

CASTLE MORPETH BRIDGE CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at Storey Park Community Centre, Morpeth

6.30 pm on Tuesday 15th May, 2018

In attendance: Margaret Andrew, Jean Armstrong, Di Barker, John Beaumont, Anne Bell, Eric Bell, Janet Brough, Sylvia Capron, Tim Capron, Sarah Cleverley, Anne Coates, Dorothy Craig, Mike Craig (Chair), Aileen Cunningham, Margery Dodds, Don Eadington, Margaret Fenwick, David Gunn, Keith Harbour, Helen Hardy, Malcolm Hargreaves, Jill Harrison, Anne Hauxwell, Simon Hedley, Norman Henry, Syd Hetherington, Paul Ingoe, Val Ireland, Dorothy James, Donna Lawrence, Jo Lormor, Yvonne Mallon, Cecily Manghan, Alistair Markham, Isobel Markham, Laura Marriott, Peter Marshall, Garry Matthews, Betty Matthewson, Joan Monkhouse, Laurie Monkhouse, Brenda Mueller, Elizabeth Murphy, Betty Newton, Carole Newton, Vincent Price, Ray Rayner, Stephen Reay, Ken Reed, Ali Ritz, Mike Rowlands, Helen Sadler, Freda Simpkin, Frank Springett, Trevor Stone, Ted Szymczuk, Barbara Thompson, Sheila Thompson, Jim Turnbull, Ken Waugh and Marjorie Waugh.

Apologies received from: Ian Hudson, Sheena Hudson, Cyril Meehan, Charlie Singh, Pauline Boardman, Vivien Bennett, Ann Noble, Paul Gates and Mike Stanbury.

Minutes of Meeting held 16th May 2017: The minutes were adopted as a true record. Proposed by Peter Marshall and seconded by Laura Marriott.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising

Chairman's report: Like many clubs we are experiencing a slight reduction in numbers and our current paid up membership is 101. Although this normally increases slightly as the year goes on it is the lowest number we have seen for several years. It has not yet made a big difference to table numbers which averaged 16 over the last year but it is noticeable that we are not getting students joining us from the teaching groups. I regret this and we all need to encourage the next generation of bridge players. The EBU have produced a welcome pack that is sent to all new members which gives a good summary of the benefits of being a member of an affiliated club and the automatic membership of the EBU. We will shortly be getting a few copies of the welcome pack for our club and if you know of any prospective members that might be interested we can make them available. I will leave this one out as a sample.

We are managing to maintain two teams in the inter-club competition and the A team did well to come top of their division and will get the promotion to the D division that it was deprived of last year. This will give them some real competition this coming season. The B

team struggled a bit but all credit to the members who supported this team, often having to fill in at the last minute but allowing us to complete all our matches although giving Freda quite a lot of hassle.

The calendar for the next year is on the website and we are continuing with the same programme of competitions and simultaneous pair events. We have included an extra handicap competition in January next year as requested by a member. Our website calendar also shows all the NEBA events whether by heats or direct entry and they are colour coded to make them stand out, so please do make use of this facility.

We would like to do our bit to reduce the use of plastic so we encourage you to bring your own cup or mug. There will be space for them to be stored in our cupboard, the only proviso being that you must wash the mug yourself and put it away. We will also provide a few club mugs to be used with the same conditions. We will continue to provide a few polystyrene cups primarily for visitors but hope their use will decline. This will start from next week.

I should like to end by thanking all the people who work hard every week to make the club run smoothly, the Directors, Scorers, Frank for the Hand of the Week and all members of the Committee.

Treasurer's Report and Election of Auditor: Freda circulated copies of the Income and Expenditure Accounts for year ending 31st March 2018. These were self-explanatory and there were no queries. David Gunn complimented Freda Simpkin for her efficient and competent managing of the club's accounts. The accounts were adopted by David Gunn and seconded by Trevor Stone.

Norman Gray was thanked for auditing the accounts and dealing of boards. Norman Gray was re-elected as honorary reporting accountant for the forth-coming year. Proposed by Dorothy Craig and seconded by Garry Matthews.

Election of Committee Members: Tim Capron resigned from the Committee and was thanked for his services. The remaining members were re-elected. Laura Marriott was elected to the Committee.

General Data Protection Regulations: Copies of the Club's Privacy Policy and Notice had been circulated to all tables and David Gunn outlined the reasons for the new regulations. The GDPR privacy notice and policy will be displayed on the website and notice board. He introduced the new membership forms which will be used next year.

Any other business: Frank Springett asked about the situation regarding the hall. Freda Simpkin stated that the club will be able to use the hall for the foreseeable future and Morpeth Council will have to provide alternative premises if the situation changes.

Presentation of Trophies: Mike Craig presented the following trophies:

Club Championship Pairs	20th Jun 17	Charlie Singh & Pauline Boardman
Club Handicap Pairs	11th Jul 17	Cecily Manghan & Freda Simpkin
Club Championship Teams	27 th Mar 18	Jo Lormor & Margaret Andrew
Tessa Lee Trophy		Peter Marshall & Vincent Price
Club Mixed Pairs	13 th Feb 18	Aileen Cunningham & David Gunn
Club Ladies Pairs	28th Nov 17	Ann Noble & Paula Gates
Club Mens Pairs	28th Nov 17	Frank Springett & Mike Stanbury
Individual Club Shield (1)	Apr – Mar	Frank Springett
Slam Champion	Apr – Mar	Jim Turnbull

Definitions:-

(1) Based on av % pairs score over year 1st Apr – 31st Mar. Must have played half of available match pointed pairs events (48) & best 24 scores included.

Slams: Points awarded for each slam 3 for grand and 1 for small

Meeting closed 6.50 pm.