



Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Sunday 4 June 2006 @ West Midlands Bridge Club

Present: Jon Downing (Chairman), Darren Evetts (General Secretary), Leslie Reece (Treasurer), John Birch (Membership Secretary), Beryl Latham (Admin Secretary) and 28 Members.

1. **Apologies** were received from Hylde Townsend, John Pyner, Bob & Stephanie Galvin, John Robbins, Dorothy & Bob Foster, Ann & Alan Bailey, Prue Knight, Myra Scott & Robin Ogg.

It is with sadness that we record the death of two members Morris Hughes and Neville Orford. Both were heavily involved in the affairs of the County over many years.

2. **The minutes of the AGM held 5 June 2005** were circulated and with one amendment made agreed and signed as correct.
3. **Matters Arising** – The winners of the 2005 handicap were the Moseley (Heatherington) team.
4. **Treasurer's Report – Attached (Leslie Reece)**

The Treasurer's report was circulated and agreed. Proposed by Derek Andrews and seconded by Beryl Latham.

The question was raised as to which bank we use and what interest rate we receive. Leslie reported that we use Natwest as this was found to offer the best rate. It was suggested that the Alliance & Leicester were offering a good rate of interest - Leslie would investigate.

John Birch reported that we currently have 709 Full Members, 3 Student Members and 18 Clubs were affiliated to WCBA.

It was noted that the WCBA membership fee was to be £3 this year and if necessary would be £3.50 next year.

Jon thanked Leslie for his work as Treasurer and the seemingly smooth transition between Alan (past treasurer) and Leslie.

5. Chairman's Report (Jon Downing)

EBU – Terry Collier has left his post as General Manager. Barry Capal will be taking over from 5 June.
Kettering Bridge Centre – There is still much discussion on this. The lack of a hotel on site is causing the most concern as is the price increases.

The invitation pairs have become a less attractive event. A sub-group was formed to look at the format and make a proposal. This group have met and a proposal will be made to the Tournament Committee and Council at the next meeting. An event over ten months with two promotion/relegations in the season is the general outline.

Competition Report:-

Invitation Pairs Results:-

- Premier – Winners: P Hooker & M Holmes, Runners Up: D Evetts & M Hagg
- Birmingham Division I – Winners: A Imam & A Mostafa, Runners Up: A Cooper & M Meakin
- Birmingham Division II – Winners: T Edge & P Wells, Runners Up: B Latham & P Gadd
- Coventry Division I – Winners: C Lewis & B Roberts, Runners Up: N Palmer & N Wash

League Winners

- Division I – Moseley A (Hackett)
- Division II – Moseley C (Georgevic)
- Division III – Coventry B (Evetts)
- Division IV – Incomplete

Handicap – Final between McBride & either Franks or Robbins

Goodman Cup – Won by Mike Leese, Steve Wood, Peter Heatherington, Glyn Preece, David Jones & Gary Watson. The team will represent WCBA in the Pachabo.

Inter-County Leagues:-

Warwickshire's performance in the Dawes – 4th (2nd Last Year), Porter = 6th (4th Last Year), Markham 6th (5th Last Year).

Notable Performances: Congratulations to Martin Jones, team member of Spring Fours Winners.

6. Election of Officers for 2006/7

The following Officers were proposed by Alan Pagett and seconded by all. The Committee for 2006/7 were proposed by Sue Goldman and seconded by all:-

Chairman	Jon Downing	Vice-Chairman	Colin Lang
Secretary	Darren Evetts	Treasurer	Leslie Reece
Admin Secretary	Beryl Latham	League Secretary	Leslie Reece
MasterPoints Secretary	Stephanie Galvin	Match Secretary/Publicity	John Robbins
Membership Secretary	John Birch	Tournament Secretary	Pip Whitehouse
Youth Officer	Steve Byrne	Newcomers Development Officer	Myra Scott

Non-Representative Members (10 Max):-

Mike Allen, Carolyn Fisher, Dodo Georgevic, Jane Hall, Barry Holloway,
David Jones, John Pyner, Hylida Townsend, Nanette McWhirter, Nick Woosnam

Ex-Officio Members: Alan Pagett

The following will be co-opted: Roy Moore, Norman Selwyn

7. Election of Honorary Auditor – Mr R Galvin was proposed by Jon Downing, seconded by Mike Allen.

8. AOB

None

9. The 2007 AGM will be held at West Midlands Bridge Club on 3 June 2007 @ 5.15pm.

D Evetts
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