

Brunton Bridge Club Committee
11.00 Wednesday 3 September 2025

Present: Peter Avery (Chair); Steve Ray; Susan Green; Jill Armstrong, Guy Herzmark (minutes by Guy); Marion Curran; Steve Sansom.

1 Minutes of the last meeting on 25 March 2025

These were agreed, subject to adding 'UMS' in front of 'Pay to play'. [ACT Guy, Jill]

2 Matters arising

All actions noted have been completed.

3 Finance (Steve R)

The club has £6,700 in the bank. The weekly costs are £90 with a weekly income of £150. There are some extra costs not included in these figures but the finances are healthy.

4 Membership (Susan)

There are about 57 full members of the club and 23 afternoon members.

5 Mondays (Peter)

We have been seeing fewer players over the summer but expect to be back to normal soon.

6 Wednesdays (Peter)

Again this is also down over the summer but expected to return to 5 tables in the autumn. Master points are awards using the '12' category (supported play). This means that NGS grades are unaffected and apparently the EBU does not email players with results.

7 Inter club 2025-26 (Susan)

7a Player availability Guy is unavailable on 12 October; Frank to play with Peter in the A team. Susan does not yet have a partner but will ask around to find one. [Act Susan]

7b Match schedule This is not ideal in that the A and B Teams were often playing at home separately and will have to travel to both Bishop Auckland and Darlington. It was agreed that Peter should contact Catherine Farrell to ask NEBA to add this to the agenda for the NEBA Council meeting on 15 October. [Act Peter]

7c Food Marion to sort out food for our home matches asking players to contribute. When the two teams meet on 14 October, Susan will get some sandwiches and sausages rolls from CostCo and Steve R will ask for three cakes from Cambo WI. [Act Susan, Steve R]

8 AGM

The draft minutes were agreed by the Committee and will go out to members for their assent at the next AGM. Peter is now loading the results on using the pub's wifi.

9 Laptop

A new laptop has been bought. The keys are slightly larger and it is much quicker. The software has been cloned from the old machine so it runs in the same way. Agreed Peter should buy a cordless mouse to use with it. **[Act Peter]**

10 Website (Jill)

Jill asked if all could check the website to make sure it was accurate. Susan to ask Mary how she would like to manage the task of finding partners for single players while she is away during most of October. Perhaps Janet Angel might cover if needed. **[ACT Susan]**

11 BIABD follow-on

We will run a similar event on 23 or 30 November or 7 December from 14.00 to 17.00, if the Hall is available, or in the Spring, if not. Guy to check. The cost will be £10 as before though not for charity. It will be for NGS grades 9 and below or for ungraded players. It will need to be advertised when the date is known. Jill will create posters for display. **[ACT Guy, Jill]**

12 NEBA Sim Pairs

This is on 27 October. We agreed that the club will subsidise any extra costs and we can also ask for donations.

13 Other Sim Pairs These are available through ECAT and through the EBU itself. Peter will consider which would be appropriate for an event in the Spring. **[ACT Peter]**

14 Xmas Party We agreed to hold this on 22 December. Steve R will check with Cambo WI if they can cater for this. If not, food could be provided from CostCo, supplemented with a salmon and salads. **[Act Steve R, Susan]**

11 Next meeting

Tuesday 11 November starting at 11.15 at Susan's house. **[ACT All]**