Hampshire and Isle of Wight Contract Bridge Association
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ELEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
18th November 2025 at 19:15
at the Petersfield Bridge Club

MINUTES

Present: Mike Kinsey, Guy Lawrenson, Tim Anderson, Tim Smith, Stephen Scott, Simon Taylor, Stuart Burnett, Mike Fithyan, Andrew Doye, Gabriel Hearst, Rick Assad, John Clayton, Maureen Rubra, Jim Ramadan, Jenny Ashby, Margaret Stothard, Charles Price, Mike Owen, Nick Silk, Tony Truluck & Lilias Lamont.

1. **Apologies for Absence**
   Sue Oliver, Clare & Ian Fearon, Marion Rudd, Bob McRobert & Jenny McRobert, Richard & Christine Ray & John Pearson

2. **Adoption of Minutes of 10th AGM**
   The minutes of the 10th AGM held on 19.11.2024 at Winchester Racquets and Fitness Club were approved.

3. **Chairman's Report**
   Mike Kinsey presented his report for the 2024/25 season.
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   (See Appendix)

4. **Treasurer's Report;**
   Guy's summarised the accounts to 31st December 2024.
   There was a small surplus of £760 on "normal" operations. In addition, we received £9338 in bank interest.

   HIWCBA has substantial reserves, and would welcome suggestions as to how that money could be used to promote bridge.

5. **Election of Chairman, Officers / Trustees**
   A single vote for all of these positions was taken.
   Mike Kinsey was re-elected as Chairman
   Tim Anderson, Clare Fearon, Guy Lawrenson (Treasurer & Trustee), Sue Oliver, Marion Rudd, and Tim Smith (Trustee) were re-elected as committee members.

   Julia Wood, (proposed by Sue Oliver seconded by Mike Kinsey) was approved as new member of the Committee.

6. **Election of EBU Shareholdeer**

   Tim Anderson (proposed by Mike Kinsey seconded by Tim Smith) was approved as the third EBU Shareholder.

7. **Appointment of Auditor**
   Andrew Ferguson has indicated his willingness to be re-appointed.

8. **Charity of the Year**
   Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance was retained as nominated charity.

9. **Loan for Development of Basingstoke Bridge Club**
   As covered in the Chairman's Report, HIWCBA has made a loan totalling £90,000 to Basingstoke BC.
   The improved facilities opened in January 2025.
   (The amount of the loan shown in the 2024 accounts is £75,000 as this was the amount loaned as at 31.12.2024)

10. **Resolutions submitted by Members.**
    None

11. **AOB**
    None

    The Meeting closed at 19:30

Chairman's Report 2024/25

HIWCBA has continued to offer some F2F weekend events, but as in previous years since Covid, take up has been limited.
We have had more success with on-line events, particularly in running joint Blue Point events with Berks & Bucks and Essex.

The annual Hampshire Congress GP congress was disappointing in 2025: Swiss Pairs on Saturday, with 13 tables. But the Sunday teams had only 5 entrants. A number of factors have been suggested for the low turnout including congestion in the calendar. The GP congress will move (back) to June in 2026.

The County Leagues have been reasonably well supported, 22 teams over three leagues. Mainly these have been played on-line: and we will continue with this format for next year. The Cahalan Cup was reasonably well supported, as was the HICKO. However the Basingstoke Cup was not played as only Basingstoke raised a team!

Our two charity simultaneous events raised a total over £1000 for the Hampshire & IoW Air Ambulance.

County representative teams have done well.
In 2024 we won the Pachabo, and the 'B' Division of the Metropolitan Cup. A split-tie meant we narrowly missed out on a place in the Tollemache Final. HIW Club Petersfield won the NICKO.

The most significant matter this last year has been the enhancement of the Basingstoke Bridge Club.
Last year this was a prospective project, but it became reality in 2024.
At an EGM in March 2024 the membership gave overwhelming backing for the Committee to loan up to £75,000 to help Basingstoke Bridge Club improve their facilities.
In the event the project ran over budget (sic!!) and the Committee unanimously agreed to increase the amount 'loaned' to £90,000.
No interest is payable on the loan, however HIWCBA has become a 'shareholder' in Maydene, owning 12% of the freehold. This was considered the best way of maintaining the value of our investment.

The new facilities at Basingstoke were opened in January 2025. There is now an expanded playing area capable of holding 20 tables. It is expected that HIWCBA will use these facilities for larger events (Pottage Semi-final, GP Weekend,…)

As ever I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone on the committee for their efforts throughout the year.

Mike Kinsey
Chairman HIWCBA