, and different licence fees that the club has to pay.

Patti Craven-Wilkinson then proposed acceptance of the accounts and Sanda Sharp seconded. and the accounts were accepted

6. Election of Officers and Committee Members –

Tim explained that all the existing committee members were willing to stand again. Since Graham resigned earlier this year the committee had been operating with 2 fewer committee members, but we do have one new volunteer willing to join us, namely Terry Bayley. So we will still be running with a man short and we do hope that in the future we will get new blood to join us.

Tim went on to say that because there were no further nominations and with the committee running a man short there is no need for an election.

Tim went on to read out the list of Proposers and Seconders for committee nominations

Daphne Patrick, President – proposed by Liz Hale, seconded by Tim Mather
Liz Hale, Chairman – proposed by Tricia Ewing seconded by Carolyn Waite
Tim Mather, Secretary – proposed by Brian Cherry, seconded Tony Bowler
Tricia Ewing, Treasurer – proposed by Liz Hale, seconded by Carolyn Waite
Patti Craven-Wilkinson, – proposed by Carolyn Waite, seconded by Tim Mather
Carolyn Waite – proposed by Patti Craven-Wilkinson seconded by Tim Mather
Terry Bayley - proposed by Tim Mather, seconded by Liz Hale.

Tim explained that like last year, nominations had been handled amongst committee members ourselves because we haven't been meeting face to face, but there was no need for a vote and the nominated committee members would be put in place.

7. Matters Raised by Members –

Liz explained that we are planning to go back to playing face to face at the village hall at the beginning of February and that we would like to have the ability to make tea or coffee at some point in the future. We are also expecting people to wear masks.

John Cockram pointed out that Government Guidance was that we do not need to wear masks from 9th February. He also mentioned that his biggest concern was being able to make tea or coffee and he asked the committee to look at this. Liz replied that we would look into this.

Joe Patrick expressed the wish to play more boards on an evening and Liz agreed we would look at this. Tricia mentioned that the village hall was planning to install a hot water urn. Liz's idea was that everyone who wanted a drink should bring their own mug to avoid the problem of washing up afterwards but we were not thinking of a break as such. Tricia mentioned that Patti had agreed to organise coffee and tea making when we think it's safe to do so.

Finally Sylvia Stokes wanted to say thank you to all the committee and helpers for their work over the past year.

Kingston Seymour Bridge Club – Treasurer's Report for 2021

Another year impacted by Covid has again led to somewhat atypical levels of income and expenditure, culminating in a small deficit of £25.09 for the year (compared to a 2020 surplus of £210.65).

Significantly, playing fees were buoyed this year by the successful introduction of RealBridge (online play) for the majority of our members (and some non-members) - a trend set to continue with face-to-face play again temporarily suspended in January 2022.

Consequently, although 2021 membership fees were suspended for existing (and reduced for new) members, their reinstatement for the coming year would improve our chances of returning to an annual surplus.

A generous grant from SCBA covered the entire cost of our investment in new IT equipment (plus some Covid related expenses), which has future-proofed our technical needs for some time to come.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, our accumulated fund of more than £2,100 (total of annual surpluses, less deficits), is represented by our current net assets & liabilities (i.e. cash & bank balances less creditors detailed below), leaving a very healthy "buffer" to cover any unforeseen or "one off" expenditure arising in 2022 and beyond (e.g. replacement tablets).

Bank/cash balances of almost £2,600 at 31.12.21 include nearly £500 of playing fees received in advance for 2022 sessions, so shown as a Balance Sheet creditor.

An additional £80 creditor is included for Nov & Dec Woodspring RealBridge costs not billed by Clevedon & Portishead BC until Jan 2022.

The committee have discussed the accounts, and subject to approval at the AGM would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Annual membership fee of £10 to be reinstated.
2. Table monies to remain the same [Face-to-face: £2 members (£3 non-members), Teaching: £3 for all, Online: £1.50 for all.]

Patricia Ewing
KSBC Treasurer

**KINGSTON SEYMOUR BRIDGE CLUB
ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE

	Yr. Ending 31.12.21	Yr. Ending 31.12.20
<u>INCOME</u>		
Membership Fees	52.00	490.00
Playing Fees		
- Face to Face	604.00	557.00
- Online	1246.50	0.00
- Training sessions	198.00	52.00
	<u>2048.50</u>	<u>609.00</u>
Other Income		
- Bank Interest	0.22	1.35
- Nailsea Bridge Club (BridgeTabs)	50.00	30.00
- Charity Collections	150.00	89.00
- SCBA grants/reimbursements	539.86	76.00
	<u>740.08</u>	<u>196.35</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>2840.58</u>	<u>1295.35</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Face to Face play		
- Hall hire	420.00	232.50
- Duplimate	75.00	65.00
- EBU P2P fees	183.96	146.78
- Refreshments	0.00	28.14
- Covid measures/precautions	89.45	0.00
	<u>768.41</u>	<u>472.42</u>
Online play		
- RealBridge charges	328.92	0.00
- KSBC		
- Woodspring	57.18	0.00
- Clevedon & Portishead	15.00	0.00
- EBU P2P fees	354.30	0.00
	<u>755.40</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Training sessions		
- Hall hire	120.00	96.00
Other playing costs		
- EBU Affiliation & Insurance	101.70	74.70
- BridgeWebs licence	48.00	48.00
- BridgeTabs licence	76.45	82.36
- ScoreBridge licences	31.00	31.00
- Competition costs	110.00	20.00
	<u>367.15</u>	<u>256.06</u>
Equipment & Stationery (inc. replacement laptop etc)	574.91	48.28
Christmas party	65.00	0.00
Charity Donations	180.91	189.00
Miscellaneous expenses	33.89	22.94
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>2865.67</u>	<u>1084.70</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>(25.09)</u>	<u>210.65</u>

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BALANCE SHEET

	Yr. Ending 31.12.21	Yr. Ending 31.12.20
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Bank Balances - Barclays Current A/C	561.22	39.62
- Barclays Savings A/C	2027.18	2003.10
Cash	6.00	11.91
	<u>2594.40</u>	<u>2054.63</u>
Debtors & Prepayments - Playing Fees arrears	0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>2594.40</u>	<u>2054.63</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Creditors & Accruals - Playing Fees received in advance	485.50	0.00
- Clevedon/Woodspring Online costs	79.36	0.00
	<u>564.86</u>	<u>0.00</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>2029.54</u>	<u>2054.63</u>
REPRESENTED BY :-		
Accumulated Fund - Brought Forward	2054.63	1843.98
- Surplus /(Deficit) for the Year	(25.09)	210.65
- Carried Forward	<u>2029.54</u>	<u>2054.63</u>