

MARKET HARBOROUGH BRIDGE CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 19th MARCH AT 7.00 PM

AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH MARKET HARBOROUGH

PRESENT: Philip House, Marilyn North, Angela Burdett, Mark Teesdale, Sarah Jones, Zoe Eisler, Vera Orlandini, Jo Hall, Jackie Jones, Anne Hearth, Steph Stearman, Gill Langrick, Simon Ford, Di Dord, David Thake, Fred Darroch, Brian Hughes, John Ruddock, Val Ruddock, Stella Joyce, Dawn Little, Cedric Wildblood, Barry Watson, Colin Cramphorn, Frank Carruthers, Davod Cole, Raymond Bray, Pamela Holyoak, John Sullivan, Ian Lauder, Roger Pringle, Roger Halle, David North, Judith Parkinson

APOLOGIES: Hilary Willars, Roslyn Ousey, Paul Jackson, Graham Logan, Pamela Bird, Colin Sanderson, Val Raddon, Peter Oppenheimer, Valerie Wilford, Cath Marlow, Pam Richardson, George Normand, Ian Lauder

MATTERS ARISING: Minutes of the 2025 AGM were proposed by Val Ruddock, seconded by Di Ford and were approved by the members.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The full report has been published on the club website.

A precis is:

Membership continues to grow, as well as the training programme which also now includes supervised play for previous students or those wanting to improve their play.

An inter-club match was held with Oakham, and will be repeated later this year.

We ran another charity Bridge Drive in aid of Macmillan hospice nurses.

We are planning a summer social event.

Possible expansion to dedicated premises as membership continues to grow.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The period covered by this report is for 12 months 1st January to 31st December 2025 and the current balance is £18,113.24 after money owed at the end of the year is taken into account. This gives a surplus over the previous 11 months of £8,011.25, largely due to the reduction in rent since gaining charitable status, an increase in numbers attending and a profit from the bridge lessons of £2,990.

The accounts were audited by our Independent Examiner Nick Anstead. Angela Burdett proposed that we appoint Nick as our Examiner for the coming year, seconded by John Ruddock and unanimously approved by members.

Roger Pringle proposed that table money remain at £5 and subscriptions remain at £20, seconded by Anne Hearth and unanimously approved by members.

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES: Graham Gibbens had resigned as a trustee due to other commitments, so the trustees had co-opted Angela Burdett, who had contributed her special skills. Stella Joyce proposed Angela to be appointed as a trustee and was seconded by Jackie Jones, approved unanimously by the members.

All the other trustees were in their 3rd year except Peter Oppenheimer who was in his 2nd year, and all were willing to continue as trustees.

COMPETITIONS:

The Jean Pringle (handicap) trophy was won by David Cole and Raymond Bray.

The Bill Carter (scratch) trophy was won by George Normand and Ian Lauder.

A new trophy would be awarded next year exclusively for Thursday sessions.

MOTION: Proposed by John Ruddock seconded by Val Ruddock

Clause 11.3(a) of the Constitution be changed such that the notice period of the AGM is changed from 14 to 21 days. The new clause should read: "The charity trustees, or, as the case may be, the relevant members of the CIO, must give at least 21 clear days' notice of any general meeting to all of the members.

David suggested that this motion be withdrawn as this anomaly can be amended with common practice, where the secretary would issue an email to all members 1 month in advance of an AGM asking for any motions to be discussed at the AGM to be submitted within 7 days of the email.

John then withdrew his proposal.

This will be further discussed at the next Trustee Meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINES:

Ian Lauder formally thanked all the trustees for their work.

DATE OF NEXT AGM:

End of March 2027.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.