



Ealing Bridge Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

15th April 2025

1. Meeting started at 6:45pm with 18 members present.

Apologies for absence: Annabel Burrows, Chris Bonser, Michael Fitzgerald, Micheal Landon, Mike Davis, Ann Liddell and Jeremy Hart.

2. 2024 AGM minutes were approved.

- There were no errors or omissions.
- There were no matters arising.
- Acceptance proposed by Steve Way and seconded by Christine Bates.

3. Chairman's Report.

- The club is in a healthy state with table numbers increasing from an average of 8.5 in 2023 to 10 in 2024. The average so far this year is 10.5.
- We've had 3 new members so far this year and 81 have renewed from last year.
- Glenys Roberts, an ex-member who's in the 25-year roll of honour, sadly died this year. Miriam Thomas, also in the roll of honour, has moved to Brighton and Jenny Bridge will soon be on her way to Australia. We wish them both well for the future.
- Spaces are need in the car park for those less able to walk so please park in the road when possible.
- Be mindful of bridge etiquette, specifically not speaking loudly about hands. A reminder, too, that everyone should be seated by 7:15 for a prompt 7:20 start.
- Congratulations to trophy winners in 2024/25: Vic for the Bridge Ladder; Gary & Gilly for the Mixed Pairs; Ian & Pauline

for the John Baron Xmas Salver; Vic & Dee for the Handicap Pairs; Mike & Adrian for the Ealing Cup.

- A big thank-you to all the members of the committee who help the club run smoothly. Anyone who feels they would like to join the committee should speak to the Chairman.

David thanked Jon for his work as Chairman, particularly in fostering a good relationship with the management of the Hungarian centre.

4. Treasurer's Report

- Table money up by £900 on previous year, and tea money has doubled following the price rise. The Xmas party made a profit for the first time of £43.
- Rent has risen from its post-Covid amount of £85 per week and will be back to £130 next year.
- Lloyds now charge £60 per year for its banking services but it was decided not to move to another bank as their charges are likely to be similar.
- A new PC was recently bought for £149 and EBU charges are £900 per year.

Treasurer's report proposed acceptance was by Jane A'Court, seconded by Christine Fortune and passed unanimously.

5. Election of Club Committee and Officers

- a. Elected to office were
 - Chair – Jon North
 - Vice Chair – David Arundel
 - Treasurer – Jim Andrews
 - Secretary – Vic Martin
- b. Other Committee members
 - Annabel Burrows
 - Pam Gomez

Proposed by Maxine Julius, seconded by Alice Le Mesurier and passed unanimously.

6. AOB.

- A question was asked about the EBU pay-to-play costs per person per week at the club. This year it is 46p.
- David said that, in the event of slow play, a director should be able to take a board away without complaint from the players involved.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 7:07.