

THE NOTTINGHAM BRIDGE CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 20th March 2022

Present: M Goddard (President), David Dunford (Chairman),

Phil Gross (Treasurer/Membership), Geoff Caldwell (nominated as secretary)

ALSO: various members – 32 in total

- **Apologies for absence:** Elizabeth Dunford, Marc Gaudart, Rosemary Gunn, Gerry McCormack, Andrew Scott, Laurie & Margaret Whyte, Paul & Lesley Sweet, Kevin Holden
- **Presentations to Retiring Trustees**
Pauline Payne, Mel Shepherd
- **Presentation of Trophies**

Broadhead Bowl – Patrick Gaudart & Andrew Scott

Jack Hammond Trophy – Lynne Cumberpatch

Poyser Cup – Gill Lindley & Pauline Tillcock

Max Radford Bowl – Phil Meats & Marc Gaudart

Cullen Cup – Norman Wiser

Derek West Trophy – Gerry McCormack

Lucy Shillito Trophy – Mark Goddard

Harry Lodge Memorial – Elizabeth Dunford

- **Minutes of the AGM of 2021**

The minutes of the meeting of 21 March 2021 were approved and signed as a true record. (Proposed by Mel Shepherd, seconded by David Dunford)

- **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

- **Nominations for Officers and Trustees**

OFFICERS: President – Mark Goddard, Chairman – David Dunford, Secretary – Geoff Caldwell, Treasurer/Membership – Phil Gross

TRUSTEES:

Wilf Fenwick, Marc Gaudart, Paul Goodwin, Sue Hollins, Margaret Lichfield, Gerry McCormack, Jean McKee, Stefka Samus, Andrew Scott, Dave Treharne

- **Chairman's report**

As we emerge from the pandemic, the Club (and bridge itself) is in a different place from two years ago and we are still to discover exactly what that place is. In many ways, for the Club, it is a good place. Teaching has started; there are six drives or teaching sessions each week at the club and two on BBO; 118 people have played face-to-face so far this year and 75 on BBO on Tuesdays.

All of this is only possible because of the work of so many volunteers, with their time freely given. But we need more to volunteer! We especially need help from people confident with computers; for example with scoring, and we also need more directors. The main requirement is confidence in telling people what to do; perhaps an opportunity for retired teachers?

David

Proposed Mel, seconded Graham

- **Treasurer's report including and receive annual accounts and membership report**

Summary I'm pleased to report that income exceeded expenditure - largely due to:

- a) On line revenue has made significant contribution
- b) Full occupancy of the flats
- c) Car park fee reduction (by negotiation)
- d) no major repairs
- e) A feature of our membership is its diversity and its encouraging increase. It totals total approx. 266

My recommendation is that membership fee stays at £2.50 and annual subs at £10

Proposed Ewan, seconded Keith

- **Appoint independent accounts examiner**

It was agreed that Dave Beaumont be asked once again to act as the independent accounts examiner and a letter of appreciation be sent to him for his previous service in this role.

With the introduction of a cashless system the trustees decided it was impractical to charge visitors a table fee. Instead, visitors play free for three sessions and are then required to become members. This costs them less than the previous arrangement. To accommodate them a this, a change to Rule 2 of the Club's rules is proposed as follows:

MOTION:

Visitors shall pay a table fee fixed by the trustees and will be allowed to attend the Club on three occasions in any calendar year: provided that no person shall be a visitor into the club who shall have been expelled from membership or whose conduct or presence in the Club House shall be considered by the trustees objectionable or prejudicial to the interests of the club.

Motion Proposed by David Dunford, Seconded by Mark Goddard, universally accepted by the meeting.

- **Date of the next AGM.** It was proposed by the chairman and accepted by the meeting that the date for the next AGM be March 26th 2023