

PATCHAM BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes Annual General Meeting Held on 22nd April 2026 commencing at 16:30

Committee members in attendance: Roy Greenbaum (Chairman), Peter Browning (Secretary), John Hazard (Treasurer), Annie Simmons (Membership Secretary), Peter Langston, Eunice Harrison, Robert Lowe.

1. Apologies for absence: Ian McGregor, Linda McRae

There were 3 Club Members present.

2. Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting held on 16th April 2025. These were accepted.

3. Matters Arising: No matters arising.

4. Treasurer's report:

As of 31st March 2026, the club has £14,464.02 in the current account and £604.88 cash in hand totalling £15,068.90. The club also has £10,651 on a Fixed Term 14-month deposit at 2.24% maturing at the end of October 2026.

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 stable, and the Friday sessions are now averaging approx. 12 tables.

A total of approx. 2,450 F2F tables were played during the year down slightly from last year (2,500).

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. Income raised was £2,554.52 this year. This was a drop on last year's income of £2,958.26.

F2F table money of £23,226.50 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 loss of £1,525.28 for the year. This is a healthy result given the relatively low table money that we charge. There was an increase in room hire charges over last year and the major capital expenditure was on a new computer (~£750), the new Bridgemate III system (~£4700) and other miscellaneous capex items.

The club has also subsidised these events: -

- Tottington Manor away day 8th April 2025 - subsidy of £316.20 - £8.78 per head
- Singing Hills away day 10th June 2025 – subsidy of £354.25 - £8.86 per head
- Worthing GC away day 30th September 2025 - subsidy of £588.92 - £16.36 per head
- Christmas Bridge Party at La Tana – subsidy of £751 - £12.52 per head
- Some subsidised EBU Sim pairs sessions and County charity Sim events

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

- Book of playing vouchers - £25
- Cash paying member £3.00
- Cash paying guest £5.00

5. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman felt that the Treasurer had covered all key points. He stressed that the club had had another very successful year. He thanked the committee for all their hard work, the Directors of all the sessions and the organisers of the away days. He gave special thanks to Peter Langston for addressing the problematic scoring at the last away day.

6. Appointment of Officers and Committee Members.

All Committee members were re-elected for another year.

7. AOB.

New bidding cards to be ordered for the bidding boxes

Owing to safeguarding concerns, juniors to be permitted to play with a member on a trial basis.

Away day in June requires an organiser. Milli Fawssett to be approached to ask if she would be prepared to organise it. Roy Greenham to approach venue with regards maximum numbers, cost and menu.

Meeting closed at 16.40