

# KINGSTON SEYMOUR BRIDGE CLUB

## Notes of Annual General Meeting held on 10th February 2026 at the village hall

**Present:** Liz Hale (Chair), Tricia Ewing, Carolyn Waite, Martyn Macdonald, Sandra Jones, Tim Mather, Patti-Craven-Wilkinson, David Sands, , Shirly Ross, Suzy Lovell, Barbara Titmuss, Richard Pryce, Mike Fearon, Sylvia Fearon, Carol Price, Howard Davis, Sylvia Stokes, Martyn Hale, Gill Paxton, JAennifer Wellman, Helen Williams (22)

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Sue Wilson, Andrew Weller, Christine Weller, Martin Holcombe, Judy Holcombe, Terry Yearsley, Ann Yearsley, Brian Cherry, Jill Ford, Genda Horner, Roger Calderbank, Heather Spalding, Michael Whitaker, Jacqueline McNeil, David Lea, Debbie, Lea, Jackie Green, Liz Pook, Gadi Davidowitz, Ann Bawdon, Ken Bawdon (21)
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..  
It has been another successful year for the club. We have a growing membership. We now have 91 members who enjoy playing on Tuesday club nights, Gentle bridge sessions on a Monday afternoons, and Online RealBridge on Friday evenings The RealBridge continuing to run in collaboration with Clevedon and Portishead BC (CPBC)

Unfortunately we have lost a few members, some have moved away or decided that it is too far to travel to club nights but luckily new people have stepped in. Sadly on a personal note my father Joe Patrick died in October and as most of you know he was a founder member of the club and a very keen and very good player. It was lovely to see so many of our club at his funeral.

Table numbers vary but on average we are getting 7-8 on Tuesdays, 4 on Mondays and RealBridge is very popular with 10-14 or more tables weekly.

Thank you to all my committee Tim Tricia Carolyn Patti Gadi and Daphne. They do a lot of work throughout the year and the club could not function without them.

I would also like to thank Mark Gostlin from CPBC who has dealt our cards for the last 6 years but has decided to finish now. Alan Evans will be taking over from him. For those who are not aware I generate the deals on our club computer and save them to our web site and also to a memory stick then pass the stick on to Mark/Alan who use a special deal machine to deal the cards. We pay CPBC a small fee for this service. The boxes of cards have to be collected and delivered to us too. Carolyn and Patti until now have been collecting and delivering the boxes and have been doing a fantastic job

Tim does all the work on our website as well as all the secretary's job, so he is always a busy man and vital to our club.

Tricia as well as being treasurer and with the help of Gadi runs the Gentle Bridge sessions which are vital to try and encourage beginners and more people to join our club. Well done to both.

We continue to enter two teams in the county league with good results!

Team A is in Division 3 and is doing very well and has been promoted to Division 2.

Team B are in Division 4 and have had an enjoyable time especially for our new players Jackie and Liz. Hopefully the team will want to enter again next year. Considering they have some very inexperienced players they have done very well and are not bottom of their league.

Some of us have been regularly entering SCBA competitions and I would encourage more of you to do so.

In April in conjunction with CPBC we organised our second charity Swiss Pairs. It was held in KS village hall and 60 people played. Afternoon tea was served and money was raised for Weston Hospice. We hope to repeat this successful event again this April this time in aid of Guide dogs for the blind.

December meant that we had a very good and enjoyable christmas party on a club night before Xmas. We still managed to play bridge but also enjoyed festive nibbles and drinks too.

We recently hosted for Somerset CBA a Nine High Pairs event, 20 players entered and afternoon Tea served. This time we made and provided the tea ourselves and all went well.

As you can see the year has flown by and i hope you all continue to enjoy playing at our friendly club.

LIZ HALE [CHAIR KSBC

## 5. **Treasurer's Report**

Tricia had issued a detailed financial statement in advance of the meeting

Tricia mentioned briefly that the club .was in a healthy financial position and explained that although expenditure had exceeded income slightly the club still had a healthy surplus despite having a membership fee holiday last year

Expenditure has risen this year due to the hall fees increasing, purchasing new tablets, and increased RealBridge Costs. .

£426 was donated to charity through our charitable events.

In light of our continuing healthy financial position the committee proposed that the membership fees and Tuesday Table money fees, and Woodspring fees should remain the same for the coming year. This means that new members will pay an initial £10 membership fee, but existing members will continue to enjoy a membership fee holiday and pay a nominal £1. Table money remains at £2 for members and £3 for guests. Gentle Bridge fees set at £2 per session. Woodspring Online fees remain at £1.50.

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. The committee had not received any new nominations

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

Daphne Patrick, President – proposed by Gadi Davidowitz seconded by Carolyn Waite  
Liz Hale, Chairman – proposed by Carolyn Waite seconded by Pauline Deal  
Tim Mather, Secretary – proposed by Shirley Ross, seconded by Suzy Lovell  
Tricia Ewing, Treasurer – proposed by Patti Craven Wilkinson, seconded by Tim Mather  
Patti Craven-Wilkinson, – proposed by Tim Mather, seconded by Liz Hale  
Carolyn Waite – proposed by David Sands, seconded by Sandra Jones  
Gadi Davidowitz - proposed by Daphne Patrick, seconded by Carolyn Waite

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

## **7. Matters Raised by Members –**

Liz mentioned the club was being actively watched to see if we were using more time at the hall than we were being charged for so hall fees may increase again.

Liz also mentioned that we were not entering the Michael Coda cup this year but that there are other competitions for members to enter.

Sylvia Stokes wanted to thank the committee for the work that they do

**Tim Mather**

**KSBC Secretary**

**Kingston Seymour Bridge Club**