

# **BEWDLEY BRIDGE CLUB**

## **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 10 JULY 2024**

### **1a. Apologies for Absence**

Prior to noting apologies for absence, David Halford expressed his thanks to Eileen Oakley, for her work in setting up the Zoom session which enabled the meeting to be held online and to Sue Deakin, for her work in managing the club website and enabling members to reference the reports to the meeting with ease.

Apologies were received from 43 members. David made specific reference to comments made by Bob Law in tendering his apologies, in which Bob thanked the Club Committee for all their work during the past year. David commented that he would return to this during his annual report.

### **2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting Held on 5 July 2023**

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

### **3. Matters Arising From 2023 Annual General Meeting**

No matters were raised by Club Members.

### **4. Report of Club Chairman**

David Halford presented his annual report to the meeting. The report comprised a review of the recently finished club year and a selection of the highlights from the year. It also comprised an assessment of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats facing the club over the medium term. In particular, he commented that the club now has 117 members, an all time record, and continued very satisfactory participation.

David drew out his main conclusion from the report which was that the club continues to prosper and develop. He thanked each individual member of the Committee for their major contributions to the success of the club. He also thanked club members for their loyalty and support, without which the club could not achieve the success outlined in the report.

Club Members **AGREED** to endorse the report.

### **5. Report of Club Treasurer - Financial Statements at 31 March 2024**

Belinda Morgan submitted the financial statements and gave a short presentation. The statements showed that the club was in good financial health, with a surplus for the year in line with budget planning and substantial cash reserves. The strength of the financial position had enabled the club to reduce membership subscriptions for 2024/25. Belinda thanked Jane Somervell for undertaking her annual audit of the financial statements in a timely manner.

Club Members **AGREED** the report.

**6. Election of Committee and Officers, 2024/25**

David presented a summary of actions for which he requested the endorsement of the Annual General Meeting. Club Members **ENDORSED** the following actions.

To **NOTE** that the Club Chairman, David Halford, the Club Secretary, Eileen Oakley, and the Club Treasurer, Belinda Morgan have expressed a willingness to continue to serve the club for a further year and to **ENDORSE** their re-election for the 2024/25 club year.

To **NOTE** that the other Committee members, Sue Deakin, Alan Booth, Jonathan Price and Candy Shelley have expressed a willingness to continue to serve the club for a further year and to **ENDORSE** their re-election for the 2024/25 club year.

To **APPROVE** that the Club Chairman and the Club Secretary be authorised to co-opt additional members onto the Committee in the event that additional management capacity becomes required.

**7. Club Constitution**

David introduced this item and **THANKED** Alan Booth, who had taken on the role of updating and modernising the Club Constitution. The new document appears on the club website. The new document reflects the situation where a very significant proportion of the bridge provided by the club is online using RealBridge. The new document contains all of the guiding principles to enable the club to continue to operate efficiently and effectively.

Club Members **APPROVED** the adoption of the updated and modernised Club Constitution.

**7. Club Trophies, 2022/23**

Members were requested to **NOTE** the following successes for members in club trophies, which will be awarded formally prior to playing bridge at Wharton Park Golf Club on Wednesday 17 July 2024.

- a) Club Shield (Wednesday)– David Clarke and Steven Clifton;
- b) Club Shield (Thursday) - Chad Chadwick and Philip Morgan;
- c) Myra Hunter Cup – Bill Rosie and Stuart Smith;
- d) Handicap Trophy – Steve Brown and Derek Moses;
- e) Teams Trophy – Steve Brown, Derek Moses, Michaela Vallance and Belinda Morgan;
- f) Packwood Family Trophy - Nicola Downes.

**8. Any Other Business**

David reported that, whilst there were no formal items of Any Other Business, Richard Greenwood proposed a vote of thanks to the Club Chairman and the Club Committee for their continued hard work in

running the club in the most successful period in its history. David **THANKED** Richard for his kind comments. Members **SUPPORTED** the vote of thanks.