

## KINGSTON SEYMOUR BRIDGE CLUB

### Notes of Annual General Meeting held on 6th February 2024 at the village hall

**Present:** Liz Hale (Chair), Tricia Ewing, Carolyn Waite, Daphne Patrick, Joe Patrick, Martyn Macdonald, Sandra Jones, Maurice Perl, Ann Bawdon, Ken Bawdon, Tim Mather, Patti-Craven-Wilkinson, David Sands, Gadi Davidowitz, Shirly Ross, Heather Spalding, Suzy Lovell, Terry Bayley (18)

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Sue Wilson, Andrew Weller, Christine Weller, Norman Renfrew, Muriel Renfrew, Martin Holcombe, Judy Holcombe, Terry Yearsly, Ann Yearsley, Howard Davies, Michael Bird, Sylvia Stokes, Martyn Hale, Christine Dean, Barry Cavell.

2. **Minutes of Last Meeting**  
Unanimously accepted by all present.

3. **Matters Arising** – None.

4. **Chairman's Report** – Liz started her address by welcoming everyone and then continued.. I cannot believe another year has flown by so quickly. Our club continues to thrive and we now regularly have 7 tables on Tuesday evenings. It has been great to welcome some new members.

The WoodSpring on-line Real Bridge continues to be popular on Friday evenings and our new Gentle bridge sessions on alternate Monday afternoons are also very well liked.

This club can only continue and run so well with the support of all of you – thank you everyone.

I would like to thank specifically the following people:

My committee- Patti, Carolyn, Terry, Tim, Tricia, and Daphne. They all do a great deal of work behind the scenes to make this club run smoothly.

Andrew and Gadi for their help with the Gentle bridge sessions.

Graham, Mike and Tony for their running of the Real Bridge sessions.

Heather for helping in the rota of scoring on Tuesday evenings.

The club continues to try and support Somerset Contract bridge association [SCBA]. The club has two teams entered into the County league. I would encourage anyone to enter the other competitions SCBA run – they are good fun!

Kingston is in fact running our own competition in conjunction with Clevedon and Portishead bridge club – Swiss Pairs on the afternoon of March 24<sup>th</sup> in the village hall at KS. We hope many of you will play and also members of other local clubs.

The club seems to be on a sound footing and I look forward to another year of bridge and hopefully I can improve my game!

LIZ HALE [CHAIR KSBC

**5. Treasurer's Report – attached.**

Tricia had issued her report in advance of the meeting together with a detailed financial statement. Tricia did not read out her report at the meeting.

Tricia mentioned briefly that the club was in a healthy financial position and explained that the table money fees for the Monday gentle bridge sessions had increased to £2 as we no longer have a grant from the SCBA.

The committee proposed that the membership fees and Tuesday Table money fees, and Woodspring fees should remain the same for the coming year. Tim proposed and Daphne seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

**6. Election of Officers and Committee Members –**

Tim explained that all the existing committee members were willing to stand again. Gadi was a new committee member nominee which brought us up to the full complement of committee members.

Tim went on to read out the list of Proposers and Seconders for committee nominations

Daphne Patrick, President – proposed by Joe Patrick seconded by Tim Mather

Liz Hale, Chairman – proposed by Tim Mather seconded by Ann Bowdon

Tim Mather, Secretary – proposed by Patti-Craven-Wilkinson, seconded by Carolyn Waite

Tricia Ewing, Treasurer – proposed by Martyn Macdonald, seconded by Rodger Calderbank

Patti Craven-Wilkinson, – proposed by Carolyn Waite, seconded by Tim Mather

Carolyn Waite – proposed by Daphne Patrick seconded by David Sands

Terry Bayley - proposed by Carolyn Waite, seconded by David Sands

Gadi Davidowitz - proposed by Tim Mather, seconded by Carolyn Waite

The committee members were put in place by the membership unanimously.

**7. Matters Raised by Members –**

Jill and Glenda had raised a question about starting hands on a Tuesday evening after the clock timer had said 'don't start any more hands. Liz brought this to everyone's attention to be careful and not squeeze in an extra hand when there is no time.

Martyn Macdonald raised an issue about the movements selected on a Tuesday. Sometimes these can be confusing. Evening directors recognised that there have been occasions when there have been problems and promised to be more mindful in future.

Maurice Perl asked how many members did the club have and Carolyn replied, about 67. Liz explained that some members only play on\_line, so that there are some we never see.

Gadi thought that the rule that guests can play 3 times before being asked to become a club member was a good one. He went on to ask if it were possible for players without a partner to turn up and that this would encourage new players to join. The committee would always encourage members to join the Whatsapp group in order to find a partner and this seems to work well.

**Tim Mather**  
**KSBC Secretary**

## Kingston Seymour Bridge Club - Treasurer's Report for 2023

Club finances remain very healthy with a surplus of £431.72 recorded for the year to 31 December 2023 (compared to £356.43 in 2022).

Playing costs were more than matched by overall fees collected. Gentle Bridge **sessions** ran at a subsidised rate of £1 for most of the year (covered by the remainder of the Somerset grant received in 2022), now increased to £2 from November to fully cover expenses going forward.

The club and its members made very generous charity donations totalling more than £340 during the year.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, the accumulated fund of £2700 (total of all annual **surpluses**, less deficits) is represented by our net current assets & liabilities (cash/bank balances less the creditors detailed **below**).

Bank balances at 31.12.23 show an increase **of** more than £600 **over** the year, partly explained by the **large** creditor (£374) for Apr to Dec RealBridge costs not billed by Clevedon & Portishead BC (& hence not paid) until early Jan '24. The club also held approx £550 (compared to £600 at 31.12.22) for playing fees received in advance, again shown as a Balance Sheet creditor.

This still leaves a healthy "buffer" to cover any unforeseen or "one off" expenditure arising in 2024 **and** beyond.

The committee **have** discussed the accounts, and subject to approval at the AGM would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Annual membership fees to remain at £10.
2. Table monies to stay the same

[Club night: £2 members (£3 non-members), Gentle Bridge **£2**, Online: £1.50 ].

**Patricia Ewing**  
**KSBC Treasurer**

