

# **BEWDLEY BRIDGE CLUB**

## **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 9 JULY 2025**

### **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.

In submitting apologies, Chris Gait asked for a vote of thanks to the Committee for working so hard and making Bewdley such a wonderful friendly bridge club.

In total apologies were received from 26 members.

### **2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting Held on 10 July 2024**

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

### **3. Matters Arising From 2024 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 has well over 100 members, excellent levels of participation and a wonderful friendly environment.

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.

Tony Tidmarsh thanked David for his leadership as Club Chairman and the contribution made to the progress and development of the club.

### **5. Report of Club Treasurer - Financial Statements at 31 March 2025**

David presented the report on behalf of Belinda Morgan who had tendered her apologies. The statements showed that the club was in good financial health, with a year end position in line with budget planning and that the club held substantial cash reserves. The strength of the financial position had enabled the club to reduce membership subscriptions for both 2024/25 and 2025/26. David 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, 2025/26

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 and the Club Secretary, Eileen Oakley have expressed a willingness to continue to serve the club for a further year and to **ENDORSE** their re-election for the 2025/26 club year.

To **NOTE** that the Club Treasurer, Belinda Morgan, had indicated that she did not wish to stand for re-election for a further year and to **THANK** Belinda for all the hard work over the past three years in the role of Club Treasurer.

To **NOTE** that Ian Darch has volunteered to succeed Belinda as Club Treasurer, to **THANK** Ian for agreeing to serve the club in this capacity and to **ENDORSE** his appointment with immediate effect.

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 2025/26 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.

Members, whilst being muted for the purposes of managing the meeting effectively, **EXPRESSED THEIR APPROVAL** to the above decisions in a variety of ways, with no objections being raised.

## 7. Club Trophies, 2024/25

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 16 July 2025.

- a) Club Shield (Wednesday)– Paul Greaves and Terry Collins;
- b) Club Shield (Thursday) - Chad Chadwick and Philip Morgan;
- c) Myra Hunter Cup – Liz Copley and Colin Beesley;
- d) Handicap Trophy – Sue Deakin and Christine Greatbatch;
- e) Teams Trophy – Bill Rosie, Stuart Smith, Nicola Downes and Ann Sutherland;
- f) Packwood Family Trophy - Carole Adamek.

Carole expressed her sincerest thanks for the help and support from all club members and in particular the 27 different partners who had helped her to achieve this award from the club.

## 8. Any Other Business

David reported that there were no items of Any Other Business,