

KINGSTON SEYMOUR BRIDGE CLUB

Notes of Annual General Meeting held on 31st January 2023 at the village hall

Present: Liz Hale (Chair), Graham Daniel, Tony Bowler, Tricia Ewing, Carolyn Waite, Daphne Patrick, Joe Patrick, Martyn Macdonald, Sandra Jones, Maurice Perl, Ann Bawdon, Ken Bawdon, Tim Mather(13)

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Sue Wilson, Andrew Weller, Christine Weller, Mike Fearon, Sylvia Fearon, Norman Renfrew, Muriel Renfrew, Martin Holcombe, Judy Holcombe, Terry Yearsly, Ann Yearsley, Rodger Calderbank, David Sands, Howard Davies, Michael Bird, Terry Bayley, Patti-Craven-Wilkinson, Sylvia Stokes (18)
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 everyone and then continued.
 - Firstly, I shall say this will not be a long speech!Another year has flown by, the good news is we are all back playing more bridge and there are more of us doing so, both Online and face to face. Our face to face table numbers since the pandemic have gradually been increasing.
Sadly, we have lost a few members, but we have been pleased to welcome some new faces both at face to face and on Realbridge [our collaboration sessions with Clevedon and Portishead bridge club]
The club is solvent, which is always good news. We have started some teaching initiatives to try and attract new players. Daphne is teaching 6 complete beginners one evening a week. It's a 16 week course and they have done 12 weeks now. Tricia has organised some gentle play sessions on alternate Monday afternoons, collaborating again with Mike Tracy from Clevedon PBC. These are going well and are aimed at improvers. Hopefully we can get the beginners to have a try at these sessions as there are always experts on hand to advise and help.

The county league team [a squad of 6] has been doing very well winning most of its matches so far, albeit, we are in the bottom division.

The club, thanks to you all, raised a great deal of money for Children in Need again this year.

I would like to thank my committee – Tricia our treasurer who has done a fantastic job managing all the money from RealBridge and our table fees etc etc.. Tim who is the unsung hero with his secretarial skills, website updates and keeping us all on our toes. Carolyn and Patti who always help and support whenever needed and setup the hall and drinks each week. Daphne for all her sage advice, help and teaching. Terry who has now taken over the role of competitions and team organiser. I would also like to thank Andrew and Tony who are not on the committee but help with the computer scoring face to face. Graham, Tony, Tim who, with myself and alongside Mike Tracy and Micheal Wigmore from CPBC, take part in the rota for the Realbridge set up and direction. However, we always need helping hands and would welcome new volunteers to the committee.

That's all our news, thank you everyone. Long may we enjoy our bridge!

Liz Hale (Chair Kingston Seymour Bridge Club)

5. Treasurer's Report – 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.

Tricia then invited members to ask questions.

Daphne asked why the cost of dealing the cards had risen from £5 to £8 and Tricia responded by saying that this was due to increasing admin and electricity costs.

Tricia mentioned that there was no intention to increase hall fees for the foreseeable future and therefore the committee's proposal was that the membership fees and table money fees for both face to face and RealBridge would remain the same for the coming year. Graham Daniel proposed the motion and Daphne Patrick seconded. This was passed unanimously.

6. Election of Officers and Committee Members –

Tim explained that all the existing committee members were willing to stand again.

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 Heather Spalding seconded by Tricia Ewing

Liz Hale, Chairman – proposed by Barbara Parker seconded by Tricia Ewing

Tim Mather, Secretary – proposed by Heather Spalding, seconded Tricia Ewing

Tricia Ewing, Treasurer – proposed by Patti-Craven-Wilkinson, seconded by Heather Spalding

Patti Craven-Wilkinson, – proposed by Carolyn Waite, seconded by Heather Spalding.

Carolyn Waite – proposed by Patti Craven-Wilkinson seconded by Heather Spalding

Terry Bayley - proposed by Tricia Ewing, seconded by Liz Hale.

Tim explained that there was no need for a vote and the nominated committee members would be put in place.

7. Matters Raised by Members –

Daphne wished to thank the committee for all their work and also Ken Bawdon for charging the tablets and bringing them together with the router each week that we share with Nailsea Bridge club. Tricia mentioned that it was grate that everyone helps to clear up at the end of the evening.

Maurice Perl asked how many members did the club have and Liz answered 65 though only 46 had played face to face bridge sometime during the year and that there were some members who had joined specifically to play bridge On-line on Friday evenings.

Liz mentioned that we were entering the Michael Coda Cup this year on February 14th. Liz also mentioned that Mike Tracy from Clevedon & Portishead Bridge Club had suggested that they could also run the Michael Coda Cup on RealBridge and wondered if Graham Daniel could check this out.

Tricia pointed out that donations for this charity event should be made direct to SCBA.

With no further questions the meeting ended to be followed by an evenings bridge

Kingston Seymour Bridge Club - Treasurer's Report for 2022

With the impact of Covid **now (hopefully)** behind **us**, club finances **are** looking healthier **again**, returning to **a surplus** of £248.67 for the year (compared to a small 2021 deficit of £25.09).

Membership fees were reinstated (having **been** temporarily suspended in 2021) and, with face-**to-face play** back in full swing, **playing** fees continue to be boosted by RealBridge (online) sessions still **enjoyed** by many **of our** members.

We received another generous grant from SCBA, this time **towards** the cost of running our popular "**supported play**" training sessions.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, **our** accumulated fund of nearly £2,300 (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 2023 and beyond (**e.g.** replacement **tablets**).

Bank/**cash balances** of almost £3,000 at 31.12.22 **include more** than £600 of playing fees received in advance for 2023 sessions, so shown as a Balance Sheet creditor.

An additional £96 creditor **is** included **for Nov & Dec Woodspring** RealBridge costs not billed by Clevedon & Portishead BC until early 2023. The committee have discussed the accounts, **and subject** to **approval** at the AGM would like to make the **following** recommendations:

1. Annual membership fees to remain at £10.
2. Table monies to **stay** the same

[Face-~~to~~-face: £2 members (£3 non-members), Online: £1.50 for all].

Patricia Ewing
KSBC Treasurer