

WESTMORLAND COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON ZOOM ON 22 MAY 2022

The meeting started at 4.00pm. 13 members (and one cat) attended.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Christine Lomas Whittle, Babs Matthews. Babs added the message "Please convey my thanks to the Committee members for all their hard work which is much appreciated".
2. **Minutes of meeting held on 2 May 2021** were taken as read. Proposed by Jeremy Harris and seconded by David Harris the minutes were approved.
3. **Matters arising:** none
4. **Chairman's Report.**

John Ellwood reported on another year affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. The 2021 Swiss weekend, held jointly with Cumbria, was held online attracting 37 tables for the pairs and 22 for the teams. Following a discussion with Cumbria it will again be held online in 2022. The other competitions were held online. The Northern Bridge League (NBL) was held online. Our team in the B division came 5th out of 7 and team in the C division came 6th out of 6. The landscape of bridge has changed because of the Covid-19 pandemic and the resumption of face-to-face bridge has been slow. The county will need to consider which way the game of bridge will go. He thanked all the committee, in particular Mike Rothwell who is stepping down after 10 years.
5. **Secretary's Report.**

Mike Rothwell thanked John for his chairmanship and in particular the time he has spent on the organisation of the Swiss Weekend.
6. **Treasurer's Report.**

Ken Orford reported on an increased level of activity but still severely limited. The Swiss weekend made a profit of about £1,200, split with Cumbria. The accounts show an analysis of each county competition. Overall there was a surplus of £512 and the bank balance is more than £4,900. The treasurer thanked Jeremy Harris for a smooth handover and Mike Ollerton for auditing the accounts.
7. **Approval of Accounts.**

Proposed by John Ellwood and seconded by Mike Rothwell, the accounts were accepted.
8. **Universal Membership Fee.**

Ken Orford recommended that the county element of the Universal Membership Payment be kept at 6p for 2023/24. Agreement to this was proposed by Steve Douglas and seconded by Ray Gregory and carried unanimously.

9. Election of Officers.

The committee was elected unanimously.

Chairman	John Ellwood
Secretary	vacant
Treasurer	Ken Orford
Tournament Director	Tim Matthews
Competition Secretary	Brian Smith
Member Representative	1. Carl Penson 2. (vacant)
Auditor	Mike Ollerton

In addition to the above, Kendal and Windermere have a representative each to serve on the committee. These are Ken Orford for Kendal and Ray Gregory for Windermere.

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