

MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND., 2025 AT 7PM.

1. Members present = 27
2. Apologies = 28
3. The minutes of the previous AGM held on 27/8/2024 were accepted as a true record – proposed by Roy Brixton and seconded by Chris Taylor.
4. There were no matters arising.
5. President's Adress.

Val Threadgould thanked the Committee for their support, especially during her recent period of ill-health. She especially thanked Wanda Kotowska for her work as Secretary and also thanked the many members, several of whom are not on the Committee, for their work, great or small, during the year. Work had been done to maintain the building. After the substantial work on the roof, the main work more recently was the upgrading of the lighting throughout the premises. The Bridge Holiday at Harrogate had been a great success. There has been some criticism to the effect that some members did not feel at ease with the direction the Club was taking and felt discontented and specifically were disappointed that nowadays members did not excel at the more competitive levels of the game. The President countered these criticisms by suggesting that by and large we are a happy Club and listed substantial successes achieved by members during the year. These successes included members achieving first or second places in County events. Members who achieved these results were named as Roy Brixton, Brigid Hughes, Mike Llewellyn, Megan Williams, Maurice Lynn, Jenny Knowler, Catherine Caldwell, Paul Readhead, Joan Tong, Jeremy Wong and Keith Stewart. This list of commendable success is not exhaustive.

6. Secretary's Report.

Wanda Kotowska reported that we had 133 members including 2 life members. Sadly, we lost Pam Readhead and Cynthia Gray during the year and a former member, Julia Sweeting, also had passed away. We had supported charities well during the year with the fund raising event on 20/9/24 yielding £872 for Cancer Research, the event was organized by the EBU. The collection box in the kitchen had recently been emptied giving £78.47 for the Hospice. Wanda further noted that a Christmas tree had again been provided for the annual event organized by Rotary and held at the Old Brumby United Church. Different start times for the afternoon sessions had been tried during the winter. Although the Friday evening sessions had lapsed, master points were sometimes available for the Friday afternoon sessions. The noise problem from the gym continues. Thanks to Sue and Bill Keast for their service in supervising the teaching and welcome to Louise Lewis in this role. Wanda finally thanked everybody for their support during her time as Secretary and she would continue to serve on the Committee and to work for the good of the Club. For example, new inserts would soon be in place in the bidding boxes.

7. Treasurer's Report.

Mike Llewellyn reported that the Club remained solvent beyond any doubt, but had incurred a deficit of £1824 on the year. The loss had two main causes. There was considerable expense in upgrading the lighting and also table fees were down under all headings compared with the previous year. However, the fees had been particularly high in this previous year and they were now back to normal. Finally, Mike thanked Keith Stewart for his voluntary work in examining the accounts. The accounts were accepted as proposed by Neil Strutt and seconded by Penny Couling.

8. No motions had been submitted for consideration. However, the present Committee were of the mind to submit a motion to allow "postal voting" for the election of officers and the committee. This could not be considered until the next AGM and if passed would not take effect until 2027.
9. It was noted that Glynn Elwick was now prepared to continue as a trustee.
10. All positions as Officers and Committee members were filled by the nominations received and so no election was needed this year. Hence we have:-

PRESIDENT Val Threadgould

VICE PRESIDENT Catherine Caldow

SECRETARY Lawrie Chapman

TREASURER Mike Llewellyn

COMMITTEE Brian Camm, Penny Couling, Wanda Kotowska, Louise Lewis, Jenny Selby, Rita Watson and Rod Williams.

11. Trophy Presentations.

AUTUMN PAIRS PETER STACKHOUSE AND GLYNN ELWICK

AUTUMN PIVOT TEAMS (R. J. MITCHELL TROPHY) CHRIS TAYLOR, CATHERINE CALDOW, DAVID RADDISH AND NETTIE SMITH

AUTUMN TEAMS (GERGE MARSHALL TROPHY) ROY BRIXTON, KEN THOMAS, JANE BROWN, MALCOLM BROUGHTON AND TRISH HERRING

CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS PETER STACKHOUSE AND GLYNN ELWICK

CHAMPIONSHIP PIVOT TEAMS ROY BRIXTON, PAUL READHEAD, JANE BROWN AND MALCOLM BROUGHTON

CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS (VIC LLEWELLYN TROPHY) MAURICE LYNN, JENNIFER KNOWLER, ALAN DAVIES AND GLYNN ELWICK

POUTNEY (TEAMS) TROPHY ROY BRIXTON, PAUL READHEAD, JANE BROWN, MALCOLM BROUGHTON AND RITA WATSON

SHIRLEY WIMBLES (HANDICAP PAIRS) TROPHY CATHERINE CALDOW AND CHRIS TAYLOR

PETER COOKE (CATEGORISED PAIRS) TROPHY VAL CROISSANT AND JOHN
MAINWARING

FREEMAN (RANDOM SEEDED PAIRS) TROPHY TRISH HERRING, MICHAEL GALEY,
MAURICE LYNN AND JENNY KNOWLER

SWISS PAIRS ALAN DAVIES AND GLYNN ELWICK

MIXED PAIRS PAUL READHEAD AND CHRIS TAYLOR

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP HELEN CLAPHAM

JOHN BREARS MASTER POINT TROPHY FOR THE HIGHEST AVERAGE MASTER
POINTS MALCOLM BROUGHTON

MASTER POINT TROPHY FOR THE HIGHEST TOTAL MASTER POINTS ROY BRIXTON

OVERALL MASTER POINTS TROPHY FOR MONDAY JANE BROWN AND MALCOLM
BROUGHTON, JOINT WINNERS

MONDAY A MASTER POINTS CATHERINE CALDOW

MONDAY B MASTER POINTS PAUL READHEAD

MONDAY C MASTER POINTS NICK WELLS AND VAUGHAN HUGHES, JOINT
WINNERS

OVERALL MASTER POINTS TROPHY FOR WEDNESDAY GLYNN ELWICK AND PETER
STACKHOUSE, JOINT WINNERS

WEDNESDAY A MASTERPONTS MALCOLM BROUGHTON

WEDNESDAY B MASTER POINTS JOHN MAINWARING

WEDNESDAY C MASTER POINTS NICK WELLS AND VAUGHAN HUGHES, JOINT
WINNERS

OVERALL MASTER POINTS TROPHY FOR FRIDAY MIKE LLEWELLYN AND MEGAN
WILLIAMS, JOINT WINNERS

FRIDAY A MASTER POINTS VAL CROISSANT

FRIDAY B MASTER POINTS PAUL READHEAD

FRIDAY C MASTER POINTS JOHN MAINWARING

The meeting closed at 7.25pm and a free bridge session followed.