

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT OAKE ON 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014

1. The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the AGM. This was followed by a short period of remembrance for John Cousins, Helena Dodge and Ivy Lynas.

2. Apologies for Absence

Pip Duncan, Donne Hoong, Deborah Lill, Caroline Macpherson, Joe and Daphne Patrick, Tony Russ, Colin Simcox and John and Betty Smithson.

3. Approval of the 2013 Minutes

The Minutes were approved, subject to one amendment: Appendix B of the Treasurer's Report and Accounts – Eric Flood should read Eric Cummings.

4. Chairperson's Annual Report: See Appendix "A".

5. Treasurer's Report and Accounts: See Appendix "B"

Joan Pooley proposed and Gina Howard seconded that the 2013/14 Accounts should be adopted. This was agreed.

The Chairperson also asked the meeting to approve the County's current financial policy. This was proposed by Michael himself and seconded by Sheila Coda. This was also agreed, but Roger Sweet requested that this be discussed again at the next AGM.

6. Subscription fee and county component pay to play fee for 2015/16

The Treasurer's recommendation that these remain at nil were agreed. Proposer David Howard, seconder David Porter.

7. Tournament Secretary's Report: See Appendix "C".

This was tabled and accepted.

8. Election of Officers and other Executive Committee Members for 2014/15

The Chairperson stated that four Committee Members, Daphne Patrick, David Porter, Colin Simcox and Bob Warrender do not wish to stand again. He thanked them all for their service and made special mention of Bob Warrender having served for more than 20 years. Although leaving the Committee, Bob would like, if possible, to continue organising the County League and Victor Ludorum. David Porter will continue as Congress Chairman. He was, however, pleased to announce that nominations for two places on the Committee had been received.

The nominations for Officers were:-

Chairperson                      Gina Howard

Vice-chairperson                Michael Whittaker

Treasurer Ken Bawdon

Secretary Joe Patrick

Membership Secretary Sheila Coda

(There was no nomination for Tournament Secretary as Bob Warrender had not signified his intention to resign until after the closing date for nominations. An appointment will be made at the Committee Meeting at the end of this month.)

Other Committee Members:

Ann Bawdon, Eric Cummings, Caroline Macpherson, Tony Russ.

All of the above were elected en bloc, having been proposed by John Gibbs and seconded by Roger Sweet.

Michael Whittaker then handed over to Gina Howard.

#### 9. Any Other Business

Gina firstly addressed the meeting, thanking Michael for all his hard work and expressing pleasure in the fact that he, as Vice-Chairperson, will be her source of guidance and support.

She then proceeded to Any Other Business.

Roger Sweet asked the Committee to reconsider how the result of the Victor Ludorum is determined. At present points are awarded in all County events and the winner is the person with the most points throughout the calendar year. He would like to revert to the previous system whereby only the top five scores for each individual are taken into account. He was assured that this will be considered by the Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting closed, the prize-giving followed, and a 14 table Swiss Teams event then took place.

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#### **APPENDIX A**

**[CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2013/14 \(click to view Report\)](#)**

#### **APPENDIX B**

**TREASURER'S REPORT 2013/2014**

The Association made a small loss, just £16, which compares with a surplus of of £2,888 in the previous year.

Net Competition Income reduced by £381. Income fell by £574, offset by a saving of £193 on Expenditure

With no visit from Andrew Robson in the year, the net cost of Seminars was £569 when there was a surplus of £561 in the previous year. The reduction in the cost of Regional and National Competitions reflects a saving in catering costs in the Western League and fewer entrants to the National competitions.

Major capital expenditure included the purchase of Bridgemates (£2,697) and playing cards (£1,141). This expenditure is written off over 5 years and accounts for the increase in Depreciation.

The 2013 West of England Congress produced net income of £4,050, £624 less than 2012. This still represents 75% of the Association's total income (excluding the Charity Event) for the year.

It is once again proposed that there should continue to be a nil county subscription and a nil county component within the P2P fee paid by the Association's affiliated clubs.

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## **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

<b>COMPETITION INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2014</b>			
<b>INCOME</b>	Entry Fees, Table and Tea Money	<b>9,545</b>	<b>10,119</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	Venue Hire	1,769	1,690
	Teas and Refreshments	3,635	3,819
	Directors' and Scorers' Fees and Expenses	1,044	805
	Prizes, Honours and Engraving	1,104	1,139
	Licence fees/Pay to Play fees	481	365
	Stationery and Other Costs	239	647
		<b>8,272</b>	<b>8,465</b>
	<b>NET INCOME FROM COUNTY COMPETITIONS</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>1,654</b>

<b>WEST OF ENGLAND CONGRESS - 2013</b>			
<b>INCOME</b>	Entry Fees	<b>15,467</b>	<b>15,842</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	Venue Hire	1,680	1,600
	EBU Licence fees	2,432	2,431
	Prize Money	3,570	3,635
	Directors' fees and expenses	2,270	2,105
	Stationery/Printing/Copying	265	269
	Postage/Telephone	10	52
	Engraving	76	49
	Gratuities	98	105
	Cost of transporting tables and boards	422	225
	Additional duplicating of boards	108	108
	Hire of Bridgemates	171	205
	Refreshments for Directors and Helpers	215	284
	Honoraria	100	100
		<b>11,417</b>	<b>11,168</b>
	<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b>4,050</b>	<b>4,674</b>

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Fixed Assets:</b>		
Trophies	1,384	1,384
Tables	583	729
Duplimate Machine and Boards	1,686	1,754

Bridgemates and Computer Scoring Equipment	2,157	<b>5,810</b>	65	<b>3,932</b>
<b>Current Assets:</b>				
Lloyds TSB - Treasurers' Account	3,703		6,982	
Lloyds TSB - Business Instant Access Account	2,090		2,089	
Scottish Widows 60 Day Treasury Account	16,705		16,672	
Cash in hand	6			
Sundry Debtors and Prepayments	1,010	<b>23,514</b>	388	<b>26,131</b>
		<b>29,324</b>		<b>30,063</b>
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>				
Prize Fund	1,000		1,000	
Sundry Creditors	1,463	<b>2,463</b>	2,186	<b>3,186</b>
		<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>26,877</b>
		<b>26,861</b>		<b>26,877</b>
<b>Represented By:</b>				
Accumulated Funds				
General Fund as at 1st April 2013		26,877		23,989
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year		(16)		2,888
		<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>26,877</b>
		<b>26,861</b>		<b>26,877</b>
<b>NOTES:</b>				
These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention on an accruals basis.				
Income and expenditure is generally accounted for in the period to which it relates irrespective of whether actually received or paid within that period.				
Fixed Assets are depreciated by annual instalments over their estimated useful lives.				
Examined and in accordance with the accounting records. ( A Harris)				

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## **APPENDIX C**

### **TOURNAMENT SECRETARY'S FINAL AGM NOTES (2014)**

### **IMPORTANT DECISIONS MADE BY SCBA FOR 2014-15 SEASON**

All one-day competitions will be held at **Woolavington**.

Entries to SCBA events will not be accepted after the closing date given in SCBA handbook.

(Names may be added to a reserve list, to replace any withdrawals or to complete a half table).

### **CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS**

This will revert to a one day event with 14 pairs qualifying for a 26 board final, those not qualifying automatically entering the Championship Pairs Plate.

**The qualifying competition to start at 1pm.**

### **CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS**

To try to avoid the failure to complete the competition before the AGM (which has regrettably happened this season), two rounds will be played before the New Year, with the draw being made at the Paul Jones Teams early in September.

### **COUNTY LEAGUE**

Matches need to be played on the designated dates.

A team is likely to have points deducted if they do not do so without very good reason.

Clubs should ensure that each of their teams have enough players and/or the Club have a pool of 'infrequent players' allowed to play for any of the Club's teams, in order to avoid cancellations.

### **PERCENTAGE PAIRS**

This year's final of seven tables was most disappointing with many qualifiers unable to play in the final.

In 2014-15 a Club will be allowed approximately 60% of their entries to qualify and if a player(s) who qualified is(are) unable to play in the **final the entrant(s) with the next highest percentage(s) is(are) able to take their place.**

### **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS**

A Club may in future enter **two teams** in the OPEN TIER of Club Championship Teams.