

# OXFORD BRIDGE CLUB



**Annual General Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 at 6.00 pm**  
*(by video conference)*

## **Draft Minutes**

### **1 Welcome to the OBC CIO AGM**

PL welcomed everyone to the AGM Zoom meeting. The number of attendees varied during the meeting; the maximum number of members present was 75.

### **2 Apologies**

Fifteen apologies were received by the secretary.

### **3 Minutes of the last AGM 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

PL asked if the minutes of the last AGM were an accurate record, the membership were asked to vote, using the Zoom poll, on whether to accept them, 47 voted yes with 4 abstentions, the minutes will be signed off by the Chair.

### **4. Chairman's Report**

PL gave the Chair's report, updating the membership on events over the last 15 months and thanking various members for all the work undertaken. The full report is available on the website.

### **5 Annual Report and Accounts**

Financial results were those of a normal year. The club is likely to break even at year end in 20/21. The receipt of a £10K Covid grant subsidised the period during the first lockdown prior to on-line bridge becoming established. Playing bridge and education are both generating income, BBO takes a cut and charges administration fees so the club only receives about £2.00 of the 4\$ paid at the table. This year the appointment of SPX, who provide bookkeeping services, specialising in charities, took over the day to day handling of the accounts. Paul Mason (PM), working with SB, has done most of the work to produce the accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

### **6 Report of Independent Examiner**

Peter Stevenson reported that he was satisfied the accounts were in line with the requirements of the Charity Commission. He was happy that SB, PM and SPX are able to provide sufficient oversight of funds.

### **7 Election of Trustees and Officers**

There were no nominations put forward for the posts of Chairman or Communications Officers. The nominations for other ex-officio trustees, were for people already in the posts. The membership was asked to vote on the acceptability of each of the ex-officio trustees. The results are as follow:

<b>Ex-officio Trustee</b>	<b>Ye s</b>	<b>Abstenti ons</b>	<b>Ex-officio Trustee</b>	<b>Ye s</b>	<b>Abstenti ons</b>
Chair - vacant			Communications -		

			vacant		
Julie Anderson	55	0	Mary Bennett	53	2
Steven Bliss	53	2	Ursula Bowler	55	0
Susan Fletcher	55	0	Liza Furnival	55	0

The Directly Elected Trustees were all appointed in 2019 so eligible to stay in post for up to four years, there is one vacancy. The DETs are:

Steph Bliss  
Sandra Devaney  
Richard Sills

The membership was asked to vote for the Club Officer:

Post	Nominee	Ye s	Abstenti ons
Chief Tournament Director	Martin Illingworth	58	
Membership Secretary	Matthew Wilkinson	57	
Social Secretary	Vacant		

### **8 Appointment of the Independent Examiner (IE) for 2020-2021**

The nomination of Peter Stevenson as the IE for 2021-2022 was proposed by RS and seconded by LF. The membership voted, 56 were in favour with two abstentions.

### **9 Competition winners and awarding of cups**

Winners of the Club Trophies are:

Beck Salver	Matthew Covill & Diana Nettleton
Rose Bowl	Liza Furnival, Peter Randall, Lorna Swadling & Diana Thorne
Eve Stockwell Bowl	Charles Bucknell, Denis & Kathy Talbot & Ewa Wiczorek
Winnie Ling	Emily Middleton & Jonny Richards
Individual	Sandra Nicholson
Morrie Marsh	Nigel King & Andrew Wigmore
Meltzer	Denis & Kathy Talbot
Meltzer Plate	Howard Arnes & Bridget Watson
John Simpson	Peter Briggs & Denis Talbot
Doreen Simpson	Julie Anderson
Roger Hughes	Juliet Riehl

Ladder Winners are as follows:

Monday Morning	Linda Edwards
Tuesday Morning (pairs ladder)	Roger & Sue Smith
Wednesday Afternoon Gentle Duplicate	David Goodall
Wednesday Evening Pairs	Peter Briggs
Wednesday Evening Teams	Peter Randall
Thursday Evening Gentle Duplicate	Ian Bishop
Friday Morning	Diane Coe
Friday Evening Pairs	Martin Illingworth
Friday Evening Teams	Peter Randall

Congratulations to all winners and runners up.

**10AOB**

Christopher Sheppard asked how the club could break even in 2021/2022 without the £10K grant which should enable it to break even in 2020/2021. It is clearly hard to predict 2021/22, as we may resume face to face bridge. However, at worst, we will be running bridge and teaching online all year, and if we move to RealBridge that will also generate more income.

Juliet Johnson and Alan Steer requested an idiots guide to playing bridge using RealBridge.

Ann Lee asked how the mortgage costs were attributed. SB replied that mortgage interest was attributed across bridge and education based on normal room usage (even when rooms are not currently being used, as the costs continue).

Pauline Wyman asked if we could generate income by hiring out the main room at weekends. LF confirmed that the premises can only be used for playing bridge.

Gaynor Cooper thanked the whole committee for work undertaken this year.

The Chair closed the meeting at 6.40 reminding everyone that there is bridge at 8.00 using RealBridge which would be free.