

Minutes of 38th Annual General Meeting of the Hunstanton Bridge Club

Thursday 28th October 2021 – 3PM on Zoom

Present – 12 members welcomed by the Chairman

Apologies for Absence - Chris & Mick Lawry, Peter Clemens, Maureen Moffat, Margaret Doubleday, Ivan Gerstel, Mike Burton and Fiona Anderson

Minutes – Minutes of the AGM held 31st July 2019 were approved by all

Matters Arising – None

Chairman's Report – Trish applauded the efforts of the committee for having grown in members during the pandemic. Trish thanked Laurent for keeping the club going during the pandemic; thanked Henry for securing our new venue at the Old Hunstanton Village Hall; Robert for his valuable know-how; David and Diana for running the Friday afternoon supervised sessions.

As of the 19th of October, we had a total of 119 members, with 82 members who had paid up their subscriptions, including 15 members who are not local.

Robert added that he was proud with his association with the Hunstanton Bridge Club, as it is the only club in the county that has seen an increase in the number of players.

Robert also said that the supervised sessions on Friday run by David and Diana have been well received. He also welcomes the bridge lessons for beginners starting in February as not many clubs are offering bridge lessons from scratch in the area.

Treasurer's Report – Henry reported a small deficit of £63. Subscription should remain at £4 per year, table money £3 (£4 for visitors) for F2F, £1.50 (£2 for visitors) for online sessions. Henry has provided his report in writing which was proposed by Trish and seconded by Hazel and all approved. See annexe.

Election of Chairman – Trish Bailey was proposed by Laurent Bernard and seconded by Henry Head and was elected.

Election of Officers – Henry Head was proposed as Treasurer by Trish Bailey and seconded by David Price and was elected. Laurent Bernard was proposed as Secretary by David Price and seconded by Henry Head and was elected. David Price was proposed as Chief Tournament Director by Trish Bailey and seconded by Henry Head and was elected.

Election of Committee Members – Charlottes Forbes-Robertson was proposed by Trish Bailey and seconded by Henry Head. Andrew Shaw was proposed by Laurent Bernard and seconded by Henry Head. Jim Drake was proposed by Laurent Bernard and seconded by David Price. All three were elected.

Honorary Auditor – It was proposed to ask Malcolm Smith if he would be the Auditor again for the year.

Any Other Business – It was proposed to move the AGM from July to October and amend the club rule #12 accordingly. Since the subscriptions are normally due after the AGM it was proposed to change the rule#10 so that subscriptions not paid by the 1st of December may be deemed to have lapsed. All approved.

It was decided to resume the following competitions playing F2F: Different Partners (4 sessions), Robert Smith Shield and the Master Points cup.

It was agreed to resume 4 charity events per year, including two events run by the Ecat (Children in Need SIM in Autumn and Charity SIM in Summer). Other 2 would be normal sessions, where all proceeds go to charity. RNLI and Tapping House were proposed, to be further discussed at the next meeting.

The next committee meeting will take place on Monday 22nd November 2021 at 4pm on Zoom

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28.10.2021

HBC Accounts 30th June 2021

	2020		2021		Notes
Income					
Table Money	£	3,340.08	£	1,017.52	(1)
Subscriptions	£	396.00	£	116.00	(2)
Additional Receipts	£	57.56	£	71.86	(3)
Total Income	£	3,793.64	£	1,205.38	
Expenditure					
Bridge Timer	£	-	£	-	
Christmas Lunch	£	223.64	£	-	
Debtor reversal	£	-	£	27.00	(4)
Donations	£	291.08	£	134.00	(5)
EBU Affiliation Fee	£	27.00	£	27.00	
EBU Club Insurance	£	-	£	69.10	(6)
EBU P2P Charge	£	516.60	£	96.60	
EBU Sim Pairs Fee	£	168.20	£	81.20	
Equipment	£	734.34	£	-	
Other	£	3.70	£	49.79	
Printing/Stationery	£	289.93	£	75.84	(7)
Prizes	£	157.50	£	300.00	
RealBridge Fee	£	-	£	360.40	
Rent	£	1,072.50	£	-	
Software Licence for Tablet Scoring	£	68.48	£	-	
Treasurer and Examiner Expenses	£	37.38	£	-	
Web Site Charge	£	48.00	£	48.00	
Total Expenditure	£	3,638.35	£	1,268.93	
Surplus/Deficit	£	155.29	-£	63.55	

BALANCE SHEET AT 30 JUNE

Previous accumulated Fund at 30 June	£	3,252.71	£	3,408.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	£	155.29	-£	63.55
Creditors	£	-	£	-
Accumulated Fund at 30 June	£	3,408.00	£	3,344.45
Natwest Balance at 30 June	£	3,183.26	£	2,738.36
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Cash in Hand at 30 June	£	197.74	£	133.13
Debtor	£	27.00	£	-
	£	3,408.00	£	3,344.45

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 Hm Treasurer
 7th Oct 2021

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS 2020/2021

1. Table Money: This includes all funds received for playing whether through RealBridge or any other means. Because of the pandemic there was no face-to-face play. It also includes the revenue from sales of the ACOL booklets - see note 7.
2. Subscriptions: No subscriptions were collected from existing members of the Club. These are subscriptions paid by 29 new members who joined to play online.
3. Additional Receipts: These were cash funds relating to play in the previous year found in the cupboard at the Conservative Club to which access was denied because of lockdown.
4. Debtor reversal: After the end of the previous financial year, the EBU decided that they would not charge an affiliation fee for 2020/1. Thus, the debtor figure shown in the previous year's accounts had to be reversed.
5. Donations: These were paid to the QEH in King's Lynn and Ecats for tournaments.
6. Club Insurance: Your Committee decided, in the light of COVID that the Club should be insured principally to cover the Club and its officers in case anyone, or an executor, made a claim because a member or guest caught/catches COVID while playing at the Club. It does also cover the Club's equipment and other assets.
7. Printing/Stationery: These were ACOL leaflets purchased and sold at cost.

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/1

Despite the pandemic your Club is in good financial heart thanks to:

1. Previous cautious financial management providing the accumulation of an adequate reserve.
2. No financial commitments other than the very minor expense of affiliation to the EBU.
3. The sterling efforts of Laurent |Bernard in keeping online play going initially via Funbridge and subsequently Real Bridge. The use of Real Bridge enabled us to maintain a semblance of face-to-face bridge and, more importantly, to recruit new members several of them from outside our normal catchment area.

The very minor loss should therefore be seen in that light and the additional membership gives confidence of the continuing financial health of the club.

Because of the pandemic's associated space and ventilation issues, and the increasing membership it became clear that as and when face-to-face play resumed we should find better premises.

These have been secured at the recently redecorated Old Hunstanton Village Hall where there is ample room for both play and storage. Parking and Accessibility is also much better. However, these premises are significantly more expensive than the Conservative Club.

The contractual commitment is 1 month's notice on either side and by agreeing to this we have secured a discount on the room hire which means that we need to have 5 tables per playing session to break even. Your committee does not consider this ambitious but the situation will be kept under review and to be cautious the table money fee has been raised for both members and guests.

Administratively, because NatWest could not offer online banking facilities and during the pandemic clearers were not opening 'Community' accounts, a spare bank account of the Treasurer's was used to process payments in and out. A dual control was maintained prior to payments being made.

For 2021/2

The Committee has decided that:

- The subscription should be maintained at £4.00
- Face to face Table money has been increased to £3.00 for members and £4.00 for guests
- For the online sessions table money is £1.50 for members and £2.00 for guests.

Your approval is sought for these charges.

The bank account situation has been rectified and online banking has been arranged at Barclays with dual control, and 3 signatories (Henry Head, Andrew Shaw and David Price) but only any 2 signing. There are no charges for this account. The NatWest account has been closed.

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07/10/21