



WOKING BRIDGE CLUB



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at the Dianthus Building, Goldsworth Park, on Wednesday 25th March 2026

PRESENT

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

PROXY VOTES

There were 4 proxy votes, all of which approved all 8 resolutions on the Proxy Form.

APOLOGIES for absence were received from 13 members, as listed at the end of these minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of previous AGM were unanimously accepted (proposer Anne Miller, seconder Ernie Gilburd).

MATTERS ARISING

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer presented the audited account for 2025. The results were virtually the reverse of those in 2024 with a deficit very similar to the surplus of the previous year. For the first half of the year table money stood at £4 per session, an amount that was on track to produce a sizeable surplus and increase the club's reserve to an excessive level. The Committee accordingly decided to reduce table money to £3 but almost immediately Dianthus imposed a 10% increase in the rent. The combination of reduced revenue and increased expenditure explained the deficit shown for 2025 though it was important to note that reserves remained at a comfortable level. There was little in the detail of the accounts that required comment apart from the investment in training three new directors who have all now qualified.

Looking forward, an essential increase in table money was recently introduced. Without it the reserves would have been unsustainably depleting by some hundreds of pounds per month. The return to £4 should stabilise the finances without producing excessive growth in the funds held by the club. After questions about gratuities to Dianthus staff the accounts for 2025 were formally adopted on a motion proposed by Sue Johnson and seconded by Helen Pallister.

The Treasurer announced that although standing for re-election he would be gradually handing over his responsibilities in the course of the year and thanked the membership for their support during his tenure of the post and also Brian Barrow who has been a tower of strength.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

David Burch presented his tenth 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, Party Catering teams, table money collectors, Brian Barrow for auditing accounts and a special thank you to John at Dianthus. He also thanked the Committee members for their service. He thanked Tony Cummins for his astute stewardship through Covid and other testing times. Sangeeta Patel is leaving the Committee to concentrate efforts on Party Catering but Julie Mabbott has agreed to join us.



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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

Chairman	David Burch (Margaret Mansell, Caroline Bowden)
Secretary	Lynn Paynter (Anne Miller, Lizzie Penrice)
Treasurer	Tony Cummins (Sue Johnson, Jess Howard)

Other Committee Members:

Trevor Sweeting as Competitions Secretary (Margaret Mansell, Sue Marshallsay)

Anne Miller (Caroline Bowden, Eleonore Ebeling)

Gavin Browning as Treasurer Elect (Frank Vickers, Sue Johnson)

Julie Mabbott (Tony Cummins, Sue Marshallsay)

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

David Burch said that in three years' time he will be 80 and would like somebody else to step up. He would like people to start thinking about a successor as no-one is irreplaceable!

Caroline Bowden, on behalf of the members, thanked David Burch for steering the club and all the hard work he does.

The meeting closed at 12.35.

APOLOGIES:

Marilyn Frame

Kath Street

Hilary Percy

Sheila Edwardes

Tim Warren

Joyce Bianconi

Kathy Lees-Cobb

Pat Stubbs

Jennie Underhill

Trevor & Barbara Hobson

Lynda Thorne

Keith Wilson