



# WOKING BRIDGE CLUB



## MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at the Dianthus Building, Goldsworth Park, on Wednesday 20th March 2024

### PRESENT

The meeting was chaired by David Burch (WBC Chair) and was quorate.

### PROXY VOTES

There were 10 proxy votes, all of which approved all 7 resolutions on the Proxy Form.

**APOLOGIES** for absence were received from 11 members, as listed at the end of these minutes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of previous AGM were unanimously accepted (proposer Bob Simonis, seconder Lynda Thorne).

### MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the 2023 minutes.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer presented the audited accounts for 2023. The result for the year was a deficit of £1664, similar in amount to that of 2022 while the cumulative deficits of the last three years totalled around £6000. These had been financed from the Club's substantial reserves accumulated in the pre-Covid era. The reserves were now approaching the level at which a further reduction was inadvisable. The committee at its last meeting had decided that table money would be reviewed in 2024 with a view to an increase. That decision had been prompted by the 10% rise in the hall rent from 1 January. As a result, the financial results were expected to return to surplus at the end of the current year. Turning to the 2023 figures, subscription income was slightly down but there had been some increase in table numbers mainly from the introduction of the Monday session. That had produced a consequent increase in Pay to Play payments to the EBU. Other expenditure had been rigorously contained with the purchase of a much-needed replacement for the laptop being the only item of note.

After questions the 2023 accounts were formally approved, proposer Margaret Mansell, seconder Caroline Bowden.

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

David Burch presented his eighth Chairman's report (copy available on website).

He thanked the various teams who enable the club to run smoothly: Directors, Scorers, Trevor's dealing team, Host rota team, Joyce Bianconi for collecting table money, Party Catering teams, Brian Barrow for auditing accounts and a special thank you to Robin Lynch. He acknowledged all the hard work and behind the scenes roles that Liz Taylor has done for many years and announced that she has retired from the committee and her roles. He also thanked John at Dianthus for looking after us so well.

Finally he thanked the Committee and also encouraged some of the younger members to consider joining, as we are now one member short on the Committee.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following Committee was unanimously elected, proposed and seconded as noted below:

Chairman	David Burch (Ernie Gilburd and Lynda Thorne)
Secretary	Lynn Paynter (Bob Simonis and Peter Lane)
Treasurer	Tony Cummins (Eleanor Ebeling and Chris Jonas)
Other Committee Members	Pat Stubbs, Trevor Sweeting and Anne Miller (Sue Johnson and Joyce Bianconi)

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Bob Simonis asked if we could consider having more Sim Pairs at the club. David Burch explained that we currently do CiN and Dorin Salver Sims in November and December respectively. After a brief show of hands, it seemed that quite a few people were agreeable to this idea, and it was suggested that we could investigate the dates of the EBU Spring and Summer Sims. It was felt best for us to hold the event on a Wednesday as we have more tables playing then.
2. Ernie Gilburd asked if there were any planned rent increases in the future. The Chairman responded that Dianthus have said they are not planning on any future increases and they will keep the cost as low as possible for us. They enjoy having our bridge club there and have even agreed to open on Easter Monday for us (they don't have to!) We want to continue and maintain our good relationship with them.

The meeting closed at 12.40.

### **APOLOGIES:**

Kath Street  
Sheila Edwardes  
Jalil & Sedi Minikaran  
John Gill  
Corinne Walsham  
Julie Mabbott  
Liz Dunjay  
Helen Pallister  
Dawn Lee  
Margaret Blain