

Annual General Meeting held via Zoom Tuesday, 25 April, 2023 at 6:00 pm

MINUTES

1 Apologies for absence and attendance numbers

The following applied:

26 apologies which comprised: 19 discretionary proxies

7 prescriptive proxies

18 members attended the meeting

2 Matters arising from the previous minutes

General meetings included: AGM 26 April, 2022

EGM 25 July, 2022

There were no matters arising from either meeting and it was agreed that the minutes be accepted as An accurate record of the proceedings.

Proposed: Davina Arkell Seconded: Jenny Bywater

3 Treasurer"s Report

- 3.1 The treasurer reported that the current number of club members was 59.
- 3.2 The loss reported for the year was owing to a mixture of factors, most of which related to the attempts made to maintain a F2F offering. Such expenses included a reduction in fees and the cost of the hall being supported by fewer members. The cost of merging with Farnham Bridge Club was also included.
- 3.3 Other expenses reflected the increase in software fees.

4 Approval of Accounts

- 4.1 The accounts had been signed by the honorary examiner, Anthony Bacchus.
- 4.2 It was agreed that the Income and Expenditure Statement and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities be accepted.

Proposed: Ingrid Phillips Seconded: Davina Arkell

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 who 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.