

Harpenden Duplicate Bridge Club
Minutes of 62nd AGM held 21st February 2022

Chairman: Richard Last
Treasurer David Tookey
Secretary: Judy Hedges
Membership Secretary David Brooks

Committee: Tom Walters, Ken Barnett, Ian Nicholl, Roger Senior, Malcolm Rainbow

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were approved. Proposer Ian Nicholl, Seconded by Chris Hedges.

2. Chairman's Report

It has been a hard couple of years but the Club has been successful despite Covid. There has been an almost 50% increase in numbers including old friends (eg Sylvia who at 97 has joined us to play online). There has been greater integration of all three sessions and a friendlier, more inclusive atmosphere.

Our thanks must go to Dave Tookey for his IT skills and his command of all things financial. Table money and subscriptions are now successfully collected online.

Thanks also to our Membership Secretary David Brooks.

The present Committee has agreed to stand for re-election (with two Club members willing to stand if required) and this was agreed unanimously. Proposed by Cliff Phythian, seconded by Sheila Rider.

There are no online issues. Members are using the website and where partners are needed, these requests are made by email.

Where a reply is required, please reply as directed on the email and **not just hit the "reply button"**

As a long-standing member and unable to join us now, it was a great pleasure to make Stan Kemble a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Club.

It would be appreciated if members (or at least one of the partnership) could arrive by 7.20 on face-to-face sessions to aid the setting-up process.

Eccles Cup. This takes place on Friday 25th February. Good luck to the teams.

3. Treasurer's Report

The aim is to break even (or make a small loss) this coming year to prevent a large surplus from building up as we have around £8,000 in the account.

It was proposed that table money across the board should be £2 for this year and thereafter subject to revision. See AOB below.

Thanks to Tom Walters for auditing the accounts which were adopted unanimously.

4. 2021 Competition Winners

There will be no cups presented this year the winners being: -

Friday Pairs	Alison & Peter Verkroost
Friday Online	Dave Tookey & Mark Burton
Monday Pairs	Ken Barnett & Peter Verkroost
Tuesday Pairs	Ken Barnett & Peter Verkroost,
Slam Prize	Eric Audsley

5. Christmas Party

Wendy Audsley commented that the Wednesday Club has used the Golf Club's caterers for their party - it was £13 per head and very good. A possible party to be arranged in the future.

6. AOB

Eric Audsley expressed the opinion that Monday nights should break even rather than run at a loss (ie £3 for Mondays and £2 for other sessions) as there will be a rent increase and that there should be a fund for replacement of equipment etc.

A vote was taken on the proposed table money.

A flat £2 rate for one year: 21 in favour: the vote in favour of £3 on Mondays: 9 The £2 rate was carried 21 to 9 for one year.

The problems that expansion of the Club for face-to-face sessions could cause has been considered and other venues looked at. No further action at present.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.