

Crawley Bridge Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2022

11<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:-

Helen Kent, Carol & Mark Randall, Mike Eaton, Lin Curnock, Kayam Malik, Anne Matterface, June Carr, Gill Smillie, Sue Best, Barbara & Nigel Budd, Christina Backholer, Gwen Berry and Frank Sansom.

42 members were in attendance.

### **2. Minutes of the Previous AGM**

The minutes of the previous AGM 21/7/21 were agreed to be a correct record.

### **3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **4. Chairman's Report**

Well what a year it's been, a difficult but successful year for Crawley Bridge Club and everyone.

Thank you all for keeping up and adapting with the covid regulations.

We now have over 90 members and high attendances due to the hard work of Helen and Richard's teaching sessions and our solidified reputation as a friendly club.

It is our golden anniversary this year! So 50 years of bridge! We've come a long way and still have a founding member here. In honour of this we will be throwing a Cake and Prosecco competition. The date at the moment is unknown, but keep an eye out!

Unfortunately we have lost some members over the past year, Beryl Makinson and Sue Ross. Our sympathies go to those they have left behind.

Helen is about to finish her current class on BBO and there is scheduled to begin again with a new class in September. It's unsure yet whether it will be f2f or BBO. If you know anyone who may be interested please let us know. After the summer we will be continuing the tuesday sessions via zoom, in which everyone will be welcome.

We have our Gentle Duplicate on a Monday, which is averaging 6 tables, Wednesday are averaging about 10 tables, and Fridays are averaging 6 tables.

Over the past year we have raised a lot of money for different charities, £260 for Crawley open house, £60 for cancer research, £660 for Ukraine and £240 for children in need with a total of £1280.

Our social calendar is coming back into full swing, starting with a weekend away at Eastbourne next weekend. We are proposing to have the bridge BBQ for the second week in July and various other events throughout the year.

We are lucky enough to have a dealing machine at our club to do all the dealing for us, it also gives us the opportunity to be able to look at the hands that we have played and if you wanted to, play the hands again! I would like to thank all the volunteers who give up their time and run the machine for us.

This is my first year as chairman and I know I've had extremely big shoes to fill but I'd like to thank you all for your continued support.

I would also like to thank all the members of the committee for their hard work throughout the year with special thanks to Richard for his teaching and secretarial duties, Gordon for being treasurer with Sylvia's assistance and Helen for running all the lessons to help grow the club! And a special thankyou to Mervyn for his ongoing IT support and knowledge.

### **5. Treasurer's Report**

The Financial Report for 2021-2022 (see page following) had been circulated to all members. We are in good shape with a Net Worth of £5,527.94 following a surplus of £2,030.79 for the year. There were no questions from the floor.

### **6. Competition Report**

Club Competitions. Despite the problems with Covid we had run five club competitions during the year.

Iris Draude Handicap Pairs

Linda Maynard-Springall & Chris Bohorquez

Valentine Pairs

Tricia Joyce & Sam Randall

Individual

Carolyn Braithwaite

Christmas Party

Gordon & Betty N/S

Wendy & Frank E/W

Sheila Becarovic Men v Ladies

Men

Public Events. It was a particularly successful year for CBC players at County and National levels.

ECATS Charity Challenge

Overall Winners – Hazel Ogden & Meryn Wotton

CBC players filled 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> places out of 204 pairs

SCCBA Stepping Stones

Overall Winners – Tim Lane & John Prior

Trophy for players with less than 4 years experience was won by June Carr & Kris Noble

East Grinstead Basic Bridge

1<sup>st</sup> E/W Christine & Phil Nash

3<sup>rd</sup> N/S June Carr & Trish Robson

## **7. Election of Committee and Officers**

Peter Watkins is standing down from the committee. Peter was thanked for his contribution, particularly for his work as our Treasurer at a difficult time. All the other committee members are prepared to continue. Sue Noblett volunteered to join the committee.

The election of the committee was proposed by Betty Lecky-Thompson, seconded by Yuriko Woodcock and carried unanimously.

The officers have all agreed to continue for another year.

The committee is as follows.

Sam Randall, Chairman  
Gordon Briggs, Treasurer  
Richard Jameson, Secretary  
Carol Randall  
Helen Kent  
Kate Massie  
Sylvia Smith  
Carolyn Braithwaite  
Phil Nash  
Sue Noblett

## **8. Any Other Business**

There was no further business.

The meeting closed.