

MINUTES OF THE A.G.M OF SURREY COUNTY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
Held on Sunday 2nd July 2006 at 5.00 pm
at Cobham Hilton Hotel

APOLOGIES:

Sylvia/John Timberlake Paul Shannon, Bomi Kavarana, Malcolm Channing, Vivienne Finch.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS YEAR

These were agreed and signed

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Peggy Griffin welcomed the members to the new format for the AGM held in the tea interval of the Swiss Pairs competition. Trophies would not be given out in order to keep the proceeding short, and they would be presented by the new President at the winners' clubs.

Surrey came 4th in the Tollemache, which was very commendable. The Lady Rose winners came joint 7th in the Pachabo, and Selsdon came 6th in the Garden Cities. In the Metropolitan Cup which Sussex now run, the A team came 4th while both the B and C teams won their sections. An invitation to join these teams had been put on the website this year.

The Committee won the match against London Committee for only the 2nd time in 9 years.

There has been a slight increase in the entries for the Newcomers pairs and teams which is encouraging, but the Surrey Bowl which was re-instated by request managed only a few teams. This competition and the Lady Rose do need more support if they are to be meaningful events.

The Treasurer reports that our finances are healthy and the Committee would like to purchase BridgeMate, which we see as the future of bridge. However there is a need for dry, safe storage and we ask members if anyone can supply a suitable spare room.

There is a slow steady decline in our membership, as with all counties, and your Committee has undertaken research for ways to stop this trend. Julie Kennedy will be working on a Development Plan to be implemented over the next 3-5 years.

Peggy thanked all the members of the Committee and Activity Managers for their hard work on the members' behalf.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Malcolm Curtis said the financial report was self-explanatory. The surplus was larger than had been budgeted because there was only 1 edition of the Surrey Bridge magazine. There had been difficulty with the editor Frances Hinden finding time with her job in Europe. Running competitions now cost more, especially when number go down. However, the Committee agreed to subsidise them. In line with most counties, Surrey no longer collects subscriptions, but they go directly to the EBU which remits the county's part of the subscription.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed, seconded and agreed.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE YEAR 2007-8

The Treasurer proposed that the subscription remains the same for the year 2007-8. This was proposed, seconded and agreed by the members present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers was agreed as follows:

President: Frances Trebble
Chairman: Chris Stableford
Secretary: Leonie Lockhart
Treasurer: Malcolm Curtis
Membership Secretary: Jean Virley
Chief Tournament Director: Roland Bolton
Match Secretary: Peggy Griffin
Competition Secretary: Frances Trebble
Editor of Surrey Bridge: vacancy
Communications Secretary: Julie Kennedy

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

The following were elected to the committee.

Jill Cook
Malcolm Channing
Julia Brough (Web Manager)
Bomi Kavarana (County Youth Officer)
Shirley Pritchard (Master Point Secretary)
Graham Wells
Elizabeth Hammergren-Smith
Holga Marsen
Judy Smith

Jeffrey Allerton and Graham Davison were ratified as new selectors

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Peter Bentley asked for more information to be included in the Surrey section of English Bridge.
2. Peter Lee asked about the current status of the county magazine Surrey Bridge. Chris Stableford said he had contacted Frances Hinden but had not yet received a satisfactory reply. A suitable volunteer for the editorship would be very welcome.
3. Neil Morley asked about the current situation with BridgeMate. Roland Bolton said that the Committee had agreed to purchase sufficient terminals for Surrey competitions together with associated hardware and software. The problem was not funds, but suitable storage. Richmond Bridge Club offered to store BridgeMate.

The meeting finished at 5.25 and the second half of the Swiss Pairs competition was played. There were 88 members playing plus directors and scorer.

