

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

Minutes

The Forty fourth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Stratford upon Avon Bridge Club Limited convened at 1:15 on 7th November 2024 on the club premises.

1. Apologies for none attendance: David Stead, Clive Hood, Graham Pemberton, Peter Randall, Maureen Justice.
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 5th September 2023. Proposed by Sue Debling seconded by Debra Foggin. Carried unanimously.
3. Chairman's Report for year ending 31st May 2024.
4. Treasurer's Report for year ending 31st May 2024. Proposed by Jane Harris seconded by Lynne Ballinger. Carried unanimously.
5. Report and Financial Statements of the Company Directors for the year ending 31st May 2024 Proposed by Roger Harris seconded by Sandra Webb. Carried unanimously.
6. To confirm 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 2023. Proposed by Paul Debling seconded by Judy Thomas. Carried unanimously.
7. To appoint the Directors elected in the ballot. The existing directors are all willing to continue with the exception of Roger Harris who is retiring. In accordance with the constitution Paul Debling and Sue Debling having reached their 3-year term retire and are willing to be re-elected as Company Directors. Debra Foggin (coopted in November 2023), Sarah Darnes (coopted in December 2023) and Rebecca Penney (coopted in June 2024) No vote required as no other nominations were received.
8. AOB
 - a. **Gay Fox:** Is the income from the Andrew Robson and similar events included in the Teaching or Social on the financial statement? Chair to discuss with the treasurer and report back.
 - b. **Gordon Fox:** the Andrew Robson event made a substantial profit, if this was included in the teaching budget why was there a loss? Chair to discuss with the treasurer and report back.
 - c. **Maureen Justice:** Has there been any updates on Honour boards? The SBC board has just restarted this discussion, and an update will be issued.
 - d. **Christine Cooper:** Can the book on the history of the club be updated and printed? The SBC board to consider.

- e. **Gay Fox:** Do we produce figures on student retention? Teacher team lead to analyse the data and report back.
- f. **Phil Onions:** Could the Bridge club be set up as two separate organisations. One for playing Bridge and the other teaching and events. Would this keep us below VAT threshold ? The Board has taken expert advice and was advised that the VAT man would treat the two companies as one and we would be over the threshold.
- g. **Gordon Fox:** Can I give Roger Harris a vote of thanks, as he is stepping down from the committee after many years of service? Roger has been given an Honorary life membership as a thank you for all his work on the SBC Board.

Meeting ended at 1:30