

# **Minutes of AGM of the Billericay Mayflower Bridge Club**

**Held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.00pm**

## **1. Welcome and Apologies**

- The meeting was opened by the Chairman and everyone was welcomed.
- Apologies for absence had been received from: David Tennet, Lyn and Tony Falder, Robert Elliott & Graham Beeton.

## **2. Minutes**

- The minutes of the last AGM (19<sup>th</sup> May 2022) were accepted and signed.
- Albert Kitchin proposed accepting the minutes. Seconded by Peter Copsey

## **3. Matters arising**

- There were no matters arising.

## **4. Chairman's Report**

- The Chairman had been unwell for the last couple of weeks and had only just managed to make the meeting after a minor operation earlier in the day. However, the Secretary had prepared a rather dull speech 'just in case' which John delivered with his usual flair. See Appendix A.
- The bottom line is that the Club has been averaging around 7 tables with no obvious significant trend. In the light of the recent rise in table-money, this is just about enough to break even financially.
- Membership is 44, down 11 from last year.
- Some of the year's highlights were read out, with a particularly rousing round of applause for Chris Comer & Peter Copsey who had recently won the Club Championship.

## **5. Treasurer's Report & Appointment of the Examiner**

- Linda presented the accounts and reported that the deficit this year was – at nearly £770 – a lot worse than last year due to an increase in the MVH rent following a full return to F2F bridge and a reduction in membership and attendance. The table money and membership fee has been raised this year to help balance the books.
- The accounts were accepted - Proposed by Maureen Vede and seconded by George.
- Thanks were given to Robert Elliott who had examined the books and was prepared to carry on for another year.

## **6. Election of Officers**

- Four of last year's Committee Members did not stand for re-election and were thanked for their services: Albert Kitchin, Tony Falder, Kath Fox and Ashley Sawyer.
- The following Committee Members were re-elected unanimously:-
  - John McCoy – Chairman
  - Linda Fleet – Treasurer
  - Marcia Levan-Harris - Member
- The following new Committee Members were elected unanimously:-
  - Theo Todman – Secretary & Webmaster
  - Chris Comer – Member
  - Sandra Senton – Member
- Theo Todman was also elected as Club Captain
- The incoming committee was proposed by Angela Fenton and seconded by Simon Moorman.

## **7. Table Money and Membership Fee**

- To help balance the books, the Committee had raised these by fiat at the start of the current Club year (April 2023). Table money for members was raised to £3.00 (from £2.50) and the Membership Fee to £15 (from £10). Guest table-money remains at £4.00.
- These changes were submitted to the meeting for ratification and were accepted unanimously. Proposed by Peter Copsey; seconded by Sandra Fenton.

## **8. AOB**

- A club member had raised the issue of whether Convention Cards are a pre-requisite for playing at the Club. The Chairman proposed that – while Convention Cards are to be encouraged – as BMBC is primarily a social club, they are not absolutely necessary. This was put to the members and was accepted unanimously by a show of hands.

## **9. The meeting closed at 7:25**

- Marcia Levan-Harris was thanked for providing the excellent spread for the Party.

## APPENDIX A

### Chairman's Report Jottings for Mayflower Bridge Club AGM

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1. **Membership** (As of 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023): 44 (down 11 from last year).
2. **Attendance:**
  - a. **Tables:**
    - i. Average 6.4 tables April 2022 – March 2023.
    - ii. Average 7.3 Tables April-May 2023.
    - iii. Fairly constant; no obvious trend. 7 tables are round about the financial break-even point.
  - b. Distinct Attendees: 73 (April 2022 – March 2023); 49 (April/May 2023)
  - c. So ... healthy, but not exactly thriving.
  - d. **Comparison** (pre-pandemic: April 2019 – March 2020):
    - i. Average 9.7 tables
    - ii. 104 distinct attendees
3. **Club Competitions:**
  - a. Club Championship Pairs: Chris Comer & Peter Copsey
  - b. Ladder (Individual): Robert Elliott
  - c. Ladder (Pairs): Robert Elliott & Peter Oake
4. **Selected Successes:**
  - a. Graham Beeton & Ray Clarke won the Gwen Herga
  - b. Angela Fenton & David Cooper won the Sue Taylor
  - c. Mayflower B (John+Marcia, Peter+Wendy) came 3 / 10 in Cup for Clubs