



Forty fifth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Stratford-upon-Avon Bridge Club Limited

Minutes

The forty fifth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Stratford-upon-Avon Bridge Club Limited convened at 1:00 on 18th September 2025 on the club premises.

1. Apologies for non-attendance: Graham Pemberton, Janet McGowan, Rob Evans, Chris Evans, Peter Randall.
2. Approval minutes of the AGM held on 7th November 2024 Proposed by Becky Penney and seconded by Paul Debling. Carried unanimously.
3. Chairman's Report for the year ended 31st May 2025
4. Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31st May 2025
5. Vote to accept the reports, Financial Statements for the year ended 31st May 2025 including confirmation continued entitlement to exemption from Audit under Section 249A(1) of the Companies Act 1985 and report that Bernard Rogers & Co (Chartered Certified Accountants) have reviewed the Accounts for the year ended 31st May 2025. Proposed by Jane Harris and seconded by Becky Penney. Carried unanimously.
6. Alan Patel, Sandra Webb and Lynne Ballinger are re-elected as Company Directors.
7. Vote on changes to the constitution. Proposed by Judy Thomas and seconded by Sue Debling . Carried unanimously.
8. AOB
 - Are any of the advanced Bridge teachers? (Anne Lawless) – No.
 - How do you train as a Bridge teacher? (Jeanette Simon) – You need to complete the English Bridge Education & Development, teacher training course.
 - Why has the Membership income dropped by 25% when the membership? (Anne Lawless) – The drop is due to an historical accounting error. The actual figure has not dropped.
 - How much did the new Bridgemate cost? (Anne Lawless) – They cost £142 each including the charging case. The previous Bridgemate lasted for over 10 years
 - Currently only Monday Afternoon Bridge session is not handicapped. Can you remove the handicap from other sessions? (Steve Pearce) – The Board will consider this at October meeting.

- Could you ask members if they would like handicap to be removed? (Steve Pearce) – A straw poll indicated about 50% in favour and 50% not in favour. The Board will consider this at October meeting.
- Why are there no trophies being given out this year (Tony Jackson)– After consultation, the board decided to give free bridge sessions rather than a trophy
- As there are no plans to extend the foyer, could the board consider extending the car parking (John Peace) – The Board will consider this at October meeting.
- Could the board consider employing a tea person during busy sessions. (John Peace) – This has been considered and decided that the club does not want to have any employee due to the complexity of employment legislation.
- How much do people get paid – Currently, teachers are paid £70 a lesson, and TDs get £22 for running a session. Board members do not get paid

Meeting ended at 13.38