

BUSBRIDGE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting
Held on 28th April 2015 at Busbridge Village Hall

1. Present:

Tony Longrigg, chairman, John Spiers, Gay Davies, Mary Forristal, Jane Longrigg, and 34 members.

Apologies:

Elizabeth Copeman, Pat Moore, Mike Clements, Liz and John Cable, Christine and David Snowball, Julia Brough, Steve Bourton, Jill Pearson, Philip Thomas, and Wendy Chandler.

2. Minutes of the last meeting:

These were agreed.

3. Matters Arising:

None.

4. Chairman's report.

Tony Longrigg started by saying this was a time of change as all three officers were standing down. He thanked John Spiers and Gay Davies for their contributions as treasurer and secretary. He then thanked Jim Dawkins, Wendy Schlaepfi and Jane Longrigg who were all stepping down from the committee. He also thanked Mike Clements who was stepping down as senior director. This role will be filled by John Spiers and Jane Longrigg. A course for new directors will take place on May 9th.

Jenny Bywater has agreed to organise the dealing machine.

Robert Bayley will stand down as representative for the club on the village hall committee; he will be replaced by Jane Longrigg.

Tony Longrigg finally thanked Mary Forristal for her help assisting the treasurer, Barbara Broad for arranging partners and all those members who help set up before bridge.

Tony presented two trophies; the Wilson Trophy to Mary Forristal and the Redmen Cup to Christine and David Snowball, Paul Rees and Stafford Sims-Handcock.

5. Treasurer's report and adoption of approved audited accounts.

John Spiers started by saying that the club membership had fallen to 83, the lowest level since records began. However the club has made a surplus of over £600 this year, as can be seen in the full accounts. He recommended that subscriptions and table money should remain fixed at £15 and £1 respectively.

John then explained that the club has sufficient funds to purchase scoring terminals. Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Robert Bayley and seconded by David Penny.

John finally thanked Tony Bacchus for auditing the accounts.

6. Scoring terminals.

John Spiers explained the usage of scoring terminals to those who were not familiar with them. He stressed that they would reduce the burden on directors and scorers. After some discussion a vote was taken as to whether or not scoring terminals should be purchased. There were 22 votes for and 7 against.

John Spiers offered to procure and organise these scoring terminals.

7. Election of officers and committee for 2015/2016.

The following appointments were made, having been unanimously accepted by the membership.

Chairman: Tony Bacchus

Treasurer: Joan Heagin

Secretary: Barbara Broad

Other committee members: Mary Forristal, Davina Arkell and Liz Cable

8. Election of auditor.

Mac Derwig was proposed as auditor and Tony Bacchus agreed to stand by as a reserve if necessary.

9. Any other business.

The question of club charities was again raised. It had been previously decided that the committee would make the final decision.

10. Date of next meeting.

The AGM for 2016 will be held on Tuesday 26th April.