

Annual General Meeting

Amersham Bridge Club

Held on Wednesday May 8th 2024 at 7pm

In the Barn at Amersham Community Centre

Present:

Simon Husband (SH) Chairman, Sue Brown (SB) Secretary,
Cath Topliff (CT) Treasurer, Dick Davey (DD) Mark Wilce (MW) and 22 members

- 1) The Charman opened the meeting by thanking all present for attending.
- 2) Apologies received from Jane Tozer, Nigel Thompson, Val Cannon, Carole and Herb Mueller, Eva Wallen
- 3) Minutes of the last year's meeting. Approved as a true record. (Proposed by Nicola Sutton, seconded by Nigel Wolfendale.)

4) Chairman's report

The Chairman's started his report by saying that it consisted mainly of a "great big thank you" to all concerned who had contributed to the running of the club. He specifically mentioned the LO8 captains Dick (A team) Jeff (B team) and Mark. (C team). He congratulated Dick on his team winning the BBCBA LO8 with a match to spare.

He noted that the committee of BBCBA had decided to increase the LO8 fees from £20 to £80 this season. Following discussion, the committee had agreed to cover this fee at least for the season. He encouraged all members who wish to represent the club to make themselves known.

The matches are all mainly held on RealBridge.

He thanked the officers of the club, Sue as Secretary and Cath as Treasurer for their hard work over the year. Thanks also to Don as both webmaster and director, Carole for dealing the boards and Mark and Nigel for directing

He commented on finishing times, the need for a prompt start and continuous play.

Finally, he thanked all members of the club for helping to make the club a friendly and welcoming environment.

5) Treasure's report and adoption of accounts

The Treasurer (CT) presented the accounts. They had been reviewed by Nigel T. The year showed a small loss mainly due to an increase in the rent and membership fees due to the Amersham Community Centre. The current account has a substantial amount having been boosted by the final transfer of the Savings Account from New Amersham BC. SH thanked Richard B for his efforts in facilitating this.

The only question raised was whether a savings account should be opened. CT reported that the interest on small business accounts was poor and the effort involved not worth it.

The accounts were accepted as an accurate record, proposed by Nicola and seconded by Peter L.

6) Election of officers and committee members

SH announced that all officers had agreed to stand for re-election and asked for proposers and seconders

Chairman (SH). Proposed by Nigel W seconded by Jeff G

Secretary (SB) Proposed by Ian R seconded by Nicola

Treasurer CT Proposed by Nicola seconded by Sally

The 3 committee members were elected en bloc. Proposed Nigel W seconded by David C

7) Prize Giving.

The chairman thanked DD for his work on listing all trophies and arranging their engraving. He congratulated the winners and the trophies were awarded to those present A complete list is available on the website.

8) Any other Business

a) Jeff G suggested consideration be given to a weekly online signup. In his experience it had had a positive effect on boosting attendance. SH noted that the monthly teams were coordinated by SB and that this had proved to be a success. He thanked SB for her input. It was agreed that the concept of instituting an online sign up be discussed in committee with input from Don as webmaster possibly by creating a link.

b) Nicola thanked the chairman on behalf of the meeting.

c) SB presented those present of the winning LO8 team with the Perkins Cup. A photo will be uploaded to the BBCBA web

There being no other business the meeting was closed by SH thanking all for attending.

The date of next year's AGM will be May 14th 2025

Minutes prepared by
Sue Brown
Secretary Amersham Bridge Club
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