

Minutes of 277th Farnborough Bridge Club Committee Meeting

2th May 2026

Present:

Chris Clegg (Chair), John Hunt (Hon. Treasurer), Kim Romanski (Hon. Secretary). and committee members Wendy Church, Claire Martin & Rodney Meredith.

1. Apologies for absence

All were present, so no apologies were needed.

2. Minutes of the 276th meeting

These were, and had been previously, circulated, and were accepted as a true record. Approved and seconded.

3. Matters arising

The date of the Smith Cup was discussed at previous meeting, because this teams event takes place when the Drama Group are utilising the stage. As we had 16 tables this year and the stage was unavailable, it was agreed to move the date to the last week of February going forward.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer provided an update on the Club's finances, which continue to be healthy, with the number of paid-up club members as of today standing at 182. Further lessons have increased revenue along with growing numbers playing on Tuesdays and early bookings for our 75th Anniversary event along with deposits and payments for the Worthing weekend. Obviously all of this income will be paid out at the end of this month for the hotel in Worthing and FBC is also subsidising the Anniversary event in September. Approved and seconded.

5. Committee Officers

Chris Clegg (Chairman) and John Hunt (Treasurer) will step down at the AGM. Kim Romanski will be proposed as Chairman and Claire Martin will be proposed as Treasurer, seeking member approval. Any other nominees will also be proposed. Wendy Church and Rodney Meredith will continue in their current positions with member approval. The committee plans to co-opt suitable members for the roles of Secretary and committee members. An email will be sent to members asking for nominations with a deadline of end July.

6. Worthing bridge weekend 5th-8th June 2026 - update

36 Bridge players booked (9 tables) plus one non-bridge player. 28 Rooms. Everything is in place ready including organisation of equipment.

7. 75th Anniversary event 5th September 2026 - update

Currently 76 players registered (out of a max of 50 pairs/100 players). Six buffet guests will join after bridge. Chris Clegg will remain as venue liaison.

8. AGM date

It was agreed that the AGM date be set for 19th August 2026.

9. AOB

Directors

FBC is now short of Directors following one resignation, one taking time out and one unavailable currently for health reasons. The Hon.Sec to look into what can be done.

Dealers/Dealing Machine

Following Mike Penney's request to pass on FBC's dealing machine and obtain a replacement dealer, James Foster kindly agreed as of April 2026. However, it has been requested that we also find another member who would be willing to share in this task. The Committee members are working on it.

It was also agreed the Hon.Sec look into a new dealing machine as the current one is very likely to expire in the near future.

10. Date of next (277th) meeting

Wednesday 5th August at 3pm

Members should email any queries to Kim Romanski (Hon. Secretary) at:

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