

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ST LEONARDS BRIDGE CLUB HELD ON FRIDAY 1 April 2016

PRESENT: 30 Members

APOLOGIES: 24 Members

## MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Having been previously circulated were agreed by all members present

MATTERS ARISING - None

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Wednesday afternoon and Friday evening sessions continued to be poorly attended. The Committee were looking into ways of improving numbers.

He reported on the sad loss of David Smith this year.

He congratulated Bruce Carrison on winning the County prize for the most master points won in 2015 in his player category.

He then thanked the following members for all their hard work over the past year. Bruce Carrison, Barbara Jenner, Kathy Williams, Elaine Ford, Mike Finch, Neil Flowerdew, all Directors and Scorers, Chris Bond, Andy Eames, Pat Collings and all committee members. Between these members all aspects of the running of the club were covered.

Eddie thanked all club members for their continued support. This year 7 members had played over 100 sessions each and vouchers for 3 free sessions were being given to them.

He then announced that refreshments now available during our sessions were tea, coffee, hot chocolate, coke/diet and lemonade.

Horntye had also agreed for us to do our own catering for swiss teams and any parties we hold.

Due to complaints received from members about behaviour the Chairman had printed out our zero tolerance policy and copies of this were available in the club room.

Eddie then reported that the driveway to the centre was being repaired and 10 tons of rock had been ordered for this. Better lighting was being put in over the next few weeks.

Steve Cooper has been appointed as auditor as Edward Walbutton had moved away. The auditor had confirmed that the figures contained in our accounts were accurate and he had signed them.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that afternoon attendance had gone up and evening attendance had gone down. The swiss teams event had created a slight profit and the rental of Horntye was less than we had paid before. Although some invoices had not been received until January and February she reported that we had made a slight surplus over the year. This was the first surplus in ten years.

Julie Gayton and Kathy Williams proposed and seconded the acceptance of the Treasurer's report. Carried.

## PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

Chairman's Cup - Leiv Bornecranz  
Best Pairs Average – Eddie and Kathy Williams  
Most Master Points won at Club – Bruce Carrison  
Monday Averages – Brian Gould  
Tuesday Averages – Bruce Carrison  
Wednesday Averages – Edward Wallbutton  
Friday Afternoon Averages – Elizabeth Bornecranz  
Friday Evening Averages – Barbara Herold and Pat Collings  
Club Individual Champion – Derek Greenup  
Club Pairs Champions – Eddie and Kathy Williams  
Afternoon Pairs Champions – Lesley Gould and Bruce Carrison

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman	Andy Eames
Vice Chairman	Eddie Williams
Treasurer	Chris Bond
Secretary	Pat Collings
Members	Elaine Ford Carole Nicholas Booth Mike Finch Sue Clarke Bruce Carrison [ Match secretary]

Steve Cooper was elected as Auditor.  
Proposed by Mike Finch and seconded by Bruce Carrison

Andy then took the Chair.

## PROPOSAL REGARDING LEVELS OF PLAY

Bruce proposed that we adopt Level 2 play for afternoon sessions and Level 4 for all other sessions.

Mike Finch was concerned that the proposal as it stood would tie the Committee's hands and all agreed that this was not a good idea. It was emphasised that all systems should be fully explained to opponents when asked for. The Chairman also suggested that all directors study the blue book.

After much discussion, it was agreed that the Chairman would look into whether these levels of play would be acceptable to club members. After this consultation he would discuss member's thoughts on this matter with the Committee at their meeting.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Molly Freeman asked whether it was a necessary expense to engrave club trophies. It was agreed that the committee discuss this at a meeting in the near future although it was mentioned at the last committee meeting as a possibility. It was suggested that we award improvers certificates and free sessions. This was referred to the next committee meeting to discuss.

Andy King referred to the lack of attendance on Friday evenings and the subsequent cancellation of some Friday evenings. It was agreed to look into ways of improving attendance by the committee. Also Wednesday attendance would be looked into. These 2 sessions are within the rental paid by the club and should be retained if possible. Friday evenings would be starting again next week.

The Chairman thanked Eddie for all his hard work as Chairman over many years. All members present supported this.

Andy King asked 'what was the Chairman's view on the levels of play allowed in the Club'.  
The Chairman said he had no problem with the levels, just with players not explaining fully their system when asked.

Mike asked if the use of convention cards could be stressed to all members. This card should fully explain conventions and bidding. The Committee to discuss.

The Chairman thanked all members for attending.

The meeting closed at 6.55 pm.

Chairman

Dated