

# **WANTAGE BRIDGE CLUB**

## **Minutes of AGM 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

### **1. Apologies**

Carol Benzie, Alek Lishkov, Mike Lewis, Malcolm Greene, Sandy Millikin, Christine Ewing, Alison Nicolson

### **2. Minutes of last AGM & Matters arising.**

Minutes agreed no matters arising.

### **3. Change to the constitution**

Chairman (Marilyn Newbould) explained that the date timeframe for the AGM in the bridge club constitution (6 weeks from the end of the financial year) was difficult to achieve because of team and 2 spring SIMS events. The committee would therefore like to change the timeframe to 8 weeks to provide greater flexibility.

Alan Grunwald expressed concern that no clear reason had been given as to why the change should be made to 8 weeks rather than some other period. The secretary (Gaye Kyle) explained that in order to meet the time frame last year the AGM was held on a SIMS night. SIMS events have non-members turning up resulting in a larger than normal turnout necessitating a prompt start which is not always achievable after an AGM. Keith Robbins quickly explained that if this predicament was not settled the AGM would be unconstitutional. Kate Gould proposed the motion to change the constitution which was seconded by Keith Sadler. The motion was clearly carried by a vote of hands by the members present.

### **4. Treasurer's report**

See attached. Treasurer (Lyn Morton) explained that the balance was healthier than usual due to the EBU money won by the club. Some of this money has been used to purchase a new table and a purpose made case for the bridgemates. Table (£2.50) and membership (£10.00) money to remain the same.

### **5. Chairman's report**

Marilyn gave a brief and succinct report explaining that membership had increased and that the average number of weekly tables had increased to nine. She thanked Lyn and Gaye for their support to her as chairman and their involvement with the Wednesday afternoon group adding that any member would be welcome to play with the afternoon group. Marilyn then thanked directors, scorers and all members of the Wessex league particularly the captains Mike Lewis and Liz Woodhouse. Marilyn especially noted that Stan and Andrea Powell are intending to move from the area. She thanked Stan for acting as director and Andrea for her work on the committee and as a past captain of the Wessex League. Also leaving the area are Tom and Les Cole, Marilyn thanked Tom for his previous work as secretary and Les for her work as partnership hostess and reminded everyone that Avis Roberts will be taking on this role. Finally, Marilyn reminded all those present that the setting up and clearing up of the room was everyone's responsibility.

## **6. Wessex league**

Mike Lewis (captain of A team) had sent his apologies for absence so Keith Robbins explained that the A team had avoided relegation. Similarly, Liz gave thanks to her team and noted that the B team had also avoided relegation.

## **7. Presentation of Awards**

- Individual      Betty Yearling
- Pairs            Carol Benzie & Alek Lishkov
- Teams          Betty Yearling, Stephen Marsh, Gordon Carroll, Keith Sadler
- Slams          Betty Yearling
- Master points      Alek Lishkov
- Improvers cup      Liz Woodhouse
- Wednesday afternoon group.      Jean Hazard

## **8. Election of New officers.**

- Chairman            John Gunn
- Vice Chairman      Keith Robbins
- Secretary            Gaye Kyle
- Treasurer            Lyn Morton
- Senior director      John Rowe
- Committee members      Avis Roberts, Liz Woodhouse, Alan Parker, Kate Gould, Marilyn Newbould

John Gunn thanked Marilyn for her hard work as chairman during the previous year