

# **Worcester Bridge Club**

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

**Held at 19:10 on Wednesday 23 February 2011 at Claines**

### **1. Apologies:**

The following members offered their apologies: Sue Evans, Dennis Loynes, Trish Mann, Ada Phillips, Joyce Skelton, Andrew Haigh, Jonathan Morton

### **2. Minutes of the AGM of 2010:**

There were no corrections to the previous minutes and it was proposed, by Sue Lane, that they be accepted. This was seconded by Tony Gervis and the minutes were accepted unanimously by the members present..

### **3. Matters arising from the AGM of 2010:**

The only matter unresolved at the last AGM was selection for the Garden Cities and the Chairman reported on the final outcome. Following several proposals and two ballots, it was agreed that teams would not be selected. Members could form teams as they wished and the club would pay the entry (membership conditions applying).

### **4. Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman began by offering his thanks to members of the committee, all the Directors & scorers and other members who helped towards the smooth running of the club. In particular, he mentioned:

- Lorna Fellows (Treasurer) - for controlling expenditure so well that the club finally has a surplus
- Pam Pearce (outgoing Secretary) - for updating the bye-laws and the organising the Christmas party
- Sue Lane - for acting as Chief Tournament Director and organising the calendar
- Andy O'Hare - for his timely scoring
- Linda Gervis – for acting as cashier each club night
- Tony Gervis – for setting up tables each club night

He then reported that the club had numerous successes which were too many to list in detail but included:

- The NICKO team reaching the quarter finals
- The WBC teams achieving first and second place in the Garden Cities qualifying round
- A WBC team winning the Healey Cup
- A WBC team winning the Worcestershire Club Championship Pairs

The move to Claines had proved to be very successful and with careful planning, it had proved possible to host twenty tables. Bridge Mates have now been purchased and the club will soon have duplicated boards every week.

### **5. Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer reported that a surplus (the first in four years) of £459.85 had been achieved due to cheaper accommodation - £40 instead of £50 per session, more members and hence more table money and a decrease in entertainment costs. The cost of the Bridge Mates, £2,300, had been paid from a maturing bond, the surplus being reinvested. It was proposed, by Dick Rutter, that the accounts be accepted. This was seconded by Ross Garrett and the accounts were accepted unanimously by the members present.

### **6. Appointment of the Auditor:**

The Chairman thanked Dennis Loynes for auditing the accounts of 2010 and suggested that he be appointed the auditor for the coming year. This was formally proposed by Sue Lane, seconded by Marian Wilcox and unanimously agreed by the members present.

### **7. Proposed changes to the Constitution**

Following the 2010 AGM, some members expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of notice for items to be raised and decided at General Meetings. It is therefore proposed to address this concern by amending clauses 9.6 – 9.8 in the Constitution (see below) to ensure that items for discussion at a General Meeting are proposed and advertised three weeks before the meeting. A member suggested that two weeks plus one day

should be sufficient and a vote was taken on this proposal first. The majority of members present voted for the notice period to be three weeks. A vote was then taken on the amendments to Clauses 9.6 – 9.8 and the majority of members present voted in favour, with four abstentions and no votes against.

## **8. Election of Officers and Committee Members**

The Chairman offered his thanks to committee members who are standing down, especially to Maureen Hannah for her many years of service. The members who have volunteered to stand for 2011 are:

Chairman	Mike Vetch
Treasurer	Lorna Fellows
Secretary	Jane Rutter
Committee Member	Andy O'Hare
Committee Member	Andy Cullen
Committee Member	Rufus Ulyet

Sue Lane proposed that they be elected on bloc. This was seconded by Tony Gervis and accepted unanimously by the members present.

## **9. Any Other Business**

There was no other business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed and proceeded with the Presentation of Trophies.

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## **Constitution**

9.6. Notice of all General Meetings of the Club shall be displayed on the notice board at the headquarters of the Club no later than two weeks prior to the date fixed for the meeting.

9.7. Any member may propose a motion to be discussed at a General Meeting provided that written notice of the proposed motion is delivered to the Secretary no later than one week prior to the date fixed for the meeting.

9.8 The chairman of the meeting may permit discussion of other business at a General Meeting if they think such is fit.

## **Amendments agreed at the AGM**

9.6. Notice of all General Meetings of the Club, with agenda of business and motions for discussion, shall be displayed on the notice board at the headquarters of the Club and on the Club website no later than two weeks prior to the date fixed for the meeting.

9.7. Any member may propose a motion to be discussed at a General Meeting provided that written notice of the proposed motion is delivered to the Secretary no later than three weeks prior to the date fixed for the meeting.

9.8 The chairman of the meeting may permit discussion of other business at a General Meeting, but no motion from such discussion shall be passed unless the terms of 9.6 and 9.7 have been met.