

WORCESTER BRIDGE CLUB

Annual General Meeting held at 19:00 on Wed 20th February 2019

at the British Legion Club, Claines

Minutes Of Meeting

1. Apologies

John Dowbiggin, Trish Mann, Paul Tapster, Marian Wilcox, Jane Morton, Jane Rutter, Tony Gervis, Margaret Davies, Terry Collins

2. Minutes of previous AGM held on Wed 21st February 2018

Proposed (Maureen Ledger) and seconded (Steve Simmons)

3. Chairman's Report

See attached report (Appendix 1)

4. Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts

See attached report (Appendix 2), proposed Richard Arrowsmith and seconded by Jimmy Ledger

Summary:

Income and surplus improved and the Club's financial affairs are in a satisfactory state

Daytime bridge over the first full year show in an increase in average tables from 5.5 to 7.5

Evening bridge has increased from 11.3 to 11.6 tables

Membership has increased slightly to 157

Increase in table money by 50p, less the cost of tea and coffee for evening bridge

Success of the Robson Seminar, with both sessions fully attended and a surplus of £975

Surplus for the year £2,465 and nett assets of £15,931

5. Election of Officers and Committee Members

Dick is retiring, with thanks for the last 5 years and David Waide is the new Treasurer. Tim Keates is returning to the committee, which can have up to 10 members.

6. Appointment of Auditor

Thanks to Dennis for auditing; Dennis is leaving this role and Dick Rutter is taking over (proposed Mark Askwith, seconded Steve Simmons)

7. Presentation of Trophies

Tom Mackie Cup	Pairs Play-Off	Jane Morton and Mark Askwith
Skelton Trophy	Pairs Championship	Nick Forward and Steve Allerston
Individual Shield		Lynn Munn
Ladies Pairs Salver		Jane Morton and Marian Wilcox
Men's Pairs Salver		Mike Vetch and David Waide
Mixed Pairs	John Cattnach Trophy	Sue Evans and Dennis Loynes
	Joint Winners	Maureen and Jimmy Ledger
WBC	Try-Duplicate Cup	Eiron Evans
City Cup	Christmas Pairs	Sue Evans and Dennis Loynes
Teams	Herbert Nunn Cup	John Sansom and Richard Jephcott
		Nick Forward and Steve Allerston

8. Motions

- 8.1 a Amendment to Bye-Laws, 1.4: Existing: "*Honorary Members have free lifetime membership and free standard table money.*" to be amended to read: "*Honorary Life Members have free lifetime membership of the Club.*" (Cttee motion)
- 8.1 b The above amendment to be applied henceforward, but not retrospectively (Cttee motion)
- 8.2 That Mr Andrew Cullen, in view of his outstanding long-term contribution to Worcester Bridge Club from its foundation, be awarded Honorary Life Membership. (Cttee motion)

The above motions were all passed unanimously

9. Presentation to Andy Cullen

Andy is retiring from the Committee and other help over almost 30 years and his tasks are now split over 3 Committee Members

10. AOB

- 10.1 Replacement programme for tables on a rolling basis – agreed and for the Committee to implement
- 10.2 **Lead-card to be entered on Bridgemates**
This is a little more work for the TD, Scorer and North. While the wrong lead may be input, there may be a reduction in the wrong orientation being input if the lead is "validated" (via software). Droitwich Club does show the lead but it is not validated. This may help less experienced players.
2/3 of attending members were in favour; - this is to be discussed by the Committee – and to be trialled.
- 10.3 Suggestion to go 'paperless' for calendars.
1 out of 48 want a paper calendar; feedback to be sought from more members other than those present at the AGM.

Appendix 1: Summary of Chairman's Report AGM Feb 2019

- Another exciting year of Bridge at WBC; Daytime Bridge at Hallow has consolidated and settled to a regular 8-10 tables a week, and the cakes have gone from strength to strength
- Treasurer will tell us how this has affected our financial position, but I know that we have generated a good surplus
- One significant element of this surplus will be the October Robson Seminars, the third of their kind; organised with great efficiency by Maureen and catered splendidly by Freda
- A big new initiative this year has been the establishment of our French link, with a visit from the "President" of Romorantin BC in October, which was well covered in local media and national bridge mags on both sides of the Channel
- The first instance of our travelling to Romorantin is approaching agreement, with (just today) dates for June and the Autumn virtually finalised
- All this club activity has meant a busy time for both Committee and non-Committee helpers, who make the club run smoothly;
- Notably, on the Cttee side, we see two notable retirements this year: of Andy Cullen, we will say more later – at this point, suffice it to note that he has been an active Cttee member almost uninterrupted since the Club's foundation in 1989...
- Meanwhile a mere newcomer (by comparison!) Dick has served the Club nobly for a full five-year term as Treasurer, and has left the Club in excellent financial shape.... (presentation...)
- The Committee has now established a very good balance between those involved mainly in Tuesday business and the Wednesday brigade, and both sections are fortunate (as I am) to have them working for us: So a vote of thanks please to all these: Mark, Janette, Maureen, George, David, John, Richard and of course Dick and Andy

- The list of those who are NOT Cttee but nevertheless play vital roles is also lengthy; a reminder (if one is needed) that you don't have to be a cttee person to help out...
 - Sue Evans, who does loads to make Tuesdays happen, and to make these events such a welcoming environment;
 - Terry, who has also been vital to the success of Tuesdays, with Directing and other duties, as well as five years now as Front-of-House on Wednesdays;
 - All our team of directors, Paul Hammond, Jimmy Ledger, Sue Lane, Paul Tapster, Andy O'Hare, Dick Rutter and Helen Cameron; in particular Paul Hammond for all the work he does on the technical side
 - The team of scorers – already name-checked in the above;
 - Other general helpers who set up and put away on Tuesdays, especially Steve Bull and Janette Torrance
 - Thanks to all who have helped make the Host system work, either by attending and playing, or by going home; and especially those who have stepped into gaps at short notice when there have been illnesses
 - And Dave the Steward of course!...
 - Apologies if I have missed anyone...
 - Finally, my personal thanks to the Committee, and to Tim who was officially not on Cttee this year, but has continued to do the cups, and is now coming back on,
- Successes:
 - Well done to the Garden Cities team, which first won the Ron Allen and then achieved a creditable 3rd place in the Regional final, just a few VPs from qualifying to the Nationals
 - Congratulations to the WBC team which won the Inter-Club Teams
 - Well done also to the three NICKO teams who all had some measure of success; this year one team is still in at Rd 3 stage, and we wish them well for the coming rounds. Another team is still in the Plate competition.
 - Well done also to all others too numerous to mention who have had great results at Congresses and national events
- Departures
 - This year we have sadly lost two members, both mainly Daytime players, in Carol Glover and Fred Rochelle – Fred in particular will have been well-known to Wednesday players; and I should also mention Bill Everley, who was recently a WBC member, though rather better known to Monday WCBA people
- 2019:
 - I have already mentioned the French trip in June
 - We also have a big anniversary coming up – this year WBC is 30 years old! The new Committee will soon be working on plans for how we celebrate this, though I do know that our French partners are keen to be involved!

Appendix 2: Summary of Accounts, 2018

WORCESTER BRIDGE CLUB **Detailed Accounts for Year Ending 31st December 2018**

	2018	Per Week	2017	Per Week
Income				
Subscriptions - Full	139 695.00	14.70	117 585.00	
- Reduced £3	6 18.00	In above	23 69.00	
- Reduced £2 (£1 junior)	14 22.00	In above	10 17.00	
- Honorary	1 0.00		1 0.00	
- Resigned/died	(3)			
Table Money - Wed evening	6,210.50	124.21	5,497.00	105.71
- Tues Day	3,828.00	78.12	1,142.50	46.97
- SIMS fees	105.00	2.10	105.00	
Party tickets	460.00	9.20	496.00	
Donations Received	181.00	3.62	179.69	
Café Bridge	712.00	14.24	640.00	
Seminar	2,551.50			
Table Hire/Other income	116.10	2.32	7.40	
Total Income	157 14,899.10	248.51	151 8,738.59	
Expenditure				
Weeks			Weeks	
Accommodation Eve	50 2,250.00	45.00	52 2,340.00	45.00
Accommodation Day	49 2,195.00	44.80	25 949.00	39.01
EBU Pay to Play	1,730.05	34.60	1,242.06	23.89
Duplicate Boards	712.00	14.24	569.50	10.95
SIMS fees	141.60	2.83	132.40	
Prizes & Trophies	220.89	4.42	86.85	
Director's Fees	115.00	2.30	135.00	
Club 'Twinning'	100.03	2.00	0.00	
Administration Expenses	17.00	0.34	69.90	
Website and subscriptions	268.20	5.36	258.00	
Refreshments	836.0	16.72	112.35	
Miscellaneous expenses	60.90	1.22	111.84	
Insurance	74.70	1.49	73.50	
Partying	577.49	11.55	593.48	
Charity Donations	305.00	6.10	236.00	
Equipment	190.80	3.82	298.99	
Bridge Requisites	274.15	5.48	167.38	
Competition Fees	422.00	8.44	361.00	
Training and Courses	0.00	0.00	144.00	
Café Bridge	559.46	11.19	567.19	
Seminar	1,576.98			
Total Expenditure	12,627.24	210.71	8,446.44	
Interest Income				
Lloyds current account	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Cambridge & Counties	193.53	3.87	36.34	
Total Interest	193.53	3.87	36.34	
Surplus/(Loss)	2,465.39	41.87	328.49	
	974.52	974.52	0.00	

Balance Sheet at 31st December 2018

		31-Dec-17
Operating Account		
Opening Balance at 1 Jan.	13,466.54	13,138.05
Surplus/Deficit for year	2,465.39	328.49
Total Capital Available	15,931.93	13,466.54
Represented by		
Cash - In Hand	0.00	0.00
- With Lloyds Bank	938.12	1,919.04
- With Cambridge & Counties Bank	15,090.53	12,000.00
Total Assets	16,028.65	13,919.04
Liabilities & Prepayments		
Creditors	96.72	452.50
Net Assets	15,931.93	13,466.54

January 2019

Dick Rutter

Hon Treasurer

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Having carried out an examination of the information supplied by Worcester Bridge Club I believe that proper accounting records have been kept and that the accounts accord with these records.

January 2019

Dennis Loynes Independent Examiner