

BUSBRIDGE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of the 33rd Annual General Meeting
Held on the 20th April 2010 at Busbridge Village Hall

1. PRESENT:

Monica Clegg in the chair, John Spiers, Gay Davies, Jeanne Penny, Peter Goldfarb, Tony Longrigg, John Clegg, Mike Clements and 60 members.

APOLOGIES:

David Allen, Anita Lynd, David Pearmain, Pam Darlington, Richard Shand and Simon Brough.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS.

Agreed as accurate and signed. Proposed by J Brough, seconded by R Bayley.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

Problems with overcrowding on Monday nights were again raised. The chairman said this had only occurred a couple of times and the committee would continue to monitor the situation. The small room off the hall should be used in preference to the entrance hall.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Monica thanked the following people;

- John Spiers for his role as treasurer and for his work preparing the club for P2P.
- Gay Davies for her role as secretary.
- John Davies for his general helpfulness.
- Robert Bayley for his liaison role with the village hall committee.

Monica felt it had been an overall good year for the club, numbers had initially fallen but recent new members had increased the membership to 113.

Monica announced the winners and Jo Redmen presented the cups for the following:

Busbridge Team League: Wendy Schlaeppi, Elizabeth Copeman, Kathy Bruce, Viv Taskes and Iris Oakden.

The Wilson Trophy [awarded to the top player in the club during the year] Elizabeth Copeman.

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Gay thanked Monica for her ongoing hard work for the club, including the extra needed for P2P.

Gay thanked those who had made up boards for simultaneous pairs: Diana Cook, Jill Pearson, Josie Redmen, Wendy Chandler, Jenny Bywater and John Davies.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT & ADOPTION OF APPROVED AUDITED ACCOUNTS:

John announced the overall profit for the year was £692 and the club reserves stand at £3432.

The membership income was down on last year as new members had joined late in the year.

A profit of £50 was made on the Christmas party, which will be put towards this year's party.

Stationery stocks have been reduced saving £250, and a saving of £150 was made on hall hire and master points.

The club donated £380 to Prostate Project and £360 to the Haiti Disaster.

Subscriptions for the year will be £55 and visitor's fees remain at £2.50.

Adoption of the report was proposed by John Davies and seconded by Josie Redmen.

John thanked Simon Brough for auditing the accounts.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 2010/2011

Gay explained that Monica had decided to stand down and a replacement for her had been difficult to find. Tony Longrigg agreed to take the post but there had been insufficient notice of his proposal, according to club rules. The committee suggested that his nomination be accepted and confirmed at a short meeting two weeks later.

A show of hands from the floor confirmed members' agreement.

Proposals for officers and committee members for the year were:

Secretary: Gay Davies.

Treasurer: John Spiers.

Committee members: Mike Clements, David Allen, Jane Longrigg, Barbara Broad, Wendy Chandler and Peter Goldfarb. These were elected en bloc.

Robert Bayley agreed to continue to act as liaison with the village hall committee.

Members of the committee standing down [Jeanne Penny, Jill Rayner and John Clegg] were thanked for all their hard work.

Elizabeth Copeman proposed a vote of thanks for Monica agreed by everyone present.

8. ELECTION OF AUDITOR:

Simon Brough has agreed to stand again.

9. CHARITIES FOR 2010/2011:

These were the charities proposed and the votes for them.

Alzheimer's society 38 votes

Celia Cross Greyhound Trust 12 votes

Meath Home 7 votes

Sampson Centre for MS rehabilitation 2 votes

Wey and Arun canal 1 vote.

The club decided to support two charities, namely The Alzheimer's Society and The Celia Cross Greyhound Trust.

10. EBU P2P UPDATE:

John reported that the EBU systems were working well, though in their early stages of development.

The membership details have all been uploaded to the EBU. All members will receive their membership cards and magazine in June.

11. PROPOSAL FOR A DEALING MACHINE TRIAL:

Mike Clements had worked out a detailed proposal for a trial of a dealing machine. Written details of the proposal were made available to all members prior to the AGM.

Following a lively debate the proposal was agreed by a vote of 38 to 23 in favour. The trial will commence as soon as can be arranged.

12. PROPOSAL RE: FRIDAY EVENING BRIDGE:

Numbers attending on Fridays have been in decline. The committee proposes to establish targets for average and minimum attendances for the coming year. If these targets are not met by the 2011 AGM Friday evening sessions may be discontinued or limited to certain more popular times of the year. A detailed proposal had been made available to all members prior to the AGM.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Nil.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 19th April 2011.

A short meeting was held at Busbridge Village Hall on Tuesday 4th May prior to the club evening. This was in relation to item 7 above. Gay Davies proposed that the club accept the appointment of Tony Longrigg as chairman. This was agreed by a show of hands from the 36 club members who were present.