

MINUTES OF THE A.G.M OF SURREY COUNTY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Held on Sunday 9th June 2013

East Horsley Village Hall

APOLOGIES:

112 members were present. Apologies from Patty Davey, Barbara Tayaball, Liz Hammergren Smith, Debbie Riehl, Neil Morley

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS YEAR

The minutes of the 2012 AGM were agreed. Proposed: J Brough, Seconded P Lee

MATTERS ARISING

- 1) Committee meeting times have been changed to accommodate working members

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS - Graham Davison

As my 2 years as President draws to a close, I think it is worth spending a short time reflecting on the current state of Surrey bridge.

With almost 5,500 members it is difficult to decide what is required, and so at a recent committee meeting we discussed the need to improve communications with our Affiliated (and non-Affiliated) Clubs so that we could help to promote bridge across the County. As a first step our Chairman has spoken to the Chairman of all the Clubs to encourage participation in the AGM Swiss Pairs. Hopefully this will mark the first stage in developing a much closer relationship with the committee, so that we can reflect the needs of the membership in our future plans.

The competitions sub-committee attempts each year to organise a programme of events to meet the needs of all our members. One of the difficulties has been to find suitable venues, but we have now agreed to hold most events at Oxshott, with a few others scattered around the County. Many people enjoy the opportunity to play teams bridge, and so we are running 4 Divisions of County Leagues together with a Novice League. Apart from Division 1 these leagues are regionalised to avoid a lot of travelling. This is an opportunity for members to start playing teams bridge against people of a similar standard, so I hope many more of you will consider participating in the future.

The communications sub-committee coordinates training across the County and helps bring new players into the Novice Leagues and "Friendly" events. This is essential to the future health of bridge across the County. The sub-committee also advertises forthcoming events and individually targets potential participants.

The County is fortunate to have a number of international players amongst its membership, so you can always test yourselves by playing against them in our most prestigious events, the County Pairs and/or County Teams (known as the Lady Rose Cup).

Each year the President chooses a charity to benefit from the proceeds of the Surrey Simultaneous Pairs. This year my chosen charity was the Sutton & Croydon Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre, which supports sufferers of this most common disabling neurological condition. I am indebted to Graham Wells for organising the event and enabling us to make a donation of £2,200.

It just remains for me to thank everyone for their support over the last 2 years, and to wish my successor all the best.

Enjoy your bridge.

Graham Davison
Retiring President

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2013

Mike Clements presented the audited accounts. There was a deficit of £2,456.22 which, as a policy decision had been planned and met from reserves . The association has assets of £32,516.23 The accounts were accepted.

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 Osborne

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

Davina Arkell

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, the AGM was concluded