

## **Busbridge Duplicate Bridge Club**

**Annual General Meeting held via Zoom on Tuesday, 26 April, 2022  
at 6:00 pm**

### **MINUTES**

#### **1 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from:

Yuki Nicholas

Mike Clements

Julia Baldwin

Elizabeth Copeman

#### **2 Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes**

No further action had been taken with regard to collaboration with other clubs

#### **3 Treasurer's Report**

3.1 It was noted that playing online was less expensive than playing F2F.

3.2 The Report had noted that the average number of tables for Monday and Tuesday F2F play numbered 6.4 in 2018. It was pointed out that the average for Monday evenings would be greater than this.

#### **4 Accounts**

4.1 The accounts had been examined and judged correct by Anthony Bacchus.

4.2 Profit reported was higher than expected as a result of lower expenditure incurred.

4.3 It was agreed that the financial statements be accepted as an accurate recording of the Club's financial status.

Proposed: Mary Forristal

Seconded: Davina Arkell

## **5 Chair's Report**

- 5.1 A maximum of 4.5 tables had played F2F on Monday evenings and 7.5 tables were the maximum for the Tuesday online play.
- 5.2 The Chair offered her thanks to the following members for their help given to the club in a variety of roles:
  - Colin Maggs
  - Ingrid Phillips
  - Davina Arkell
  - Barbara Sayers
  - Mark Gibson
  - Yuki Nicholas
  - Jenny Bywater
  - John Spiers
  - Anthony Bacchus
- 5.3 A request for future volunteers was made, especially for the scorer role.
- 5.4 The Director Training Day had been a success.
- 5.5 The Wilson Trophy was awarded to the player who had played at least 30 times during the year and had averaged the highest percentage score. This year the winner was John Spiers with a score of 61.2%.

## **6 Election of Officers and Committee**

The following members had offered themselves for re-election:

- Joan Heagin – Chair
- Colin Maggs – Treasurer
- Wendy Chandler – Secretary
- Mark Gibson – Committee member
- Ingrid Phillips – Committee member
- Barbara Sayers – Committee member

## **7 Future of the Club**

- 7.1 Four options of the Club's future direction were discussed:
  - 7.1.1 Continue as a hybrid club offering both online and F2F sessions
  - 7.1.2 Continue as a club offering online bridge only
  - 7.1.3 Seek to merge with another local club
  - 7.1.4 Close and donate surplus funds to EBU, SCBA or charities nominated by members.

- 7.2 The following action was agreed:  
the club would continue to operate the current hybrid system until the end of October 2022. The aim would be to achieve an attendance of 4 tables for at least 80% of the evenings. An EGM would be held if this goal was not met to reconsider the club's future.

## **8 Fee Proposal**

The following table money and subscriptions were agreed:

- 8.1 Members who had paid the club fee during the past year would not be required to pay a subscription during next year.
- 8.2 Table money would continue at £1.50.
- 8.3 New members would pay £5 subscription.

## **9 Any Other Business**

- 9.1 A vote of thanks to the Chair on behalf of the members was proposed by Mary Forristal and approved by everyone present.
- 9.2 The meeting ended at 6:50 pm.