

## MINUTES

**47<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 23 April 2025, commencing at 7:15pm.**

Chair	John England (JE)	Member	Judy Douch (JD)
Secretary	Jeff Stone (JS)	Member	Pennie Mackenzie (PMK)
Treasurer	Barbara Regan (BR)	Member	Rosemary Gunter (RG)
Webmaster	Ian Lewis (IL)	President	Alan Brown (AB)
Vice Chair	John Gatrell (JG)		

The President welcomed the members to the meeting.

JS reported that 38 members were in attendance at the meeting and it was quorate.

1	<p><b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b> Apologies were received from nine members.</p>	
2	<p><b><u>Minutes of the 46<sup>th</sup> AGM</u></b> JS asked if the Minutes were a true copy and that they could be taken as read. Pamela Brown proposed and Judy Douch seconded that the Minutes be accepted. The minutes were adopted unanimously with no abstention and duly signed by JE.</p>	
3	<p><b><u>Chairman's Report</u></b> JE reported the following:</p> <p>1. <u>Improvers Group and Thursday on-line sessions</u> We have not run an Improvers group this year, due to lack of demand; Camberley is running a 'Gentle' session on Tuesday afternoons, so if you know anyone looking to move into duplicate bridge, that might be a good place for them to start.</p> <p>Thursday on-line sessions (which are joint with Camberley) still continue, albeit with fairly low numbers.</p> <p>2. <u>Committee Changes</u> Sadly, we are losing three committee members: Rosemay and Judy are stepping down today after many years of service, while Penny is hoping to emigrate (to Wales) later this year, but has kindly agreed to stay on the committee for now. We would be happy to welcome new volunteers – honestly it is not hard work; we have about 4 committee meetings a year, and organise a few events.</p> <p>3. <u>Summer Do</u> You will no doubt have seen the advance publicity for our Summer Do at Sand Martins Golf Club; indeed, some of you have already signed up. Even if you have not, please put the date in your diary to avoid disappointment.</p> <p>4. <u>Thanks</u> It falls to me to thank all of those who help keep the club going. I am going to mention two by name: Pat Stone who runs the dealing machine, and Colin Bailey who has marked Barbara's homework (the accounts) this year. There are many others: the directors and the scorer, those early birds who set up the room prior to play, all those who clear up at the end, the committee, and actually all of you who play and contribute to the friendly atmosphere every week.</p>	

	<p>5. <u>Farewells</u>  By custom, we remember those members who have passed away during the year. Some of you will remember Joyce Baldock, who had not played here recently, but was a regular for many years, and passed away recently, as did Graham King.</p> <p>More recently, many of you will have memories of playing against Sheila Brent and Peter Peterson who also passed away this year.</p>	
4	<p><b><u>Treasurer's Report</u></b></p> <p>1. <u>General overview of finances and membership</u>  BR reported that all our income streams had reduced noticeably. In the year ending March 2024, we had 99 members, giving rise to £990 in subscriptions, but in the year just past our membership had dropped to 82, mainly due to the closure of the improvers' group. A number of the improvers had moved up to the main group but unfortunately most of them had ceased attending in the last months, leading to a further reduction in subscriptions received for the current year to only 65, with only a couple still expected. Table money received from the Thursday on-line sessions had dropped by 50% compared to the previous year, and the low participation meant this was likely to go down further this year. Table money from Wednesday's face-to-face sessions was also down because of the loss of the improvers, so that all in all our income last year was almost £2,000 less than the previous year.</p> <p>On the positive side BR reported that we still had a healthy bank balance and she had succeeded in moving £6,000 into a savings account paying 4.22% interest. She advised that the committee had considered allowing our bank balance to continue to go down but had decided that the best course of action was to raise table money to £3. This would take effect from the following week.</p> <p>2. <u>Presentation of accounts</u>  Copies of the certified Accounts for 2025 were available at the Meeting and on the club's website.  BR finished by thanking Colin Bailey for inspecting the accounts so thoroughly.  Acceptance of Accounts: Vicki Southern proposed and Viv Prewer seconded that the Accounts be approved; this was carried unanimously.</p>	
5	<p><b><u>Competitions Report</u></b></p> <p>IL reported that our BBL teams had a solid year but no promotions, YHBC A finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Div2 and YHBC B mid-table in Div3.</p> <p>Internally, a very strong year for our Treasurer, winning 6 cups with her partner!</p> <p>We had 12 tables for our Swiss Pairs event last year (a win for our Chairman, John with David Steele), we would like more entries for this year on 5<sup>th</sup> May, it is a fun day and profits go to charity (Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice). If you are free, please register on the website and come and support us. Penny Moody requested the committee to consider this event on another day rather than the Bank holiday</p>	
6	<p><b><u>Election of Officers, Committee Members and President.</u></b></p> <p><b>Chairman:</b> John England, was again standing for election; there were no other candidates. Proposed by June Taplin and seconded by Alan Brown. This vote was carried unanimously.</p> <p><b>Secretary:</b> Jeff Stone, was again standing for election; there were no other candidates. Proposed by Rosemary Gunter and seconded by Pat Stone. This vote was carried unanimously.</p> <p><b>Treasurer:</b> Barbara Regan, was again standing for election; there were no other candidates. Proposed by Alan Brown and seconded by Jeff Stone. This vote was carried unanimously.</p>	

	<p><b>Committee members:</b> Ian Lewis and John Gatrell were again standing for election along with Pennie Mackenzie, until her move to Wales; there were no other candidates. Proposed by June Taplin and seconded by Alan Brown. This vote was carried unanimously.</p> <p><b>President:</b> Alan Brown was confirmed and re-appointed.</p> <p><b>Inspector of Accounts:</b> Colin Bailey was confirmed and re-appointed.</p>	
7	<p><b><u>Prizegiving</u></b> Alan Brown presented the following trophies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Pairs Championship</u> (Wednesday ladder) Winners: Barbara Regan and Ian Lewis Runners Up: Alan Brown and Michael Bader</li> <li>• <u>Beryl Doughty Cup</u> Winners: Barbara Regan and Ian Lewis Runners Up: David Pinder and Colin Bailey</li> <li>• <u>Endeavour Cup</u> Winners: Barbara Regan and Ian Lewis Runners Up: Alan Brown and Michael Bader</li> <li>• <u>Greta Clark (Wednesday):</u> Winners: Barbara Regan and Ian Lewis Runners Up: David Pinder and Colin Bailey</li> <li>• <u>Mixed Pairs</u> Winners: Jo Brock and Ian Lewis Runners Up: Rosemary Gunter and Alan Brown</li> <li>• <u>Rose Bowl</u> Winner: Alan Brown Runner Up: Ian Lewis</li> <li>• <u>Presidents Cup</u> Winner: Freda Morris</li> <li>• <u>Patricia Pinder Cup</u> Winners: Louise Stuart and Pat Guthrie Runners Up: Judy Douch and Vicki Southern</li> <li>• <u>Chairmans Plate (Teams &amp; Wanborough Cup Representatives)</u> Winners: Colin Bailey, David Pinder, Lawrence Izen, Alan Brown, Alan Coales and Harry Chen, Runners Up: Barbara Regan, Val Cooper, Jo Brock, Ian Lewis and David Steele</li> <li>• <u>Mary Edwards Representatives (Highest Ladder %) - Note: No Trophy</u> Winners: Barbara Regan and Ian Lewis</li> <li>• <u>Greta Clark (Online)</u> Winners: Barbara Regan and Ian Lewis Runners Up: Jo Brock and Alan Brown</li> <li>• <u>The Committee Cup (Online ladder) – Note: No Trophy</u> Winners: Alan Brown and Ian Lewis Runners Up: Alan Brown and Jo Brock</li> <li>• <u>The Improvers Cup</u> Winners: N/A Runners Up: N/A</li> </ul>	
8	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b> 1. There being no other business, the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 7:45pm.</p>	

Signature:

(Chairman)

Date: