

**BUSBRIDGE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**Held on the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2009 at Busbridge Village Hall**

1. **PRESENT:**

Gerald Searle in the chair, John Spiers, Gay Davies, Jeanne Penny, Peter Goldfarb and 52 members.

**APOLOGIES:**

Kath Street, Valerie Anderson, Simon and Rosie Brough, Julia Brough, Steve Bourton, Jean and Jimmie Drummond, Richard Shand, Ingrid Phillips, Len Cullum, Rosie Inchbald and Kate Atkins.

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

Agreed as accurate and signed by the chairman.

3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

None.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Gerald thanked the following;

- Monica Clegg for directing, scoring and arranging partners.
- John Spiers for his work as treasurer and running the web site.
- Gay Davies for secretarial duties.
- The current committee and all those who have worked on the committee over the last three years and all those people who have directed.
- Robert Bayley for his liaison with the village hall committee.

Gerald then went on to express his regret on three counts:

Despite running directors' courses, we still have insufficient directors.

The club declined to invest in a duplicate machine.

Busbridge members are very reluctant to attend Surrey bridge events.

5. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Gay thanked Monica for her ongoing hard work. She also thanked those people who had made up boards for simultaneous pairs events.

A list of all the competition winners had been placed on the notice board.

Joe and Josie Redmen won the Mary Edwards competition but none of the first ten pairs were agreeable to entering the final.

The Wanborough Cup heat was won by: Dorothy Roughley, Ron Collins, Richard Shand and Ingrid Phillips.

The second placed team will go forward to the final.

The charity evenings raised £500 for Phyllis Tuckwell.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The club made a profit during the year of £402. This was due to increased membership [114 members compared to 108 last year] and increased subscriptions. The club has a healthy reserve of £2,714.

The summer party made a small loss and the Christmas party a profit.

John expects costs to remain fairly level for the next year so proposed leaving subscriptions at the current level of £40.

John announced he wished to bring in a new form for all members to complete which will include addresses as well as telephone numbers and e-mail addresses.

He thanked Simon Brough for auditing the accounts.

Adoption of the report duly took place.

7. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 2009/2010:**

Chairman: Monica Clegg

Secretary: Gay Davies

Treasurer: John Spiers

Committee: Jeanne Penny, Jill Rayner, Peter Goldfarb, John Clegg, Mike Clements, David Allen and Tony Longrigg.

Proposed and elected en bloc.

Robert Bayley has agreed to continue to act as liaison between the village hall committee and the bridge club.

8. **ELECTION OF AUDITOR:**

Simon Brough agreed to stand again.

9. **CHARITIES FOR 2009/2010:**

Four charities were proposed; Greyhound Trust, The Prostate Project, Alzheimer's Society and Meath Home. The Prostate Project received the largest vote.

10. **EBU STRATEGY PROPOSAL:**

John Spiers outlined the current position.

The EBU will publish final proposals at the end of April 2009. These will be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010. The P2P fee for 2010/2011 will be 29p to the EBU, with no further fee charged by SCBA in the first year.

During the coming months, BDBC must make a decision on whether or not to sign the new EBU contract. If the club remains affiliated to the EBU we must decide how we will collect the P2P fee.

It is proposed to issue a questionnaire to all members once we have received and analysed the financial impact of the changes. This will be followed by an EGM to make the necessary decisions.

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

A written question was received from Kate Atkins asking how we could address the problem of overcrowding on Monday nights. She suggested that perhaps numbers should be limited or possibly visitors should not be accepted on Monday nights. After some discussion it was decided that the position should be monitored and the committee should make a final decision.

12. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:**

This was arranged for Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks from Robert Bayley to Gerald for all his hard work over the last three years.