

Amersham Bridge Club

MINUTES

Meeting via Zoom

Monday April 13th 2026 at 4 pm.

Present: Simon Husband (SH) Chairman. Sue Brown (SB) Secretary

Cath Topcliffe (CT) Treasurer. Dick Davey (DD) Mark Wilce (MW)

1. Meetings and Minutes

a) Minutes of the last meeting. Approved as a true record

b) Matters arising

a. Christmas Party. SB had contracted Chris M who has agreed to provide a Pairs competition

2. Membership update

CT reported now 56 members including 3 new members this year. Just over half have renewed to date. CT asked that the team captains remind players who do not attend club nights

3. Finance Update. CT

Accounts for the year were presented by CT and available for the committee. There is less of a loss this year probably due to increased attendance. Purchase of cards discussed. DD has a box at his home so no purchase necessary at present. CT reported that the club would probably break even this year. David Killick appointed as Examiner.

**Action DD**

4. AGM preparations. Agenda agreed. SB requested SH prepare his report prior to the meeting. To be published on the website and summarised at the meeting. The committee are all standing for re-election. SB consulted the Constitution. There is no requirement for further committee members but it was felt appropriate to ask the membership prior to the AGM if anyone wanted to stand. They would need to be proposed and seconded.

**Action SB**

5. LO8 Teams update

a) A Team DD reported a decent year with the A team coming 3<sup>rd</sup>. He had already advised his team and the committee that he intends to stand down. No member of the A team has offered to take over.

b) B Team SH reported a mediocre and disappointing season. It has been a struggle to keep team spirit alive finishing midway in Div 2. He is not keen to continue as captain.

c) C Team MW. Described the C team as having a reasonably fortunate season; some surprising wins and disappointing losses. He is concerned about future player movements within the team structures.

d) Team projections for the next season.

There was a prolonged discussion as to the future direction of all 3 teams. The A team needs a new captain. There have been no volunteers from the current squad. Possible options were discussed including moving some players up from the C Team. No decision was reached at this stage. SH agreed to sound out various members as to their thoughts and also to actively look for more team members for both the B and C teams

**Action SH**

6. Trophy dates for next season. SB has recycled the dates from the previous year and these are now on the website

7. NGS and the Improvers trophy (see email from Don). After discussion it was agreed that members joining the club should not be eligible for the Improvers Trophy until they have been in the club for at least 1 year starting from April 1<sup>st</sup>.

8. AOB

a) CT expressed concerns that, yet again, the weekly collection of table money might be an issue at the AGM. After discussion it was agreed the current system be continued. In the event of a challenge, it was felt that those disputing the current system could be offered the opportunity of setting up a suitable system and administering it on behalf of the club.

b) Now that table numbers seem to be on the increase SB asked if the weekly request for members to register their intention to play be discontinued. As we are coming into the holiday season this was felt not appropriate at this juncture. To be reviewed at the next meeting

**Action SB**

9. Date of next meeting

Monday July 27<sup>th</sup> 5pm via Zoom

Minutes prepared by Sue Brown  
Secretary Amersham Bridge Club  
14<sup>th</sup> April 2026