

Minutes of the 59th AGM of Kettering Bridge Club

Held on the 11th April 2022

In the Chair: Gary Upton

Members present: Nick and Shelley Brown, Graham Dolby, Simon Few, Carol Fellows, Jo Henbury, Terry & Viv Journeaux, Joan O'Sullivan, Patricia Stokes.

1. Gary welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.
2. **Apologies.** Jenny Miller, Judith Parkinson, David Bailey, John Walshaw, Sherida Cocks, Paul Woodley, Johnnie Powell, Tim Durdin, Vicky Reed, Paddy & Susan O'Donnell
3. **Minutes of the 57th AGM.** These were agreed and signed by Gary Upton
4. **Matters arising** No matters arising
5. **Chairman's Report.** Firstly, there are still 2 positions available on the committee so please consider applying before we get to the election of officers later in the agenda. Sadly this year we have seen the deaths of 2 previous Chairpersons, Gordon Smart and Pam Towns.

I am pleased to say that both Tuesday afternoon and Friday afternoon sessions now have good numbers of tables at each session. I hope the attendance on Monday evenings improves especially as people from the supervised play start to come to the sessions. I am pleased that numbers have improved because having moved from Tuesday evening, which used to be our biggest session, because of low attendance. I was thinking that we might have to cancel Tuesday afternoons as well but changing from the Tuesday ladder to a gentle session seems to have worked, so my thanks to Joan O'Sullivan for suggesting the change of name.

Now I have started on thanks I want to continue with thanking the following people:

Ann Smethers who cleaned the club for many years before resigning. We now have a contract cleaner cleaning the club.

Rob Miller for organising the Monday afternoon online sessions.

John Walshaw for many years on the committee and also helping with the supervised play on a Wednesday evening.

Also, to Philip House and David Bailey who also help.

Vicky Reed who audited this year's accounts after the death of John Swan who had audited the club accounts for many years. I would also like to show my appreciation to Dave Bailey for dealing most of the boards and hosting on Friday afternoon.

I would also like to thank Joan O'Sullivan for hosting on a Tuesday afternoon and for Jo Henbury for both hosting on a Monday evening and doing supervised play on a Wednesday afternoon.

My appreciation to Sherida Cocks for being secretary, Carol Fellows who looked after organising the billing of table money, CCTV and data protection and has resigned from the committee but has kindly agreed to help with some of the tasks, to the other members of

the committee especially Terry Journeaux who looks after the finances and some of the maintenance issues and finally but not least to Val Sleaford for doing the lessons for beginners which has brought new members to the club. This has more than made up for the members we have lost, along with some other new members.

At the last committee meeting it was agreed that we would increase the table money to £3.00 and this will take effect from Tuesday 19th April.

I hope that members not currently playing at the club will feel confident enough to come back face to face bridge over the next few months.

One thing the committee have considered is whether or not the club maybe to big going forward and have had the club valued so that if we decided to look for alternative premises so we know what would be viable. We would also look for premises with better parking or possibly rent on the times we play. Obviously, nothing will happen without there being an EGM of members to vote on any proposals made by the committee

6 Treasurer's Report

This year was a year for rebuilding members returning to the club to play face to face bridge. The earlier part of the year the club had very little income but this was cushioned by a further two grants from the Local Authority, enabling us to not only manage our overheads and enabling us to carry out necessary refurbishment works, keeping our reserves intact. Table money is improving slowly but surely as more members are enjoying face to face bridge However to ensure we pay our way I am proposing that if we continue with BBO we increase the fee to £3 per session. However as numbers have diminished, we will have to assess whether we continue with providing this option. I also propose we increase our table money to £3, by doing so I anticipate we will cover our yearly fixed overheads.

General discussion re level of reserves but Terry said we have to have sufficient for possible reroofing and other maintenance as it is an old building. We have had to employ professional cleaners who were cleaning twice per week but now just once.

We will look at charging more for renting out the club to outside clubs.

7 Adoption of the Financial Statements

Proposed by Simon Few

Seconded by Patricia Stokes

8 Appointment of Auditor

Vicky Reed has agreed to stand again and was proposed by Gary Upton and seconded by Joan O'Sullivan

9 Election of Committee and Officers

Proposals and seconders had been made previously. The following Committee members elected unopposed:

Chairman: Gary Upton

Treasurer: Terry Journeaux

Secretary: Viv Journeaux

Ordinary members: David Bailey, Graham Dolby, Vicky Reed, Paul Woodley, Joannie Perkins

Conduct committee Robert Miller

10. Subscriptions for 22/23

These to remain at £10.

11. Presentation of Trophies

Congratulations to winners season 2021/22 List available on the website.

12. Any Other Business

Gary is trying to resurrect the Manning Cup /Plate Teams event for the third Thursday in each month. We should also consider the prize money given out and perhaps award more to the lower ranking players.

Gary was thanked for being Chairman

Next meeting will be in April 2023

Meeting closed at 6.48pm