

Billericay Mayflower Bridge Club

Annual General Meeting: 15th May 2018

1. The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence: Sheena Millins
3. The minutes for last year's AGM were agreed: Proposed: Leon Lewis
Seconded: Peter Williamson
4. There were no matters arising
5. Chairman's report:
The Chairman thanked John Peacock and Carol McCue for all their hard work and long service to the committee.
John announced that Carol was standing down as Secretary.
Our attention was drawn to the decline in membership, ways of improving this include a summer meeting and bridge classes. John suggested we have a host system.
Members were requested to keep the club friendly at all times.
John asked that we should remember those who had died in the last year: John Peacock, Graham Smith, Peter Goodey and Peter Drew.
6. Tournament Directors Report:
The Tournament Director encouraged members to call the Director rather than try to sort issues out themselves. Members were asked to always have a convention card available.
7. Treasurers Report:
Linda advised of the reduction in the bank balance, the subs were increased after the EGM to ensure the club remained viable. Income remained similar to the previous year and Linda explained that the higher expenses were due to the purchase of cards, boards and cases for computer dealt hands. The Pay to Play fee has increased by 20% this year.
Linda thanked Mike Goodswen for his examination of the accounts and his invaluable help.
Acceptance of accounts: Proposed Marcia Levan-Harris
Seconded Terry Murphy
8. Election of Officers:
Secretary: June Brown Proposed: Linda Fleet Seconded: Maureen Vede
Committee members: Tony Falder & Albert Kitchen
Proposed: George Vede Seconded: Simon Moorman
9. Mike Goodswen agreed to be the Independent Examiner

Proposed: Ann Morgan Seconded: Len Williams

10. Vote on proposals:

a) That the Constitution be updated to include Level 4 bidding.

It was noted that the committee would have the final decision should any dispute arise.

b) That pre-dealt boards should be used.

There were no objections. Proposed: Peter Williamson Seconded: Graham Beeton

c) Host system: John asked for volunteers and after some discussion it was agreed that hosts would not be required to pay table money. Proposed: Keith Thompson

Seconded: Jon Ward

d) Members were asked to bring their own cups to cut down on plastic waste, this was agreed overwhelmingly

e) Introduction of Teaching and Supervised bridge: Proposed: Leon Lewis

Seconded: Trevor Archer

11. Announcement of Cup Winners: Deferred due to time constraints.

12. Any Other Business

There was a discussion regarding the expense of having an annual party, it was agreed the committee should consider the costs.