



Yeovil Bridge Club



Minutes of the AGM at Johnson Park on Thursday 3rd Sept 2015

1. The Chairman, Dave Steele, welcomed 20 members, with special greetings to Tony Manickam.

Apologies: Rachel Pantling, Kate Balmford, Bob Warrender and Colin Powell.

2. Minutes of the 2014 AGM were agreed. Acceptance was proposed, seconded, and passed unanimously, with no matters arising.

3. The Chairman promised to be brief to allow ample time for discussion later. The past season had again seen success for the club in the Inter Club Championship. Shirley Durrant's team had just missed (by 1VP) winning the A Division of the County League. There were other creditable achievements in the County events, for which congratulations to all concerned. Our Club is a respected force in the County, thanks to the efforts of our members.

There are some new County events this season for non-expert players, e.g. teams and pairs. Please see the Yellow Handbook.

Low attendance on Pairs nights is a continuing worry. We have tried several new ideas and would welcome comments and further suggestions.

Finally, my thanks to the Committee for all their work and especially to Mike Toft who has organised production of the Calendar, arranged Simultaneous Pairs, and grappled with the Bridgemates! Mike is leaving the area soon and will be much missed.

The Treasurer reported that the Club's finances are in a healthy state despite table money receipts being about £100 down. On teams nights numbers had fallen from 8/9 to 6. There was a one-off outlay on Bridgemates.

4. All officers and Committee members were prepared to continue to serve, with the obvious exception of Mike Toft, for whom a replacement will be urgently sought. Their re-election was proposed, seconded, and passed nem con. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Laurie Gordon, seconded by Pip Duncan and passed unanimously.

A.O.B.

1. Carolyn Blake informed the meeting of a Bridgewebs program through which a partner can be found.

2. Shirley Durrant proposed the re-introduction of a Standby system. Many were in favour, including Steve Fletcher who praised the Taunton scheme.

3. Location.

a) Pip mentioned Milford Community Centre.

b) Co-location with Normandy?

c) Looking to the future, the possible renovation of Westland's Sports and Social Club might be able to provide a room.

d) Noise, especially from the darts players, is a big discouragement for some.

4. Events in August:- both Make-up Teams and the Individual event had had support, but the number of boards played in the latter needs to be addressed.
5. Carolyn wondered if we should make the AGM more of a social event as Sherborne do?
6. Tony Marshall encouraged members to promote the Club and, if negative opinions are expressed, to counter them.

The Chairman thanked all for their contributions, and stated that the

Committee would meet soon to discuss all the above suggestions

The meeting closed at 7pm, after which Mary Gordon presented prizes.

