

Woodham Ferrers Bridge Club

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in Village Hall on 29th April 2019

Meeting opened by Alan

Minutes of last AGM 30th April 2018

Minutes were read and accepted as accurate and nothing to amend: Vote proposed by Alan and seconded by Trish - result **Carried**.

Chairman's Report

Alan B welcomed everyone and passed over to Alan J to talk through the matters arising from last year's AGM and his two reports

Secretary's Report

Although not completed, the ballot on EBU membership was overwhelming in favour of staying in the EBU. Consequently. The proposal put to the AGM was to continue to belong to the EBU this was accepted by a unanimous show of hands by members

The proposal to only have one Charity night was defeated on a vote but instead to continue with the Air Ambulance Xmas Party and to investigate a way of avoiding Children in Need Sims Pairs night clashing with others clubs in the area on that day.

Congratulations to Chris Taylor the highest average score for 2018, David Aquino and Lionel for winning the Jack Rodgers Trophy and for bidding and making Grand Slams Albert Kitchen/ Chris Taylor. Colin Minns / June Chambers

Treasurers Report

AJ reported that increased income from table money balanced expenditure and the club has ended with a small surplus of **£85** and our Bank account now stands at **£1400**

The change around was achieved by

- 1 The increase in May of the Table money
- 2 Attendance slightly up to an average of five and half tables (helped by the occasional Guests)
- 3 Saving on the EBU fees by not participating in SIMs pairs
- 4.Saving by continuing not buying any stationery only new boards
- 5 Continued with no prizes (except at Xmas party)
- 6 Membership up from 33 to 37

With spending at £2624.biggest items being the hall hire £1500, EBU fees of £500 and refreshments/party£300 But our income matched this £2700 with an extra £600 coming from table takings

OPERATING SUMMARY to March 19					
Received					
TABLE MONEY	£2,354				
MEMBERSHIP	£355				
Total income	£2,709				
EXPEDITURE		Club Opening Balance 1/4/2018			£1,328
HALL HRE	-£1,500	Club Closing Balance 1/4/2019			£1,412
EBU Playing Fee	-£455				£84
EBU MEMBERSHIP/Insurance	-£100	Reconciled Bank Account			
Refreshments/cups etc	-£221	Bank balance 1/4/19		£1,463	
CIN cost /air ambulance Donations	-£131	EBU to be paid out for March	Debt	-£67	
Xmas Party and Prizes	-£101	Owed to Sandra for Cups	Debt	-£68	
Stationery and Bridgewebs	-£116	Air Ambulance cheque outstanding	Debt	-£40	
Total outgoings	-£2,624	Owed by congress	Credit	£124	
PROFIT	£85	Club Balance		£1,412	

Forecast April 2019 to March 2020

Alan forecast for 2019/20 assuming attendance keeps around existing levels and that some costs will naturally rise. He predicted a maximum loss of around £250 which can be provided from the bank reserves of £1400. On that basis he recommended that club Fees remain the same

Membership £10, Table Money £2 .Guests £3 National competition Nights £4 Guests £5

Alan stated that we have come to an agreement with Heybridge Bridge club to pay them an annual £75 maintenance fee for the wear and tear in using their equipment

The Treasurers report and actions were proposed by Sandy and seconded by Trish and accepted by vote without any questions being raised

Congress Report

The year's event was held over the weekend of the 26th and 27th January 2019, attendance this year was 92 entrants same as last year. The event made a profit of £435 with £1380 income Versus Expenditure of £944 driven by savings on using Barleylands rather than the Woodham Village Hall

Club Nominations

Chairman Alan Brabant

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer Alan Jones -

Congress Organizer- Lionel Thacker

the Committee was re-elected by vote proposed by Irene and seconded by Kirsten

Web Site and Scorer Bill West

Any Other Business

Other Roles

Partner co-ordinator - it was decided to dissolve this role and look at new ways of helping players find a partner was discussed

Suggestions included

- 1 Round Robin Emails requesting Partners
- 2 List of members addresses to be circulated
- 3 Private Area on the website for this purpose

It was accepted that the club will continue to open on Bank Holidays and cancelling of Easter Monday session was an exception AJ is to book the hall going forward .

Lionel recorded an expression of thanks on behalf of the Committee and members for Sandy who keeps the refreshments going for us all on club nights. He also recorded an expression of thanks on behalf of the Committee and members for Bill who does the Wi-Fi scoring for us on club nights and who also maintains the website for us

No other Business was raised so meeting was closed at 19:40pm