

BEDFORDSHIRE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION (BBA)
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Held via Zoom in your own home, on Thursday 13th May, 2021

Pre Meeting Announcements:

David Harris pointed out 30 members were needed for a quorum, any actions taken by the Committee over the past year would need to be agreed by this AGM and later ratified at an EGM.

Colin O'Hara announced that Freda Collins had resigned as Hon Secretary, and that Janet Marsh had agreed to re-take the position of Secretary and would be taking today's minutes. Colin wished to express his thanks to Freda for a sterling job despite her lack of knowledge in the wider bridge world.

1. Apologies for absence:

The list of attendees with apologies received is attached.

2. Minutes of BBA AGM 2019

As there was no AGM held in 2020 the Minutes of the AGM held on 16th May 2019 were accepted as an accurate record.

Proposed: Pippa Green, Seconded: Karen Israel

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Chairman's Report

Colin O'Hara had previously circulated his report via email, and wished to add a few items. He thought that the Face2Face (F2F), bridge was still in doubt for the near future, he is due to attend the County Chairs meeting in May and will report back further. The Bridge Online Alliance was operating extremely well and he wanted to thank Derek Marsh, John Bateman and Pippa Green for bringing RealBridge on line so successfully. Bedford Online Club was the only other local club operating online early in lockdown, Peter Flippant noted that this was a separate club and nothing to do with Bedford Bridge Club or Bedford No Fear Club.

5. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was read out by Pippa Green, and the balance sheet was shared on screen. Both will be attached separately to this document. Andrew Mason pointed out that the County would go bust in 3 years with the same expenditure, which obviously the County will have control over. The report was accepted.

Proposed: Derek Marsh, Seconded: Janet Marsh

6. County Competitions Report

Derek Marsh stated his report covers two years since the last AGM and was a story of two halves. Leading up to the first lockdown the new team's format of a fixed venue and time was well received and attended. Since the lockdown

forced the move to online alternatives Janes BBO and subsequent RealBridge events raised over £2,300 for Macmillan Cancer Support. The rising popularity of the RealBridge club pair's events saw a decline in the BBA offerings on BBO. The county have concentrated on events, such as the County Pairs and Teams, that lead on to national events and have placed teams and pairs in the Garden Cities, Tollemache and Corwen events. Jane has run a successful Swiss Pairs online event and will repeat this with a Green Pointed Bedford Swiss Pairs in September. Derek stated that the BBA were staying with the RealBridge online format until it was clear that a return to F2F would be practical. He outlined plans for a revised teams of four format that combined a Divisions One format of head to head matches with one or more additional 'Just for fun' divisions. With both fixed and elective match dates. Details to be circulated in June.

7. Election of Officers

The following were elected en bloc;

Colin O'Hara (Chairman)
Michael Collins (Vice Chairman)
Pippa Green (Hon. Treasurer)
Janet Marsh (Hon. Secretary)
Derek Marsh (Competitions)
Peter Scott (Publications)
Jane Jensen (County Director/Webmaster)

New Members:-

Peter Flippant: Proposed: Freda Collins, Seconded: Dale Squire
Karen Israel: Proposed: Pippa Green, Seconded: Lesley Perkins
Stewart Pye: Proposed: Colin O'Hara, Seconded: Derek Marsh

David Harris wished everyone all the best for the year ahead and thanked the previous committee for all their hard work.

8. Appointment of Honorary Auditor

Andrew Mason

9. Any Other Business

Lorraine Curry - Please could you extend my sincere thanks to everyone who have put in so much time and effort in enabling the Realbridge to work so effectively for so many people.

A reminder that the membership would be invited to ratify this meeting at our first F2F event.

The meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.