

BUSBRIDGE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
MINUTES OF THE 30TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON THE 24TH APRIL 2007 AT BUSBRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

1. **PRESENT:**

Gerald Searle in the chair, Monica Clegg, Brian Haigh, Robert Bayley, Jean Brown, Josie Redmen, John Spiers and forty-three members.

APOLOGIES: Val Anderson, Kate Atkins, Hilary Austin , Rosemary Bayley, Rosie Brough, Simon Brough,, Liz Cable, Pam Darlington, Maurice Illman, Rosie Inchbald, , Pat Moore, Ingrid Phillips, Hans Van Raaij, Margaret Richards and David Snowball.

2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

Agreed as accurate and signed by the Chairman

3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

None

4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Gerald said he had enjoyed his first year as Chairman despite some challenging moments. . Eleven members attended the mini Directors course. He invited other members to consider taking up Directing.

He wished to emphasise the importance of courtesy at the Bridge table .In particular, *arguing at the table is of benefit to no one.*

Gerald thanked :

- Bruce Robertson for catering for the Christmas party.
- The people who set up and clear away each evening.
- The club president Joe and his wife Josie for their tireless work for the club.
- Monica for the staggering amount of work behind the scenes.
- The retiring committee members: Jean Brown, Josie Redmen and Robert Bayley

5. **SECRETARY'S REPORT AND MATCH RESULTS:**

Monica said that most information is now on the website but for those members who don't have access to a computer a list showing the winners of this year's competitions will be posted on the notice board together with a letter received from The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, thanking the club for their kind Donation of £463.

Regarding the inter- club competitions, the winners of the Mary Edwards heat, Joe and Josie ,will not be available to go forward to the finals so therefore James and Jean Drummond who came a very close second will represent the club at the finals in Wimbledon on May 20th.

None of the three top teams are available for the final of the Wanborough Cup competition.

The secretary said that she hopes to have each evening's results posted on the website by 10.30 am the following morning.

She thanked the members for their support throughout the year.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

This year ,as the accounts show ,we had a deficit. We spent more money than previous years which included the purchase of a new set of boards and four left handed bidding boxes.

The Chairman therefore suggested that we increase the subscriptions. The Treasurer agreed.

After a brief discussion it was decided that the subscriptions be raised from £32.00 to £35.00 p.a. and the visitors fee from £2.00 to £2.50 per session.

Proposed by John Spiers and seconded by Tom Forristal

Adoption of the report was then proposed by Josie Redmen and seconded by John Spiers

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE FOR 2007/2008

Chairman Gerald Searle

Secretary Monica Clegg

Treasurer John Spiers

Committee John Clegg, Gay Davies, Brian Haigh, Peter Goldfarb, Jeanne Penny, Niki Thompson
Proposed for and elected en bloc.

8. ELECTION OF AUDITORS:

The Treasurer said that Simon Brough had agreed to act as Auditor .

9. Charities for 2007/2008

Three charities were nominated:-

Headway Surrey, Hounds, The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice

The members voted by a majority show of hands to support Headway Surrey with money raised from our two charity evenings.

10. Proposal by Gerald Searle, “ *That the Club Purchase a Duplimate machine*”

After a lengthy discussion the motion was narrowly defeated by a show of hands .

11. Proposal by Mary Forristal “*That players are requested to arrive at the Club not later than 7.20pm*”

Bruce Robertson proposed that this be amended to “Once the director has decided on the evening's movement, any pairs who arrive later may, at the directors discretion, not be allowed to play

This was agreed by a show of hands.

12. Random Teams evenings

After a brief discussion it was agreed that the teams evenings should remain unchanged

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Monica suggested that the position of Webmaster be created. This was agreed.
John Spiers pointed out that the website serves two purposes:
 1. A convenient central information resource for members.
 2. A way of attracting prospective new members.He urged members to use the site regularly as it improves our search engine ranking.

13. Date of next meeting

This was arranged for Tuesday 22nd April 2008

Monica Clegg 25th April 2007