

**Special General Meeting**  
**Amersham Bridge Club**  
**Held on Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Present:**

Nigel Wolfendale (NW) Chairman, Sue Brown (SB) Secretary, Cath Topliff (CT) Treasurer.  
Dick Davey (DD) Nick Crabtree (NC) Mark Wilce (MW) and 22 members

The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking all present for attending. Apologies received from Jeff Green, Sally Bride, Sandra Belcher

- 1) The purpose of the meeting was to ratify the decision taken to merge Amersham CC with New Amersham Bridge Club and to approve the officials and committee members. This was done by a show of hands. An AGM will be held sometime in May following the publication of the end of year accounts.
- 2) The Treasurer presented the accounts to date. In spite of the necessity of purchasing some new items of equipment there is a small profit. The hall rental is £39.80. To break even a minimum of 4 tables are required. Accounts from both clubs have been merged but there is still approx. £3000 held in an account with Barclays. Richard Bridgen (RB) has contacted the bank without success. This account is not on line. It was agreed that Barclays in Amersham should be visited by RB and DD as signatories to the account to arrange transfer.
- 3) The Constitution is based on the model EBU contract for Bridge clubs and is available on the website. DD thanked SB for her work.
- 4) Membership Fees were agreed as £10 annual fee, £3 weekly for members and £4 for guests.
- 5) NW asked members for their thoughts on starting up a monthly team's event. It was noted that the club has 3 teams in the LO8 although a considerable percentage of those members do not attend the club. DD expressed the opinion that the inclusion of a teams night is important for the club profile and in many ways a purer form of Bridge. A number of trophies from both clubs are available for both teams and pairs events. A show of hands revealed the majority in favour of a teams evening being introduced. Don Collier suggested perhaps running a cross imp's session or alternatively looking at a teams session for the club on line as Real Bridge. After discussion it was agreed to have a trial commencing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month starting in April. SB will coordinate. If there is an insufficient response then the evening could revert to pairs. NW agreed to set out a calendar of events on the website including monthly teams. DD and MW are looking into the use of trophies.
- 6) AOB. David Killick requested biscuits be available in addition to the sweets traditionally available at the Am CC club.  
Dee Lindon asked if the club had considered using other venues as the merged club had initially been promised room on a Wednesday in the new Chiltern Leisure

Centre. Unfortunately, this had not been possible as the session would have had to end at 10 pm, in addition there were equipment storage problems NW stated that it was unlikely that an alternative venue could be found at a reasonable price. The possibility of an earlier start was also discussed. SB will investigate but it would depend on the availability of the Large Barn.

This, and other items outlined above, will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Minutes prepared by  
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