

OXFORD BRIDGE CLUB



Minutes of Oxford Bridge Club CIO AGM held on Wednesday 16th June 2015

1. **Welcome:** The Chairman, Richard Sills, opened the meeting at 6.00pm with a welcome to all the members present.
2. **Election of a Chair for the meeting:** Richard Sills was elected chair of the meeting.
3. **Apologies:** The Secretary had received apologies from 24 members.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2014:** The minutes had been circulated with the notice of this meeting. There were no comments or matters arising. The minutes were approved nem. con.
5. **Annual Report and Accounts**
 - 5.1. The Chairman summarised the first operational period of the charity ending on 31st March 2015.
 - 5.2. The Chairman presented the text of the OBC CIO's first Annual Report. It was explained that a few minor typographical corrections had been made as when the Trustees approved the final version on Wednesday 9th June 2015.
 - 5.3. The Treasurer, Chris Kerr, presented the accounts for the period from formation of the CIO up to 31st March 2015 which had been circulated to members. He explained the reasons for the revised format of the accounts and discussed the healthy state of the club's finances. He thanked and then introduced John Briggs as our independent examiner of the accounts.
6. **Report of Independent Examiner**
 - 6.1. John Briggs explained his role as independent examiner and pointed to his report which appeared on page 5 of the Annual Report and Accounts. He offered to answer any questions.
7. **Proposed changes to the Articles of Association**
 - 7.1. The Secretary, John Fleming, presented a series of proposed changes to the Articles of Association. These changes covered a series of issues that had been discussed by the Trustees since the start of the CIO's operation. The new text and an explanation of the changes had been circulated with the notice of the meeting.
8. **Revised Articles of Association to be approved by the meeting**
 - 8.1. A resolution to approve the new text was then put to the meeting, proposed by Peggy Manuell and seconded by Marion Sheppard: **This General Meeting resolves to adopt the new version of the OBC Articles of Association identified as "OBC Articles of Association 2015-05-29 Final"**. The resolution was approved nem. con.

9. Election of Officers according to the Articles of Association

9.1. The following Officer positions were filled by approval of the members present nem. con.

<i>Officers who become ex-officio trustees</i>	<i>Nominees</i>
Chairman	Richard Sills
Secretary	John Fleming
Treasurer	Chris Kerr
Chief Tournament Director	Kathy Talbot
Tournament Secretary	Claire MacDonagh
Premises Officer	Howard Arnes
Conduct Officer	Denis Talbot
Social Secretary	Pat Lewis
Education Officer	<i>no candidate</i>
Membership Secretary	Matt Wilkinson

<i>Officers who do not become trustees</i>	<i>Nominees</i>
House Officer	Hazel Hobbs
Captain	James Anderson

Note that the President, Peter Stevenson continues to serve having been elected for a three year term in 2014.

10. Election of Trustees according to the Constitution

10.1. There were two nominations for the positions of directly elected Trustees. They were elected by the meeting nem. con.

<i>Directly elected trustees (up to 4 vacant positions)</i>	<i>Nominees</i>
1	Rita Todd
2	Marion Sheppard

10.2. The final part of the elections were to consider the posts relating to Oxfordshire Bridge Association. The following proposals were approved nem.con.

<i>OBC Representatives to OBA</i>	<i>Nominees</i>
1	Chris Kerr

2	John Fleming
3	Pat Lewis
4	Matt Wilkinson
5	Peter Briggs
6	Peter Stevenson
7	Kathy Talbot
8	Richard Sills
9	Cathy Rowland

<i>OBC nomination for County Selector</i>	<i>Nominee</i>
1	Kathy Talbot

11. Planning for the future – building status and plan

11.1. In the absence of the Premises Officer who sent apologies, the Secretary gave a summary of the current status of plans to refurbish and extend the premises. He reviewed the outline of the design prepared by our architect and explained that the resultant planning permission had been preserved by making a start by digging foundations at the rear of the plot. Because we had been unable to negotiate sufficient access at the rear of the property there were still some negotiations to complete related to access from the front. If these are successfully completed the intention will be to start building work around Easter 2016.

12. Any other business

12.1. Chris Sheppard asked whether the minutes of Trustee meetings were available to members. Since this matter had not been considered, the Trustees would review at their next meeting.

Action John Fleming

13. Competition winners and award of cups

13.1. The Chief Tournament Director, Kathy Talbot, noted that since becoming a charity we no longer award cash prizes. However she congratulated the winners of each club competition and presented cups where they were associated with the events. The list was as follows:

Beck Salver (Championship Pairs)	Cherie Lusher & Diana Thorne
Winnie Ling (Mixed Pairs)	Matthew Covill & Diana Nettleton
Wednesday Teams Ladder	Peter Briggs
Lew Braham Trophy (Wed eve pairs ladder)	Kathy Talbot
Sheila Greenwood Trophy (Fri eve pairs ladder)	Diana Thorne

Rose Bowl (Championship Teams)	Denis Talbot, Kathy Talbot, Rob Dixon, Michiel Cottaar
Eve Stockwell Bowl (Swiss Teams)	Denis Talbot, Kathy Talbot, Helen Lawton-Smith, John Slater, Matthew Wilkinson, Matthew Covill
Friday morning Ladder	Diane Coe
Monday morning Ladder	Diane Coe
Tuesday morning Ladder	Isabel Pack and Judy Wesselbaum
Doreen Simpson (Ladies' Pairs)	Julie Anderson & Geraldine Krall
John Simpson (Mens' Pairs)	Chris Dawe & Peter Briggs
Morrie Marsh (Novice Pairs)	Judith Ryan & Veronica Brennan
Thompson Trophy (Individual)	John Cecil
Meltzer (Rubber Bridge Knock-Out)	James Anderson & Michiel Cottaar
Roger Hughes Trophy (Most Improved)	Ruth Kim

Signed (Chairman of meeting)

Date