

Merseyside Bridge Centre
Minutes of A G M 1.9.2014

Present 59 Apologies 21

Minutes of AGM 2.9.2013 adopted without amendment

Matters arising from last AGM None

Reports:

1. Chairman: See separate sheet attached to these minutes.
2. Treasurer: Expenditure exceeded income by £2014 primarily due to the subsidy of £3011 paid towards our anniversary weekend in Llandudno. Attendance has reduced and therefore Income from table money, bar takings and subscriptions has dropped. Income from lessons and gentle has shown a downward trend and we are concerned that, as no lessons are yet planned for September, there will be a further reduction of income from this source. Net assets stand @ £14762 after deduction of £5000 Property Reserve. Accounts have been examined and found correct for submission to this meeting. Accounts adopted.

Election of General Committee

Since our last AGM Duncan Rennie has retired from office due to work commitments. Our treasurer Peter Swarbrick is not seeking re election. The remaining committee members are prepared to remain in office. The following new committee members were proposed, seconded and approved:-

David Lane-Joynt (Treasurer), Pam Fish, Gill Jennings & John Fay. Norman King thanked Peter for all his work during his term in office which was also acknowledged by those present.

Election of Disciplinary Committee

Re elected en bloc.

Any other business

- 1) Screen Timer: Following discussion it was agreed that, for a trial period of 3 months, a timer be introduced on Mondays.
- 2) Cancelled & Discontinued Events: 2 weekend events were cancelled last year (Merseyside & Deeside Cup & Charity pairs) both due to insufficient entries. The World Simultaneous has been withdrawn as we only had 7 tables last year and also an overall financial loss.

Note: We were due to hold our Annual Anniversary Pairs on 14th of September but again, due to lack of numbers, this event has also been cancelled.

3) Movement (Howell/Mitchell): This enquiry relates to Friday sessions where we historically play 27/28 boards. The average number of tables is 4/5 but occasionally down to three. On only two occasions during the past 6 months have we had 7 full tables. It was agreed that in future if we do have 7 or more we would play a Mitchell. Any less than 7 we will continue with Howell.

4) Abolition of Handicaps: A suggestion that all handicaps be withdrawn. In addition to the 4 duplicate sessions we currently have 5 other events that have different handicaps. In an effort to spread the chances of all members winning various events the consensus of the meeting was that the existing handicaps should remain. No formal motion was tabled and therefore the status quo will remain.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15.