



## MINUTES OF THE SURREY COUNTY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION AGM



held on Sunday, 3rd July 2022

### ATTENDANCE

Trevor Hobson (President); Tony Cherrett; Douglas Wright; Tim Warren; Jackie Hawkins; David Burch; Derek Gardner; Barbara Hobson; Karen Johnson; Jim Milmore; Derek Rutherford; June Middleton; Sue Osborne; Gail Norman; Shirley Pritchard.

### APOLOGIES

97 members sent apologies.

### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS YEAR

The minutes of the 2021 AGM were accepted.

### MATTERS ARISING

None

### CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Tim Warren said this was his second address to the AGM.

He was incorporating the financial report because of the illness of the Treasurer.

He reported a loss of £2.4k in the past year, with the consequence that reserves are now significantly lower. These are because of a positive decision to support bridge development, particularly running a Play and Coach event where entry was free, and the County resuming its contribution to Junior Bridge.

David Burch queried the county element of UMS, and Tim responded that the Committee had decided to waive this charge from July 2021.

Tim presented figures which showed that event entries had fallen by 33% in the past year.

This included the Dorin Salver Sims where the proceeds went to charity. This is against a background of fewer players entering events nationally.

Tim ended by saying he personally appreciated Trevor's hard work in driving forward the impetus of the County's activities.

There were some questions about the possible surplus from this year's GP event which Shirley said was hoped to be around £2k. She confirmed that there is no likelihood of returning to the Spectrum for this event in the future.

David Burch mentioned the difficulty of enforcing the ban on "hired guns" in the Leagues.

He suggested "deprecate" might be a better word than "ban".

### ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2021

Jackie explained that due to illness it was not possible to present the audited accounts to the meeting so their acceptance cannot be proposed.

However, David proposed acceptance subject to the later correction of the date.

Sue Preston was happy to continue as auditor. She was proposed by Trevor and seconded by Sue Osborne.

### ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

Before the election Trevor said that he felt that the post of President was now an anachronism and he would propose an amendment to abolish it at next year's AGM. He also said that the constitution needed redrawing as the AGM has not been quorate for the past 3 years and needs to be reduced to 10 members.

Proxy votes would be allowed for the amendments to the constitution.

#### President:

**Chairman:** Tim Warren

**Secretary:** Gail Norman

**Treasurer:** Jackie Hawkins

**Match Secretary:** Jeffrey Allerton

**Competitions Secretary:** Shirley Pritchard