

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

Held on Sunday 2nd July 2017 at  
Oxshott Village Centre

**APOLOGIES:** Gail Norman; Tim Warren; Frances Hinden; Graham Osborne; Mike Scoltock; Ian Swanson; Ken Ford.

## MINUTES OF PREVIOUS YEAR

The minutes of the 2016 AGM were agreed.

## MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Charles Chisnall gave the following address:

Welcome to the 2017 AGM.

After the members' survey the committee has developed a long term plan. It was discussed at the Chairman's lunch and details can be found in the library of the website.

Speaking of the new website - this was created by Ian Lewis who has now stepped down, and we are looking for a volunteer to act as a web manager and maintain the site.

We have moved the dates of our County Simultaneous Pairs as it was felt they were too close to the EBU pairs Sim Pairs which are becoming more frequent throughout the year. They will now be held in December and June.

Surrey are consistently doing well in national events and several pairs performed very well in the Corwen Cup in June. We have had a few players who have represented England and some good results in the Gold Cup and Crockfords where Surrey players have beaten some of the best players in the country.

The committee are always looking for new people with new ideas to help with running the committee - please contact Trevor if you know of anyone who may be interested.

From a personal point of view my two years as President have witnessed many changes, and I am impressed with the amount of work the committee put in for free. I would especially the work Tim Warren is doing with youth bridge in the county.

I found visiting the charities which benefitted from the Sim Pairs income was very rewarding.

I would now like to hand over to the new President Tim Green.

Tim then said a few words of introduction to the meeting.

## ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2017

Mike Clements presented the accounts. He mentioned the surplus of £3,400 this year which had led to £30K in total assets. The first year of UM payments had netted £3,400 and this was intended to be used to promote bridge in the county. After the decision was made to raise UM, youth bridge benefitted from £1,200 from a playing card manufacturer, and £1,000 from parents.

The biggest constraint to expanding bridge in Surrey is not finance but human resources. Mike had fulfilled the role of Treasurer for 7 years, and would be happy to handover to someone else if they would wish to shadow him to see the work involved.

He also announced that Thomas Lunqvist would be standing down as auditor, and as yet he had not found a replacement.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Ian Lewis and seconded by David Burch.

## APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY AUDITOR

No appointment was made. The task of appointing an honorary auditor of the 2018 accounts was delegated to the Committee.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers was agreed as follows:

*President:* Tim Green

*Chairman:* Trevor Hobson

*Secretary:* Gail Norman

*Treasurer:* Mike Clements  
*Match Secretary:* Jeffrey Allerton  
*Competition Secretary:* Shirley Pritchard  
*Youth Officer:* Tim Warren  
*Communications Officer:* Douglas Wright  
*Web Manager:* Position vacant – no nominations received.

**ELECTION OF COMMITTEE**

There were no other nominations for the committee. The committee was proposed by Charles and seconded by Simon Oldham.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none