

**Brunton Bridge Club Committee**

**10.30 Thursday 7 May 2026**

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

**1 Minutes of the last meeting on 19 February 2026**

These were agreed, subject to deleting a sentence and action in Point 10. [Act Guy, Jill]

**2 Matters arising**

**2a Hall heating** This is still not working. Guy to contact Susie.  
[Act Guy]

**3 Finance (Steve R)**

The club has £5,000 in savings account but the current account is nearly empty. We expect a refund by the EBU of half the fees for the Director's course but this will be sent to our EBU account to defray future payments. Steve R will borrow the Brunton printer (in the cupboard) to enable a print-out of the annual figures for checking by Guy. Peter will bring his spare ink cartridge to Brunton for Steve R to use. [Act Steve R, Peter, Guy]

**4 Membership (Susan)**

She has some new forms for new people to join. Susan will ask members to confirm that their contact details have not changed when collecting membership fees. She has new membership forms for new members to complete. JA confirmed that, for data protection purposes, there is no requirement for existing members to complete a new form each year, provided the club keeps members' information accurate and up to date. [Act Susan]

**5 Mondays (Peter)**

Table numbers are somewhat lower than before.

**6 Wednesdays (Peter)**

We average some three to four tables. [Act Peter, Guy]

**7 Inter club 2025-26 (Susan)**

**7a Problems during matches** It appears that NEBA is not acting fully to protect the application of EBU rules during these events. It was agreed that the team captain should make a record of any infractions and forward a report to NEBA asking for stronger action. The opposing team involved should also be informed.

**7b Next year** Steve S is willing to discuss with Susan what is involved in organizing teams for the inter area with a view to taking over the role. The first need is to contact Brunton members to ask if they would in principle be willing to play for the club and provide the dates of the matches next year. Steve S has a set of dates to send to Guy to check.

[Act Susan, Steve S, Guy]

**8 Website (Jill)**

Jill to update website with confirmed minutes from February (from Guy). She will also add that membership fees are now due for 2026/27. **[ACT Jill, Guy]**

**9 Charity pairs**

So far only 10 pairs have signed up to play. Perhaps it is the Newcastle United match that day; perhaps holidays. It was decided that 7 tables was the minimum. Peter will assess the situation on Sunday night and decide whether to cancel. He will inform the Committee. If the event is cancelled, Jill will contact those hoping to play, seeking confirmation that they have received the message. If not, Susan will buy four platters of sandwiches which Steve S will pick up from her on Sunday morning around 9.30. Four cakes will be provided by Jill, Georgia, Robert and Margaret (both via Steve S). Steve S, Steve R, Marion, Jill and Peter will be available on the day to help. **[ACT Peter, Susan, Steve R, Steve S, Marion, Jill]**

**10 AGM (29 June 2026)**

Peter and Steve R will provide the usual reports. **[ACT Peter, Steve R]**

**11 Next meeting** This will be on 15 September starting at 10.45 by Zoom. **[ACT All]**

*Guy Herzmark  
For Brunton Bridge Committee  
9 May 2026*