

CUMBRIA COUNTY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 16th July 2025 @ 1700hrs via Zoom.

Apologies were received from: Gillian Black, Pam Collinson, Trevor Cook, Peter Craven, Harriet Dinwoodie, Ann Elgie, Poppy Hollins-Gibson, Babs Matthews, John Sagar, Graham Walker, Gaynor Williams

Present:

Christine Ward (Chairman),
Ian Smith (Treasurer),
Paul Davies (Secretary)
Ken Johnston (Tournament Officer),
Sam Norman (Match Captain and Equipment Officer)
Leo Lehniger (Committee member)

Alan Anderson, Michelle Davies, Sharon Gadsen, Rosemary Jackson, Christine Johnston, Nicky Luckett, George Page, Pat Palmer, Pat Smith, Mike and Sally-Anne Rothwell, Nicholas Stewartson, Chris Wilkinson, Carole Williams.

In attendance, Mary Cousins, EBU County and Membership Development Officer

Minutes from the 2024 AGM held on 17th July 2024 were accepted as a true record of events following a show of hands following the proposal by Ian Smith and seconded by Leo Lehniger.

In Memorium:

A minute's silence was held for those members we have lost over the last year.

<i>Barrow Bridge Club:</i>	Paul Collins
<i>Eden Bridge Club:</i>	Peter Gibb, Margaret Travis, Eric Whiteman
<i>Grange Bridge Club:</i>	Derek Frobisher
<i>Keswick Bridge Club</i>	John Hindle, Joan Taylor
<i>St Bees Bridge Club:</i>	Steve Brown, Rod Light
<i>Workington Bridge Club</i>	

Chairman's Remarks:

Christine thanked everyone for attending, ensuring a quorum of 15 was met, and also thanked the committee for their continued support.

She expressed continued disappointment that there was no appetite for face-to-face county competitions, though online entries had seen the County Teams competition well-supported. She noted that entries from the county to the EBU events hosted by Ken on behalf of Cumbria, were still scarce.

She reported that running a county congress was still unlikely

She hoped for a good entry from our members at the Westmorland Green Pointed weekend.

She wished everyone an enjoyable and successful year at the bridge table.

Mary Cousins was introduced to the meeting. She gave us an outline on the EBU's ideas about membership development and retention. She offered suggestions regarding venue changes, Café Bridge and wider get togethers. She was pleased to note that several clubs provide teaching and follow-up sessions and offered beginners support from HQ. She was warmly thanked for her participation.

Hon. Secretaries Report:

Paul had little report but vowed to keep on top of communication with the constituent clubs. He asked to be kept up to date with changes in membership.

Hon. Treasurer's Report

Ian Smith presented the accounts. Once again, these are much the same as last year. Revenue from the EBU events swells the coffers. Entry to county events will continue to be free, though entry numbers remain static. He proposed to continue the nil county subscription levy, agreed by the meeting.

The accounts had been duly audited, and acceptance was proposed by Pat Palmer and seconded by Paul Davies. The report was accepted unanimously.

Match Captain's Report:

Sam provided a summary of recent events and thanked the players who had volunteered for selection to the county teams.

This year's NBL results were mixed with the A team in a tough Division 1 and a joint team with Westmorland finding Division 3 hard work this year.

He reported that 5 teams had played against Dumfries Carlisle and recorded a satisfactory win. He was hopeful of a similar result against Lancashire.

Election of Officers:

Proposed by Sharon Gadsen and seconded by Chris Wilkinson, a unanimous bloc vote was recorded for the re-election of the committee and officers.

Election of County President:

Keswick BC provided the County President for the year 2025-6.

Chairperson: Christine Ward

Secretary: Paul Davies

Treasurer: Ian Smith

Congress Secretary: Christine Ward

Match Secretary/ Equipment Officer: Sam Norman

Tournament Officer: Ken Johnston

Committee Member/ Web Admin:

Committee Member: Leo Lehninger

Committee Member: Ian Reeves

Committee Member:

President: Gaynor Williams

Next Meeting: 16th July 2025, time and venue or online resource TBC