

5 Chair's Report

The chair highlighted her disappointment that neither the F2F nor the online programmes had achieved the required number of players to be considered successful.

Thanks were given to the committee and to members whose assistance had been valuable and appreciated; in particular John Spiers and Yuki Nicholas.

6 Motions 1 – 4 as contained in the Agenda

6.1 it was unanimously agreed to amend the constitution as follows:

6.1.1 Section 7.7: The committee may dispose of assets that are surplus to operational requirements, in accordance with directions made at any General Meeting of the club.

6.1.2 Clause 17.2 If a resolution that the club shall be wound up is effectively passed, the committee shall be responsible for winding up the affairs of the club, and unless the winding up has been initiated with a view to amalgamating the club with some other club (in which case any surplus assets and funds may be transferred to such other club), any residual funds may be returned to members or transferred to such charitable bodies as the members have designated at any General Meeting of the club.

6.1.3 Clause 17.3 be deleted.

Proposed Joan Heagin
Seconded Viv Taskes

6.2 It was agreed that the committee be authorised to dispose of all physical assets on reasonable terms.

Proposed: Joan Heagin
Seconded: Ingrid Phillips

6.2.1 It was reported that Haslemere Bridge Club had agreed to purchase the Bridgemates, laptop computer and dealing machine, together with their related items for £1,500.00. The committee would expedite this arrangement as soon as possible.

6.3 It was unanimously agreed that the committee be authorised to disburse surplus cash to current members as follows:

6.3.1 An initial disbursement of 80% of all sums paid by those current members by way of subscriptions or fees between 1 April, 2020 and 31 March, 2023 subject to a minimum payment of £10.00.

Proposed: Joan Heagin
Seconded: Mark Gibson

6.3.2 A subsequent disbursement may be made in direct proportion to the amount paid in the initial disbursement, subject to a minimum retention by the club sufficient to satisfy 150% of all foreseeable operational requirements during the 2023/24 financial year.

Proposed: Joan Heagin
Seconded: Mark Gibson

6.4 The committee was authorised to commence negotiations to merge with another club, but if these negotiations did not produce any results within a 3-month period, to proceed to a winding up of the club in accordance with clause 17. The authorisation was agreed.

Proposed: Joan Heagin
Seconded: Barbara Sayer

Any suggestions for relevant target clubs should be made to the chair as soon as possible.

7 Election of Officers

The officers and committee of the club had all offered themselves for re-election and there were no additional committee member proposals made. Their continuation was agreed.

Proposed: Judi Coady
Seconded: Robert Fairhurst

8 Election of Independent Examiner

It was unanimously agreed that Anthony Bacchus continue his role as independent financial examiner.

Proposed: Joan Heagin
Seconded: Ingrid Phillips

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1 Tuesday evening online sessions would continue until further notice. It was noted that there were a variety of reasons why they would appeal to players.
- 9.2 A current membership list was requested to be emailed to all members.
- 9.3 Three charities were proposed for possible future donations:
Royal Surrey Cancer Charity
The Meath Organisation
The Hunter Centre
- 9.4 An offer of thanks to the committee and other assisting club members was given on behalf of the members by Jenny Bywater.
- 9.5 The meeting ended at 18:45.