

Worcester Bridge Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 25th February 2015 at British Legion Club Claines

1. Apologies:

The following members offered their apologies: Terry Collins, Lorna Fellows, Jonathan Morton, Brian Yates, Elaine Bell, Mike Vetch, Vivien Greenow, George Jeffrey, Richard Booth, Angela Bussey, David Pugh, Matt Newton, Roger Bowles, Linda Gervis, Eleanor Greaves, Andy & Roy Wright, Jane Rutter

2. Minutes of the AGM held on Feb 26th 2014:

There were no corrections to these minutes. Andy Cullen proposed that the minutes should be accepted. Sue Evans seconded this proposal and it was agreed unanimously by all the members present.

3. Chairman's Report:

A lot of people have put an amazing amount of effort into making this club a success so that we can enjoy bridge on a Wednesday evening so I want to say thank you to the following:

- Committee members, patience with a new chair and thanks to Mike for support
- Outside the committee, setting up , Terry for being front of house
- Scorers, in particular Paul Hammond who does much behind the scene with scoring, P2P
- Directors – Paul, Sue, Jimmy, Paul T, Helen, Dick, Andy O'Hare
- Everyone who has acted as host. Would encourage more people to do so and thanks to Tim for running the rota
- Pam Pearce for our fantastic party
- And Dave our Steward

Congratulations to all those who have had successes throughout year (and there have been numerous). To pick out just a few

- Andrew Meredith & Graham Selby winning the County Chairmans Cup
- John Sansom, bronze medal in senior teams in world class event in China

The highlight for me of the year has been continuing success of intermediate bridge, our table numbers are growing and so are we as a club (in fact think this is the highest number of members that we have ever had). We are starting to see some crossover and hope in time that people will take the step into the main club. Thanks to those people – Andy O'Hare, Mike V, Terry & Lorna - who are happy to play in that section to balance the numbers. Big thanks to Rufus for success of Try Duplicate which in a way has led to this.

News – we have organised another seminar with Mike Theelke for 9 May and Andrew Robson will be returning in Oct 2016.

4. Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer distributed copies of the accounts for 2014 and described what capital items had been purchased during the year. He also thanked Dennis Loynes for his role of Auditor. Sue Lane proposed that the accounts should be accepted. Ian Leake seconded this proposal and it was agreed unanimously by all the members present.

The Treasurer then reported that the committee proposed to increase the table money by 50p which would keep WBC in line with neighbouring clubs. This proposal would produce about an extra £1,000 per annum. John Sansom proposed that the increase in table money of 50p be accepted by the members and a vote from the floor was in favour of this by a substantial majority.

The treasurer was asked if the reserves of £8000 were too high and he explained that the county were investigating the purchase of permanent premises and that the reserves of a few thousand would enable WBC to have a stake in this.

5. Constitutional Amendment

The committee proposed two amendments to the Constitution:

- a. Item 7.3 Change in quorum for committee meetings to "A quorum at meetings of the committee shall be half the number of the total committee, rounded up"
- b. Reference to notices within the constitution, add to "by display on notice board and club website"

David Thomas proposed that the resolution should be accepted. Rufus Ulyet seconded this proposal and it was agreed by a substantial majority of the members present.

6. Election of Officers and Committee Members

The members who have volunteered to stand for 2015 are:

Chairman	Joyce Skelton
Treasurer	Dick Rutter
Secretary	Pam Pearce
Committee Member	Andy Cullen
Committee Member	Rufus Ulyet
Committee Member	Tim Keates
Committee Member	Jane Morton
Committee Member	Cathy Geer
Committee Member	Mike Vetch

Andy O'Hare has retired after over 10 years of committee service and was thanked for all his work by the Chairman and members present. The committee was elected on bloc, proposed by Sue Evans and seconded by Maureen Ledger

7. Appointment of the Auditor:

The Chairman thanked Dennis Loynes for auditing the accounts of 2014 and suggested that he be appointed the auditor for the coming year. This was formally proposed by John Dowbiggin, seconded by Ross Garratt and unanimously agreed by the members present.

8. Any other business

The committee were concerned that the 'I' competition was not a truly individual competition and asked for suggestions from the floor. No suggestions were put forward so the committee agreed to develop some proposals to put to the members.

9. Presentation of the trophies

The Chairman presented the trophies to all the winners who were present:-

Pairs Championship	Mel Downing & Ross Garratt
Championship Pairs Final	David Thomas & Joyce Skelton
Teams	Nick Forward, Dennis Loynes, Jane Morton & Pam Pearce
Mixed Pairs	John Sansom & Joyce Skelton
Individual trophy	David Thomas
Men's Pairs	Paul Hammond & David Thomas
Ladies' Pairs	Sue Lane and Sue Evans
Intermediate Cup	Rosalind Turner
Try Duplicate Cup	Margaret Buchan

The Chairman thanked Tim Keates for retrieving and cleaning all the trophies in good time for the AGM,

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.25pm.