

♣♦ BOOKHAM AFTERNOON BRIDGE CLUB ♥♠

Minutes of the 50th Annual General Meeting 4th October 2018

1. The Chairman, Neil Higgins, welcomed members.
2. The Hon.Secretary, Kate Castree, reported that she had received 40 apologies for absence. The full list was posted on the notice board.
81 members attended.
3. The draft Minutes of the 49th AGM were taken as read.
Acceptance was proposed by Sue Moss and seconded by Brigid Mc Donald.
Members voted to accept the Minutes and they were signed by the Chairman.
There were no matters arising.
4. The Hon. Treasurer, Sue Mc Donald's report is attached.
Acceptance of her report was proposed by Pauline Zeronian and seconded by Lawrence Penney.
Members voted to accept the report.
5. The Chairman read his report which was followed by reports from Kate Castree (Secretary) and Sandra Cape (Directors and Scorers).
Questions from members were invited: There were no questions.
Acceptance of the combined reports was proposed by Coral Wabe, and seconded by Yvonne Wallis.
Members voted to accept the reports.
The full text of the combined reports may be seen online on the AGM 50 web page and in the folder near the notice board.
6. Election of Officers and Committee Members
All nominees stood uncontested.

NOMINATIONS (OFFICERS)

POSITION	NOMINEE	PROPOSED	SECONDED
CHAIRMAN	Neil Higgins	Sheila Hayter	Jean Suckling
VICE-CHAIRMAN	Steve Leach	Lesley Colligan	Ann Wingham
HON.SECRETARY	Kate Castree	Yvonne Wallis	Garry Hayter
HON. TREASURER	Sue McDonald	Maureen Paxton	Renate Lane
DIRECTORS & SCORERS COORDINATOR	Sandra Cape	Vivienne Cover White	May Williamson
HON.EXAMINER	Chris Pullan	Elizabeth Bartlett	Brian Glicksman

ELECTION OF FIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

NOMINEE	PROPOSED	SECONDED
MARYLIN CLARKE	Veronica Lawton	Jill Pattison
KATH GREEN	Sue Moss	Bill Archer
ALICE HARPER	Michael Light	Hilda Gardiner
JULIE KAMIENIECKA	Ruth Tribick	Dorothy Steinart
CAROL NEWTON	Shelagh Mitchell	Ruth Tribick

Neil asked the permission of members to proceed with the election and re-election of the Committee taking as read the proposed and seconded ten nominations which had been posted on the notice board.

This request was proposed by Trevor Gaskell and seconded by Margaret Lawson and accepted by the membership.

Nominees to all positions were therefore elected/re-elected.

Before stepping down Anneke Prior read the following statement:

“Good morning.

Before I leave the committee, now is my opportunity to say something about this wonderful, well run club.

I don’t understand why some members have to complain about trifling matters. Neil, Kate, Sandra and many others run this club like clockwork. No wonder we have so many people waiting to join. Members tend to forget that an awful lot of time and effort has been put towards it.

Please, members, get your act together and be grateful for what we have got.

Thank you for listening.”

Retiring committee members, Miranda Moore and Anneke Prior stepped down.

New committee member Marilyn Clarke took her place on the stage. Kath Green had sent her apologies for absence as she was on holiday.

7. Election of Hon. Examiner

Chris Pullan had kindly agreed to serve for a further year and was unanimously re-elected.

8. Presentations:

The trophies were presented by the Chairman, Neil Higgins.

The Anniversary Plate for the highest individual score was awarded to **Chris Pullan**; unfortunately Chris was unable to be present to receive his trophy and had sent his apologies. Neil remarked on the remarkable fact that Chris had played 40 times with 10 different partners. Chris will receive his trophy when he next attends.

The Queen’s Jubilee Cup for best pairs was awarded to **Penny Webster-Smith and Sandra Cape**. Sandra accepted the trophy on their behalf as Penny was unable to be present.

The Gordon Jenner Cup for best improver was awarded to **John Stewart**.

Unfortunately John was unable to be present to accept his trophy as he was ill. He will be awarded his trophy when he next attends.

The Chairman's Cup for winning the Handicap Pairs Competition was awarded to **Bill Archer and Jill Pattison**. Bill accepted the trophy on their behalf as Jill was on holiday and had sent her apologies.

Miranda Moore took photos of those trophy winners who were present and it is hoped to take photos of all winners in due course.

Neil thanked **Ron Rutstein** for the invaluable work he does as webmaster and for collating the scores for Club competitions.

9. AOB.

- Clive Allum reiterated his previously mentioned request to the Secretary that the members' phone list should be posted on the notice board.

Neil replied that this was not possible as personal contact details would then be accessible to others, thereby contravening the advice from the EBU against such a list which would contravene GDPR provisions. He had previously mentioned in his Chairman's report how such a list could be compiled by volunteers from within the membership but outside the remit of the committee.

- Rosie Branch raised the disappointment expressed by several members with regard to the quality of the sandwiches provided by the caterer at the Village Week event.

This issue had already been mentioned to and discussed by the committee at their meeting in July and would be kept in mind for future events.

10. Neil requested that members should complete the voting slips for the 50th Anniversary Charity Fund by voting for no more than three charities. The slips were collected by Jenny Cameron. The result was later announced as follows: Surrey Air Ambulance and Princess Alice Hospice were the clear winners; several charities vied for third place but the Royal Marsden Hospital won by one vote.

Neil thanked members for attending and the meeting closed at 12 noon.

A break for lunch followed with drinks provided; Duplicate bridge followed at 13.15.