

**MINUTES OF THE A.G.M OF SURREY COUNTY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
**Held on Sunday 15th June 2014 at**  
**East Horsley Village Centre**

**APOLOGIES:**

65 members were present.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS YEAR**

The minutes of the 2013 AGM were agreed.

**MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising

**PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

Graham Osborne gave the following address:

It is my pleasure to formally welcome you to the AGM. The county has a large membership and continues through Richmond and Wimbledon to have the two largest clubs in the country as measured by player sessions. Despite this attendance at county events has been falling for many years. This problem is not isolated to Surrey since the EBU and other counties have also suffered.

The Association will be looking to develop its relationship with its clubs and I hope in the coming year the programme of events presented will earn a greater level of participation. The competitions sub-committee has come up with some proposals to try and reinvigorate the county's flagship teams event, the Lady Rose Cup and increase entries into the Surrey League. The committee is responsive to member's feedback and will be introducing some changes in the coming season including the withdrawal of plated teas at most events. Furthermore a new teams event will be tried next spring. At the county representative level, the county narrowly missed out on qualifying for the Tollemache final, but the A team under the captaincy of Mike Ellis won the Metropolitan Cup for South East Counties and I wish them good luck in the forthcoming national final. Surrey enters four teams in the Metropolitan cup and I encourage experienced club players that would like to be considered for selection to contact Peggy Griffin. This year By far the best performance by a Surrey pair this year was Peter Lee and Bob Rowlands winning the National Pairs and narrowly missing out on winning the Corwen last month.

The county Association continues to place great importance on the development of bridge at a grass roots level. As well as the good work that the communications sub-committee does at Schools, thanks are due to Mac Derwig for creating an opening at Surrey University. There have been some initial discussions and I hope the Association can be directly involved with the establishment of a bridge club there in the new academic year.

It would be amiss of me to not take this opportunity to thank the committee for all their hard work over the last year and in particular Gail Norman, who took up the role of secretary after her predecessor resigned a few weeks ago.

Each year the President chooses a charity to be supported by the Surrey Simultaneous pairs. This year I was very pleased to choose the Prostate Project, a Surrey based cancer charity, that received over £2100 which will be used in research projects. Thanks are due to Guy Ableman who organised this event.

**ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2011**

Mike Clements presented the accounts. There will be no county pay-to-play element for 2011-12. Acceptance of the accounts was agreed.

**APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY AUDITOR**

Thomas Lundqvist 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:* Gail Norman

*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  
Shirley Pritchard  
Steve Foster  
George Gardiner  
Trevor Hobson

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none