

Brunton Bridge Club Committee
10.30 Thursday 19 February 2025

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 2 December 2025

These were agreed, subject to 'Pater' changing to 'Peter'. It was also agreed that Jill should add the November and December minutes when ready to the website and that Guy should send them to her as PDF's. **[ACT Guy, Jill]**

2 Matters arising

2a Guy has contacted the Community Centre over the inter area dates for next year. They would like confirmation which ones we will need but this will have to wait for the NEBA schedule to be decided. **[A C T Marion, Guy]**

2b The Christmas Party was less well attended than usual due to its proximity to Christmas as a result of the inter area schedule. JA suggested we might change to a New Year Party next time.

3 Finance (Steve R)

The club has £5,000 in savings account and £500 in the current account, with some £500 still to pay out. This is due to various expenses including £418 for the Christmas Party, £750 for the inter area and £578 for director training though some or all of this will be refunded by the EBU eventually. Steve R asked Guy for the hours booked for the Chronicle Cup semifinal and suggested £2 a head for refreshments. The costs will be reimbursed by NEBA. **[Act Guy]**

4 Membership (Susan)

Two new members have joined the club and two more rejoined. Fedai wishes to join but has no partner. It was agreed we should accept his membership and try to find him someone to play with, perhaps one of the students or ex-students.

5 Mondays (Peter)

We have been seeing between 8 and 9 tables recently, rather fewer than before. Peter proposed dates as follows:

Arnold Deane Handicap 11 May; Manny Silver and Steve Ray Cups 1 June; Captain's Charity Pairs 15 June; AGM 29 June; and Prize Giving 6 July. These were agreed, though not everyone will be able to go to all these events.

6 Wednesdays (Peter)

We average some four tables with a lot of variation. Isi is also helping now. Susan asked if the Wednesday members could be invited to the AGM and this was agreed. She suggested a competition and Peter agreed to look into it though it could pose difficulties as people may

seek help or one of the helpers may play with an unpartnered person. There are two small trophies which Guy will return to the cupboard in the Community Centre. **[Act Peter, Guy]**

7 Inter club 2025-26 (Susan)

7a Last match on 1 March Susan has sent out the teams and it seems all can play. The A team are away to Darlington (£40 in petrol money to share). The B team are at home in the Club Room. Susan will sort out the food, asking for help where needed. Steve S will make a cake. The club tables are square and Steve S and others can move them from the Hall store. There are cloths and bidding boxes in the Committee Room cupboards (in the alcove). Marion will give Susan her key to the Community Centre. **[Act Marion, Susan]**

7b Next year Susan is stepping down from her position so a new inter area organizer will be needed next year. **[Act Peter]**

8 Website (Jill)

Jill to update website with minutes from November and December when Guy provides them. **[ACT Jill, Guy]**

9 Charity pairs

The Hall is booked from 1.30 to 5.30 on 17 May and 22 November [added by GH after the meeting]. For May, we will charge £10 per person, aiming for players of NGS 9 or lower. Any surplus will go to St Oswalds and we will also take donations on the day. Jill will produce some flyers to use with the student groups, our Club and other local Clubs. Susan will source food from CostCo with cakes to be provided by the WI if possible. **[ACT Peter, Jill, Susan]**

10 Communication

It was reported that a Brunton member who also plays competitively for another club had circulated an email referring to the possibility of Brunton teams being relegated and indicating that such an outcome would be welcome. The committee discussed the matter and agreed that the tone was not appropriate given the member's connection with Brunton. It was decided that Marion should email the Stannington Committee to protest against the inappropriate language used (in her capacity as a member of Brunton Bridge Committee). **[ACT Marion]**

11 Next meeting This will be on 7 May starting at 10.30 at Susan's house. **[ACT All]**

12 AOB

12a Heating in the Hall. We have been having difficulties making the heating work. It was agreed that Guy should contact the Community Centre to ask if either someone can turn the heating on at 1800 or the Bowlers can leave the heating on when they leave. **[Act Guy]**

**Guy Herzmark
For Brunton Bridge Committee
24 February 2026**