

Warrington Bridge Club
Minutes of 49th AGM, held on 9 March 2025, 630pm, at Alford Hall

Present:

6 Committee members:

Mike Dennis (Chairman)

Jim Steele (Secretary, website, education, teaching)

Janet Jagan (Treasurer)

Malcolm Roberts (Teaching, u3a Liaison)

Janine Curwell (Social Secretary)

Ian Douglas (Publicity)

and 21 club members.

1 Apologies:

Apologies were received from

Carolyn Bailey (Ass't Secretary)

Simon Barber

David Burrows

Anne Jamieson

Peter Jordan

Rita Jordan

Andy Pattie

Helen Pattie

Yvonne Potter

Caroll Roberts

Norman Rothwell

Ann Timms

Debby Taylor

Mavis Whittle

Liz Williams

2 Minutes of previous AGM, held on 10th March 2025

The minutes were accepted as read, proposed by Malcolm Strange, seconded by Steve Bentley.

3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not on the meeting agenda.

4 Chairman's report

The Chairman's report had previously been emailed with the AGM documentation, and was posted on the website. He thanked the Committee members for their hard work, in particular: Jim Steele for the administration and teaching; Janet for the efficient way she manages our finances, often a thankless task; those who help Jim run the Thursday morning classes (Ian Douglas, Jim Hainsworth, Brigitte Massey); new member Ted Cadman who is working with the u3a learners, Malcolm Roberts who leads the Improvers teaching; and Brenda Newton for her great work in helping less experienced players make the transition to "serious" Monday evening bridge.

5 Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement

Audited Receipts and Payments Accounts for calendar year 2025 had been posted with the AGM documentation and on the notice board. Further copies were made available at the meeting.

There were no discussion points or queries raised.

6 Appointment of Auditor

The present auditor, Brian Drinkwater, as had to stand down due to family illness. Carolyn Bailey kindly stood in to audit the 2025 accounts. The Management Committee proposed that we formally reappoint Carolyn for 2026. This was approved nem con.

7 Setting of annual subscriptions and playing fees

The Chairman pointed out that we have already rationalized our annual subscription to £10/year, of which £7.50 is paid to Alford Hall for Alford membership as part of their rules. So the subscription fee is nominal. He also remarked that we have continued to hold our playing fees unchanged at £3 for most sessions, despite rising costs, particularly room hire. The Management Committee proposed that we retain fees at the present level for 2026, but keep under review. Approved nem con.

8 Method of Collecting Subscriptions and Playing Fees

In order to reduce admin work, The Management Committee has already changed the frequency of billing from every two months to every three months. The Chairman requested that all members pay promptly, to avoid the extra work and hassle in chasing people up.

9 Election of Officers and Management Committee

Brenda Newton is standing down from the Committee. The proposal for the new Committee had been tabled on the website and notice board, and is as follows:

Name	Position
Mike Dennis	Chairman
Jim Steele	Secretary, website, education/teaching
Janet Jagan	Treasurer
Malcolm Roberts	Teaching, u3a liaison
Janine Curwell	Social Secretary
Carolyn Bailey	Assistant secretary
Ian Douglas	Publicity, education/teaching.
Roger Hesp	Committee member, dealing machine
Helen Hesp	Committee member

There were no alternative nominations received. The Chairman asked the meeting to approve the appointment of the Committee en bloc, as tabled. This includes new Committee members Roger Hesp and Helen Hesp. Proposed by Carol Bingham, seconded by Malcolm Strange. The proposal was approved nem con.

10 Any Other Business

There were no items of AOB notified prior to the meeting.

The Chairman thanked the members present for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 6.45pm

Jim Steele
Club Secretary