



Annual General Meeting held via Zoom On Tuesday, 4 May, 2021, at 7:30 pm

MINUTES

1 Apologies

An apology for absence and been received from Diana Cook
27 members attended

2 Matter Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes

3 Treasurer's Report

3.1 The Treasurer presented the accounts and report which had been circulated in advance and are attached to these Minutes. Colin pointed out that despite the restricted year, the club had broken even and maintained the £5,000+ bank balance. It was agreed that the accounts be accepted.

Proposed: Ashok Parikh
Seconded: Rosemary Bayley

3.2 Particular emphasis was given to the section relating to the club's future plans. The Report made recommendations, which were accepted, empowering the committee to set future table money and sub scription amounts subject t to maximums of £2.50 and £25.00 respectively..

Proposed: Davina Arkell
Seconded: John Cable

3.3 Discussions took place in an endeavour to establish a method of notification to members of their individual amounts paid and used. It was agreed that whilst a single list, showing all members' payments to date and credit balances would be easier for the Treasurer to administer, members should be given the option to be excluded from the general list and receive an individual email summarising their position.

Proposed: Mac Derwig
Seconded Alf Rhodes

3.4 Mac thanked Colin, on behalf of the members, for his sterling work as Treasurer. He also thanked Tony Bacchus for his work as accounts scrutiniser.

4. Chair's Report

4.1 The Chair presented her report, a summary of which is attached to these minutes. Joan expressed her pleasure with the success of the Monday evening RealBridge sessions. She thanked John Spiers, in particular, for his work as a director.

- 4.2** It was reported that the club had been approached with a view to establishing a collaboration of four clubs. There was a wide-ranging discussion of issues, particularly surrounding the question of continued online games after a return to face-to-face bridge. It became apparent that the plans for re-opening the club would also form part of this topic and the Chair invited comments on that subject from the floor. Items for consideration included the use of on-line bridge on Tuesday evenings while maintaining face-to-face bridge on Mondays. There was a consensus that the Chair would participate in discussions and report back to the committee.

5 Plans for re-opening

- 5.1** The Chair introduced the topic by stating that it was not proposed to ask members for their views on re-opening until the committee had been able to give details about the format that a return to face-to-face bridge would take in light of village hall requirements (particularly regarding the need for extra cleaning) and advice from the EBU. It was expected that even after 21 June there would be recommended relevant safeguards.
- 5.2** Mark had studied the EBU guidance, which took a risk assessment approach. He was in the process of drafting proposals based on current advice whilst recognising that these were certain to change further. He also emphasised that the target was re-opening as soon as it was safe, legal and practicable. It was clear that there was a wide divergence of views on the key issues discussed, including:
- Sanitising cards
 - Wearing gloves
 - Requirement for vaccination
 - Wearing masks
 - Testing etc.

It was agreed that the Chair would circulate a questionnaire dealing with such issues so that the committee could take account of members' views before proceeding.

6 Election of Officers

- 6.1** The list of officers plus proposers and seconders had been circulated prior to the meeting. All nominations were current committee members and were accepted by a show of hands.
- 6.2** The first auditor would be Tony Bacchus with Mac Derwig as second auditor.
Proposed: Ingrid Phillips
Seconded: Robert Bailey

7 Any Other Business

- 7.1** Mac thanked Joan for her outstanding work as Chair. Mary added her thanks to the committee generally and to Joan in particular for maintaining contact with members and establishing the club's involvement in RealBridge.
- 7.2** The chair thanked the members and declared the meeting closed at 8:30 pm.