

# PATCHAM BRIDGE CLUB

## Minutes Annual General Meeting Held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 commencing at 16:30

**Committee members in attendance:** Roy Greenbaum (Chairman), Peter Browning (Secretary), John Hazard (Treasurer), Ian McGregor, Peter Langston, Robert Lowe, Eunice Harrison.

**1. Apologies for absence:** Heidi Shotter, Rodney Shotter, Gloria Parks

There were 12 Club Members present.

**2. Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023.** These were accepted.

**3. Matters Arising:** No matters arising.

**4. Treasurer's report.** As of 31st March 2024, the club has £30,771.71 in the bank and £146.18 cash in hand totalling £30,917.89.

We continued to attract many new players this year and therefore we are achieving high table numbers on Mondays and Wednesday. Thursday night numbers are on the increase too and the Friday sessions are now averaging approx. 10 tables. A total of 2,152 F2F tables were played during the year.

Also, the Monday night game played on BBO brings us an income with no costs other than the EBU P2P fees. Thanks to Peter Langston for all his efforts running the games. £3,719.72 income this year. This was a drop on last year's income of £5,041.38 (about £1,300 down).

F2F table money of £16,786 was received as voucher sales and cash. Thanks to all the directors who run the F2F sessions enabling this income for the club.

We made a surplus of £2,827.50 for the year (excluding the legacy – see below). This is a very healthy situation given the various events that the club has subsidised: -

- Singing Hills away day 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – subsidy of £558 - £14.68 per head
- Worthing GC away day 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 - subsidy of £327.50 - £8.19 per head
- Christmas Bridge – subsidy of £768.30 - £13.71 per head
- Some subsidised EBU Sim pairs sessions and County charity Sim events

and the new equipment and stationery we have bought this year: -

- New playing cards and replacement bidding cards
- Personal scorecards

and the increase in room hire charges over last year.

Please note the surplus shown in the accounts includes £1,020 income collected from the members for the Tottington Away Day on 2nd April 2024. The payment to Tottington will be made in the next financial year thus reducing next year's surplus accordingly.

The club has paid the EBED training fees for 6 directors and 2 bridge teachers this year.

The club has received a legacy of £10,000 from Doris Strauss's estate.

I see no need to increase the table money for the coming year, so I recommend: -

- Book of playing vouchers - £20
- Cash paying member £2.50
- Cash paying guest £3.00

Thanks were given to Linda McRae for auditing the accounts.

- 5. Chairman's Report.** a) The club has had another very successful year. I consider this due to the Directors and the Committee who do their utmost to make it a friendly and welcoming club.  
b) Our 'away days' are extremely popular and are always overbooked. Unfortunately, the venues are unable to accommodate more members.  
c) The Christmas Party was enjoyed by all; we have rebooked the caterers for another year.  
d) The Club would like to thank Rodney and Heidi Shotter for all their hard work in the past as Secretary, Membership Secretary and committee members. Rodney and Heidi have decided to step down from the committee.
- 6. Appointment of Officers and Committee Members.** Following the resignation of Rodney and Heidi Shotter, we welcome Annie Simmons as the new Membership Secretary and Linda McRae as a committee member. All other Committee members were re-elected for another year.
- 7. AOB.** a) It is proposed to purchase a 'Bridge Display Clock' to show the time for hands to be played. Other clubs have shown that this approach helps to speed up play. This will be trialled before full implementation.  
b) There will be a new initiative launched on Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup> to encourage less experienced players. Further details are on the club's website.  
c) There was a discussion about the use of the Doris Strauss legacy. The Committee will consider this issue at the next Committee meeting.

Meeting closed at 16.55