

BUSBRIDGE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held on the 22nd April 2008 at Busbridge Village Hall

1. PRESENT:

Gerald Searle in the chair, John Spiers, Monica Clegg, Niki Thompson, Gay Davies, John Clegg and thirty three members.

APOLOGIES:

Margaret and Peter Goldfarb, Jeanne Penny, Pat Moore, Kath Street, Hilary Austin, Valerie Anderson, Kate Atkins, Jill Rayner, Maurice Illman, Pam Darlington, Mac and Varda Derwig and Liz Cable.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Agreed as accurate and signed by the chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

None.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Gerald thanked:

- Monica Clegg for many years of hard work as secretary.
- John Spiers for the web site.
- John Clegg and Brian Haigh, retiring committee members.
- Niki Thompson and Gay Davies for the Christmas party.
- The people who set up and clear away each evening.

Gerald noted that two club members had completed their Director's course, both with distinction, Kath Street and John Davies. Gerald encouraged anyone else to consider directing if they were interested.

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT AND MATCH RESULTS:

Monica has put a list of the competition winners on the notice board.

Jean and Jimmie Drummond won the Mary Edwards competition and will go forward to the finals.

Two teams tied for first place in the Wanborough Cup heat.

1. Gerald Searle/ Niki Thompson and John Spiers/ Johanna Walker.
2. Dorothy Roughley/ Ron Collins and Ingrid Phillips/ Richard Shand.

Gerald's team agreed to represent the club at the finals.

Monica congratulated all these players and wished them good luck.

The charity evenings raised £500. Monica has received a thank you letter from Headway Surrey.

Monica stated that she was standing down as secretary but would continue to run "**the lonely bridge players club**", arranging partners, she will also continue to direct and score.

Monica then went on to thank:

- All those who helped make up boards for the simultaneous pairs.
- Everyone for their support during the last five years.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT:

This year, despite an increase in membership, we had a small deficit. It was due to two non-recurring items of expenditure; some refreshment stock had to be written off and five quarters of master points had to be funded. John proposed that subscriptions be raised from £35 to £40, as the cost of hiring the hall has risen and our reserves have fallen.

Adoption of the report was proposed by Robert Bayley and seconded by Dorothy Roughley.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2008/2009

Chairman Gerald Searle

Secretary Gay Davies

Treasurer John Spiers

Committee Jeanne Penny, Jill Rayner, Niki Thompson, Peter Goldfarb and Philip Thomas.

Proposed and elected en bloc.

8. ELECTION OF AUDITOR FOR 2008/2009

Simon Brough has agreed to stand again.

9. CHARITIES FOR 2008/2009:

Two charities were proposed, Greyhound Trust and Phyllis Tuckwell.

Phyllis Tuckwell received a majority vote.

10. EBU STRATEGY PROPOSAL:

John Spiers presented a detailed update of these proposals and the potential effects for the future of the club. This was followed by a lively debate. John summed up the discussion saying the proposals are divisive and carry a significant implementation cost and risk. A reply voting against the proposals has been sent. [This can be viewed in full on the web site.]

11. BUSBRIDGE BRIDGE ETIQUETTE:

On behalf of the committee, John Spiers has produced a document entitled "The Busbridge Guide to Bridge Happiness". This is a common sense guide to etiquette at the bridge table. The notice can be read on the notice board or website, and John encouraged everyone to read it.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Gerald Searle and Niki Thompson were presented with the Wilson Trophy.

Dorothy Roughley thanked the club for supporting Headway Surrey.

13. Date of next meeting:

This was arranged for Tuesday 21st April 2009.