

## Seaford Bridge Club AGM 2016

Minutes of the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 in the Sutton Hall, Wave Leisure Centre, Seaford

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 13:25.

### 1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Françoise Bruce, Bridget and Chris Constantinos, Chris and Hugh Creamer, Colin and Joy Graham-Hyde, Barbara Harper, Alan and Carol Hughes, Mike and June Lee, Betty Sharp, Julia Walker, Sylvia Winterburn

### 2. Minutes of the 2015 AGM.

The minutes of the 2015 AGM were accepted as a true record of last year's meeting.

*Proposed* David Neech      *Seconded* Mike Bennell

### 3. Chairman's report.

The Chairman said that he would keep his report short as there was a lot to get through today. He said how much he had enjoyed his tenure as Chairman and that the 40<sup>th</sup> AGM was a fitting time to hand over to a fresh pair of hands. In his enthusiasm to make the Club the best, he had perhaps been guilty of increasing its size without thought to the consequences, so there were probably too many Members!! In that regard he believed the merger of our Club with the Southdown Bridge Club, which would have increased the number of Members further, to be unviable.

He noted that whilst we still remained within the upper limit of 15 tables per session the increase in attendance has meant 2 boards a table, on occasions, which was less fun and certainly led to difficulties moving around the rooms. However, thankfully, there had been very few complaints

*Deaths:* Beryl Stroud in February 2015, Pierre Priem in August 2015 and Warwick Silber in September 2015. All sadly missed.

With the Hon Secretary, Michele, standing down from the role after 4 years and as a token of the Club's appreciation for all her hard work over this time, she was presented with a small gift. The Chairman thanked the rest of the Committee for their hard work throughout the year in particular to Marie Bawden and Heidi Howlett who were also retiring this year. The Chairman extended his thanks to those who had Directed and Scored without them the Club could not function properly.

The Christmas Party had been a great success once again and he thanked all those that assisted in making it such a wonderful evening. Also, he hoped that Members enjoyed the smaller Tuesday bash and that this might become a regular occurrence.

### 4. Treasurer's report.

The accounts, which had been audited by David Abrahams, and had been displayed on the Club board for several weeks, were approved as a true record.

*Proposed* by Roger Chapman      *Seconded* by David Willetts

### 5. Election of the Committee.

There being more than one member standing for election as Chairman a vote by secret ballot was

held. Peter Parsons was duly elected. The following members stood for election to the committee unopposed:

Carol Gillespie	Secretary	Hugh Creamer	Committee Member
Hugh Basden-Smith	Treasurer	Michele Conway	Committee Member
		John Gillespie	Committee Member
		Tony Thorpe	Committee Member

*Proposed* Peter Brain      *Seconded* Rowena Auger

**6. Proposed subscription & table money.**

Members should all have had access to the Notice informing them of the Committees decision to raise the Subscription to £15 and lower the Table Money to £1. After some discussion during which a minority disagreed with the proposal a vote, by show of hands, passed the proposal. It was agreed the new Committee would keep the matter under review for the forthcoming year.

**7. Competition winners 2015**

Four competitions again - one for each season. Congratulations to:

<i>Spring</i>	Leslie Fowle/Sheila Smith and AlistairDunbar/Diana Stevens
<i>Summer</i>	Rowena & Martin Auger and Michele Conway/Midge Carter
<i>Autumn</i>	Ruth Skinner/David Manthorpe and Margaret Reader/Pauline Clarke
<i>Winter</i>	Rowena & Martin Auger and MicheleConway/Midge Carter

*Grand Slam winners*

Warwick Silber/Peter Brain, Michele Conway/Roger Chapman, David Neech/Ben Bennell, Angela Patrick/John Cappello, Margo Ayers/Jo Green, Alistair Dunbar/Michele Conway, Peter Tyack/Heidi Howlett, Peter Brian/Ruth Skinner and MicheleConway/Francoise Basden-Smith.

*The highest percentage score*

74% was achieved on 10 February 2015 by Alistair Dunbar and Diana Stevens. £5 each to them for their achievement.

**8. 2016 Competitions.**

It was agreed unanimously that they would continue in the same form.

**9. Any other business.**

Following on from last years' amendment to the Constitution it was necessary to amend the date for collection of Subscriptions. Members should all have seen the Notice and the amendment was simply to change the words *January* to *March* in Paragraph 9 of the Constitution. The amendment was approved unanimously.

On behalf of members Sheila Smith congratulated Peter Parsons on his appointment as chairman and thanked the Committee for all their hard work throughout the year and wished them every success for the forthcoming year.

**10 Any |Other Business** There being no other business the meeting closed at 13.55.