

**MINUTES OF THE A.G.M OF SURREY COUNTY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
**Held on Sunday 15th July 2012**  
**at Ashted Peace Memorial Hall**

**APOLOGIES:**

33 members were present. Apologies from Gail Norman, George Gardiner, Julia Brough, Steve Foster, Gerald Searle, Liz and Ron Hammergren Smith

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS YEAR**

The minutes of the 2011 AGM were agreed.

**MATTERS ARISING**

- 1) Bridgemate II has been purchased and is in use

**PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS - Graham Davison**

Resignations during the year of the Treasurer, Secretary and Chairman of the Competitions Subcommittee have meant that this has been a year of great change within the committee. We are extremely grateful to Malcolm Curtis, Alison Williams and Steve Bourton for their many years of service to Surrey and wish them well for the future. Mike Clements has replaced Malcolm as Treasurer and will make his first financial report under the next agenda item. Steve Foster has taken over as Chairman of the Competitions Subcommittee, and after a short interregnum Maggie Conway has become our Secretary. This is our most recent appointment, and indeed today is not only the first time Maggie and I have met, but is also Maggie's first meeting.

On the playing front, this has been a most successful season for Surrey players. Frances Hinden, Jeffery Allerton, Graham Osborne and Peter Lee won the country's most prestigious event the Gold Cup, and Frances, Jeffery and Graham were then picked to represent England and helped them win the Camrose Trophy. Not to be outdone Peter and Bob Rowlands, then won the National Pairs, and this was followed a few weeks later by Mike Scoltock and Jeffery Allerton winning the Corwen Trophy. What a joy it is to celebrate such successes, and hopefully next year they will add the Tollemache to this list.

Support for County events has held up well this year, and the introduction of the Club Pairs Challenge has been well received and supported, we hope even more of our Affiliated Clubs will participate this year when the heats are held in the week beginning 20 August. This year the competitions subcommittee are introducing a mid-week Cross-Imp pairs, and a number of friendly events spread across the season, which will hopefully attract some of our newer less experienced members.

One of the problems we have had this year has been the level of dissatisfaction with our main venue at Old Woking. As a result of these complaints we have decided to use Oxshott as our main venue next season, with a few events also being held at the Bourne Club in Farnham.

Within the District Training Centre initiative, three Advanced training sessions have been held at Wimbledon Bridge Club covering Pairs, Teams and Play. These have been very well received and supported and no doubt Douglas will be planning more next season.

Last year I reported that using the measurement of Player Sessions, we had the two largest clubs in the EBU, namely Richmond and Wimbledon. What I didn't know at the time was that Ashford and District Bridge Club is the oldest in the country, and the Chairman and I had the great pleasure in May of attending their 91<sup>st</sup> AGM and presenting the trophies.

Each year the President chooses a charity to benefit from the proceeds of the Surrey Simultaneous Pairs. This year my chosen charity was the Rainbow Trust, which is based in Leatherhead, and provides emotional and practical support to families who have a child with a life threatening or terminal illness. I am indebted to Graham Wells for organising the event and enabling us to make a donation of £2,400.

## ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2012

Mike Clements presented the audited accounts , which were accepted. There was a deficit of £1,885.80 which, as a policy decision had been planned and met from reserves . The accounts were accepted.

The policy of meeting P2P costs out of reserves will be reviewed in the coming year. Acceptance of the accounts was agreed.

### APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY AUDITOR

Tim Cook was appointed as the auditor for the coming year.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers was agreed as follows:

*President:* Graham Davison  
*Chairman:* Mac Derwig  
*Secretary:* Maggie Conway  
*Treasurer:* Mike Clements  
*Match Secretary:* Peggy Griffin  
*Competition Secretary:* Frances Trebble  
*Communications Officer:* Douglas Wright

### ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

The following were elected to the committee.

Jill Cook  
Julia Brough (Web Manager)  
Bomi Kavarana (County Youth Officer)  
Peter Bentley  
Steve Foster  
George Gardiner  
Gail Norman  
Jeffrey Allerton  
Trevor Hobson  
Shirley Pritchard

The timing of committee meetings during the year will be reviewed.

### APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY SELECTOR

Mike Scoltock was proposed and accepted

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 1) Neil Morley has agreed to be the 4<sup>th</sup> EBU shareholder
- 2) Guy Ableman will be the Surrey rep on the EBU Regional Committee