

ALLESTREE BRIDGE CLUB
DRAFT
MINUTES OF 31st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD
ON
THURSDAY 29rd June 2023

Members present 35- apologies received from 19 members.

The Secretary welcomed all attendees. He then called for a brief silence in memory of the following members who had passed away since the last meeting – Roy Battelle, Alan Smith, Enid Rooks, Marie Draper, Tom Cosgrove and Ivan Adler.

Minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting held on 23rd June 2022.

The Secretary did not read out the minutes of the last annual general meeting, copies had been posted on the notice board, entered on the web-site and distributed at the meeting. The meeting approved the minutes.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report.

What has been the progress and achievements that have been made since the last report:

I would like to start by thanking all the committee and non- committee members that have made a positive contribution to the club over the last twelve months.

I know and we know who they are, so I'm not going to read out any names but sincerely thank them for their help and support on your behalf.

We continue to have a thriving membership, which continues to grow with the elements put in place which includes, online and face to face teaching, supervised play and two duplicate afternoon bridge sessions.

New initiatives include myself teaching pupils bridge at the local grammar school and an experiment which went very well, inviting parents and grandparents with their children to a taster mini bridge session in the school half-term.

We continue to have members of the club playing bridge at county level.

We entered three teams in the Winter League. I think those that took part enjoyed the experience, however, I won't enter a team unless we have an individual captain for that team.

We continue to see the support from the memorial hall, although costs have gone up they remain very fair and subsidised.

You may be aware of the decorating that's been going on outside, but inside all the blinds have been replaced.

We continue to offer members social events and in-house bridge holidays. The Sitwell Arms has become a favourite venue for our AWAY DAYS. Another one has been arranged for September.

A very successful holiday took place at the Inn on the Prom, Lytham St Annes. We were well looked after at the hotel, some good bridge took place and the weather behaved very kindly.

We will certainly be looking to plan another one for next year. I'm sure if anyone has any suggestions that we should consider, please let the committee know.

Going forward we are still looking to offer a bridge session in the evening. Although we have already tried it, it was possibly too soon after lockdown. We will look at it again in the New Year.

4. Secretary's Report.

There are currently 138 members compared to 223 last year. Many members did not renew their subscriptions this year as we have not run any evening bridge sessions.

There were five committee meetings held since the last A.G.M, all well attended.

Mike Ball is resigning from the committee as he now spends a lot of time away from Derby. He is thanked for his efforts on behalf of the committee since 2017. All other committee members submit themselves for re-election – Ian Blake – Chairman, Simon Jackson – Secretary, Peter Illsley – Treasurer, Jo Bakshi, Elaine Coldicott , Ann Martin and Patsy Zydzienski

Jean Allsop has resumed handling the sourcing of equipment and materials and does a great job – thank you.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year ended 31st May 2023.

Total income was £23,714 and expenditure £20,016, creating a surplus of £3,698. Income and expenditure included £9,350 for the cost and income from the Bridge holiday. Funds on hand at the end of the year were £16,910.

The committee recommended that joining fees remain the same, £10, and subscriptions be £5 per annum, table money £2.50.

The accounts were approved by the meeting, as well as the recommended joining fees, subscriptions and table monies.

Tim Hallam was thanked for auditing the accounts.

Subscriptions for the year from 1st June 2023 are now due.

Election of Committee.

The proposals suggested in the Secretary's report were approved and the committee is Ian Blake, Chairman, Simon Jackson, Secretary, Peter Illsley, Treasurer, Jo Bakshi, Elaine Coldicott, Ann Martin and Patsy Zydzienski.

Election of Auditor.

Tim Hallam was unanimously re-elected as auditor.

Any Other Business.

No business was formally submitted for discussion, but two matters were raised by members-

One member felt that the web-site could be more informative and more clearly show contact numbers for potential new members to contact. The committee agreed to look into this, and if possible clarify the web-site, whilst stressing that they considered the site comprehensive and clear.

Comment was made that parking is sparse. The committee agreed that this is so, and advised that they would contact the "Red Cow" and the Evergreen Club to see if any arrangements could be made to use some of their facilities.

S. Jackson
Secretary.