# RINGWOOD BRIDGE CLUB

# Annual General Meeting Minutes

30 April 2018

Clive Case called the Annual General Meeting of the Ringwood Bridge Club at 12.00 on Monday 30 April 2018 in Grassmoor Community Centre.

**Apologies -** Apologies for absence were received from: Steve and Chris Bones, Andrew and Margaret Boswell, Bob Cox, David Emerson, Janice Hewitt, David Mann, Jenny Sellars, Pippa Sutherland and Graham Wells.

**08.05.17 AGM Minutes** – Approved.

1. **Chairman’s Report**
   1. Wednesday Evenings – Despite the Committee’s best efforts, attendance has struggled and it is with regret that we propose to cancel Wednesday evenings and suggest as an alternative Wednesday afternoon.
   2. Teams of Eight – Once again mixed fortunes. Congratulations to the C Team who have yet again achieved promotion, unfortunately the A and B teams will be playing in lower Divisions. Clive thanked all Members who had represented the club, especially the beginners and improvers.
2. **Secretary’s Report** – Simon wished to clarify the recently circulated Data Protection Act update. The EBU has circulated same and stated that it has not affected the EBU which is covered by certain sections, namely, names, addresses, and e mail and telephone numbers. He asked that our Members keep us appraised of any amendments to their personal details stating that they have the legal right to request removal of them from our data base. Persons without internet access may receive communication in the post.
3. **Treasurer’s Report –** Lyndon reported that the Club turnover was down £730 mainly due to lower attendances at away days and reduced numbers on Wednesdays. There were no major purchases during the year but existing assets were depreciated by a further £532. Replacement value of the assets is ~£12k and they are now insured for that sum (tier 3). Cash balance is ~£4,947k an increase of £1,010 with a resultant profit of £478. The Club is sound and any reasonable decisions regarding the Club are viewed in terms of the quality of the bridge and not finance.
4. **Tournament Directors’ Report** - Chris requested that all players attending Bridge sessions arrive early and if there are any problems to telephone him straight away. If there are any problems at the Bridge table, then call for the TD straight away; do not make your own “table” decisions.
5. **Election of Officers** – new requests were not received, therefore the Committee for 2018/2019 are:
   1. **Chairman** Dave Ridley
   2. **Secretary** Clive Case
   3. **Treasurer** Lyndon Davies
   4. **Chief TD** Chris Challinor
   5. **President** Iris Teather
   6. **Others** Chris Bones, Susan Davies, Simon Sellars and Francine Scott
6. **Members’ Comments**

There was a lively discussion concerning the proposal to discontinue Wednesday Evening play and a number of suggestions put forward by the Members in an effort to keep Wednesday sessions. These took the form of:

1. Writing directly to each Member
2. Contacting other Bridge Clubs (always ongoing)
3. Attracting young people e.g. contacting schools (have tried in the past to no avail)
4. Organising a team night (also tried to limited success)
5. Defer cancelling Wednesday night until (a) actioned

Clive stated that the Committee would take on board all comments and discuss at the next Committee Meeting, but that a guaranteed regular attendance of 12 would be required in order to continue.

Chris once again reminded Members that anyone requiring a partner should ring him directly whereupon he would do his best to find them one.

There were several queries regarding Bidding etiquette and boards in play, Chris reiterated that the TD should be called in the event of any uncertainty of the rules.

Members did express their thanks to the Committee for their efforts in running the Club.

Clive thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting was officially closed.