

ABINGDON DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 13th March 2007 at the Guild Hall, Abingdon at 7.00pm

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Nigel Wilkes, Gillian Lonsdale, Valerie Welch and Graham Simpson.

2 Minutes of the last Meeting

It was proposed that the minutes of the last meeting should be accepted as read. Acceptance was proposed by Joe Fox and seconded by Ken Rowe.

3 Matters Arising

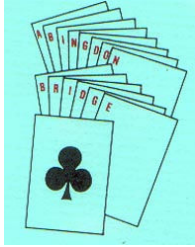
There were no matters arising.

4 Chairman's Report

The Club Chairman, Gordon Carroll, presented his report: Membership of the Club remains fairly static, as is the average number of tables per Tuesday evening. The EBU is attempting to address its falling membership, with emphasis on recruiting young players. Since the last AGM there have been some improvements to the Guild Hall heating system and bell ringing appears less intrusive. Home Wessex League match arrangements have been approved by the use of the relatively quiet Abbey Room. Abingdon lost the Len Salmon trophy to Wallingford, having won it last year. Bookings for Tuesday evening have been made until the end of 9008. Peggy McGivern passed away during the last 12 months. Csaba Raduly is also leaving us, to take up employment in Hungary: we wish him well. The finances of the Club remain strong, as will be discussed by Chris Lloyd. The committee has decided not to make any nominations for Life membership this year. The committee has decided to continue the use of pre-dealt hands on Club nights, but we are keeping this under review. Our Wessex League results have been somewhat mixed to date. The A team are leading Division 2 by a long way and the B team are lying 4th in Division 3. The C team have only won one match in five in Division 4. The Christmas party was generally well received, and thanks especially go to David Walton and his family for organising the catering. There were some adverse comments about the play format and this will be reviewed for next time. The Chairman urged more members to attend the party next year. He also asked all members to assist in clearing up at the end of Tuesday evenings. Finally, the Chairman thanked the retiring Committee for all their work during the past 12 months.

5 Treasurer's Report

Chris Lloyd presented his treasurer's report. He stated that there had been a surplus of income over expenditure of £219 for this year, though he predicted a loss of £200 to £600 during this current year. The Committee have discussed this and it has been



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agreed that this deficit will be covered by the reserves for this year, but that next year table money and/or subscriptions will almost certainly have to be increased. The Treasurer then thanked Richard Moore for auditing the accounts and Jean Moore and Hari Sha for taking the table money on Tuesdays when he wasn't there. The Treasurer's report was accepted – as proposed by Jean Moore and seconded by Patsy Lynch.

6 Ratification of Proposed Changes to Club Constitution

The Chairman then asked the Secretary to describe the proposed changes to the Club Constitution and Rules. Members at the meeting had copies with these changes highlighted in red – and a copy had been made available on the club notice board and on the Club website. Most changes were simply updating the Constitution with what is now common practice (e.g. usually a membership secretary and a Laws and Ethics Committee are appointed by the General committee, members are not thrown out if they haven't paid by the end of April) though a section on 'records' was added. This stated that stated records were kept for a minimum of 5 years, except for the master copy of the Club Constitution and Rules, and the minutes of General Meetings, that were to be kept indefinitely. The number of ordinary Committee members was also increased to a maximum of five. The revised Constitution was accepted at the meeting – though Maxine Henry suggested that the description 'Laws and Ethics' was sometimes called 'Rules and Ethics' at different places in the manuscript. The Secretary said that this would be made consistent throughout. Debbie Roberts asked why Club Officers only served for a maximum term of three years. The Secretary replied that this had always been club policy and that the Committee felt there was no need to change this rule.

7 Election of Committee Members

The following were elected at the meeting –

Chairman: Gordon Carroll

Vice Chairman: David Walton

Secretary: Clive Keep

Treasurer: Chris Lloyd

Ordinary Committee Members: Valerie Welch, Jean Moore, Brian Moore, Graham Simpson and Karen Hughes

8 Presentation of Trophies

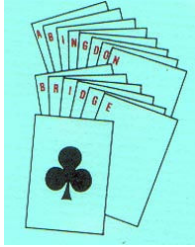
The Chairman then presented the Club trophies for the year 2006 as follows:-

Large Cup – Betty Yearling and Joe Fox

Spring Cup – Kate Gould and John Rowe (neither present)

Autumn Cup – Jo Murray and Kate Gould (neither present)

Handicap Pairs – Peter Russell and Debbie Roberts



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Open Pairs – Peter Russell and Debbie Roberts
Individual – Clive Keep

A signed card was presented to Csaba Raduly, as a leaving memento signed by the majority of Club Members.

9 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The Meeting closed at 7.20pm

Clive Keep, Honorary Secretary