



Hungerford Bridge Club

Minutes of AGM held at the Royal British Legion Club at 6.30pm on 21st January 2026

Members present: Evelyn Archer, Val Bray, Martin Buck, Nicola Buckland, Pat Coates, Martin Davies, Brian Davis, David De-Saxe, Rosina Dickens, Janet Fuller, John Luck, Ann McMahon, Lucy North, Hugh Pihlens, Lois Pihlens, Pip Pocock, Bill Russell, Evelyne Thomas, Bill Washington, Chris Waye, Gill Weeks

Chairman's Welcome: Bill Russell thanked all for attending and explained that the Chair's report and the Treasurer's report had been made available on the website (no comment or feedback had been received) so he would keep matters brief and concise so that the AGM could finish on time.

The meeting observed a few moments silence in memory of the recent and previous members who had sadly passed away during 2025.

Apologies for absence: Chris Doyle, Liz Madeley, Gill Venner, Keith Philpott, Jacquie Hide, Lynne Phillips, Eileen Barratt

Approval of Minutes from last AGM (January 2025): These were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman as such.

Chairman's report: Bill Russell delivered a summary of his report - copies of the full report were available to the AGM.

Treasurer's report for the Year ending 31st December 2025:

Bill Russell delivered the Treasurer's report on Chris Doyle's behalf. Copies of the accounts for 2025 were available to the AGM - these were unanimously approved (proposed by Hugh Pihlens and seconded by Val Bray) and signed by the Assistant Treasurer and Chairman as such.

It was reiterated that the financial performance was similar to that of 2024 with a slightly improved deficit due to the increase in Sims table money so that these were no longer being subsidised.

Membership Fees and Table Money

The Committee recommended that:

- 2026 Subscriptions (Membership Fee) should remain at £10.00.
- Table money should remain as-is:
 - Normal Club evenings - £2 for members, £4 for visitors
 - Sims - £5 for members, £8 for visitors
 - Christmas Party – Free for members, £10 for visitors

Carried nem con.

Election of Officers:

The three Officers standing for re-election were approved unanimously, as was the remainder of the existing committee along with the proposed new committee member Nicola Buckland.

There being no other nominations the committee for 2026 is as follows:

Chairman – Bill Russell

Treasurer – Chris Doyle

Secretary – Lucy North

Committee member (Assistant Treasurer) – Rosina Dickens

Committee member: Hugh Pihlens

Committee member (with responsibility for membership) – Liz Madeley

New Committee member: Nicola Buckland

The Hungerford Bridge Cup Award: Evelyne Thomas was awarded the cup, having achieved an outstanding score of 57.22%

Any Other Business:

John Luck asked if it was thought that the Club laptop would fail soon (it was mentioned in the Chair's report as one of the items covered by the approximate £3K reserve) – Bill Russell explained that it wasn't anticipated to fail soon, but would one day; the Club relies on sufficient numbers playing every week to maintain our position of roughly breaking even, as such the reserve is a contingency fund to cover expenditure beyond the norm. John was making the point that a new laptop; or a card dealer/sorter if we no longer have the use of another club's; or replacement of our BridgeMates would be major expenditures.

There being no other business, the AGM was declared closed (prior to 6:45 PM).