

FOREST ROW BRIDGE CLUB

AGM

21st October 2019

ATTENDEES- 29 members attended the meeting.

APOLOGIES-Sheila Hilliard, Lesley Smith, Nancy Dougall, Mary Hurst, Dorothy Field, Ron Wood, Angela Inwood, Diana Comer.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM- These were accepted by Eileen McNicol and seconded by Carol Lowers.

MATTERS ARISING-None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT- Dave gave the following report:-

"In terms of the club's operation, we continued to enjoy a good level of attendance, albeit a very slight drop from an average of 8.1 tables to 7.9 for the year under review.

We have 55 members. As we thought, we did pick up a few, if I may say, lovely members from the Lingfield BC, after it upped sticks to Limpsfield.

Club finances remain at a healthy level, as we will hear from Jo soon. Money in the bank did drop, but we knew it would as we subsidised the SIMs (£90) and the Christmas lunch (£97.50).

As to annual membership fee, this remains at £5 per head, no change for many a year. Table money will also be held, at £2.50. As a point of interest, if we aligned our fees with the Meridian BC, where many of us also play, that would add over £800 to our finances, so we needn't be overly concerned over finances at this juncture.

The Christmas lunch at the Helin was a sell out once again. I am pleased to announce that we will be returning to the Helin on Monday 16th December, tickets will be on sale soon. This is a change to the program which had the lunch on 9th December, but we were unable to get that date. The cost will be decided soon, to include a soft drink or glass of wine. We will then play "fun" bridge in the Garden Room,

Eight of our members joined a bridge holiday last January, organised by Linda, and there will be 12 going at the end of this week to Oxford. Linda will be organising more in 2020.

As you have heard me say on previous occasions, the running of the club is a team effort, and before I thank those with official roles, I would like to thank all those members who help set up, and clear up, after each session, making the job of the director very much easier.

That said, and in no special order, I would like to thank

- Regular Directors: Colin/Linda/Ken/Sue/Elizabeth
- Committee: Colin/Julie/Linda/Carole Oliver
- Find a partner assistance-Carole Oliver
- Treasurer- Jo Edwarde
- Carol Mitchell for auditing the accounts.

Just to finish, it is worth reminding members that the main purpose of the club is to provide a friendly and welcoming place to spend a few hours among like-minded people, and we must do everything we can to maintain that purpose, particularly to keep our numbers up."

TREASURER'S REPORT-Jo talked us through the accounts which despite a slight drop in table numbers and slight increase in EBU P2P charges, show a healthy balance of £3,231.44. The accounts were approved by Ken Oliver and seconded by Ann Brown.

PROPOSITIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS-None had been received

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE- There being no nominations for the committee, Pam Barker proposed the present committee be re-elected in its entirety, seconded by Nick Kerr and unanimously accepted by the members.

ELECTION OF AUDITOR- Dave reported that there is now a vacancy for an auditor and he appealed to members for their help in finding one.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS- Dave congratulated two club members, Lesley & Linda, for winning a SCCBA tournament for Ladies, held the previous day at the Patcham club.

There being no other business, the chairman closed the meeting at 1.30pm.

