

Minutes of the 48th AGM of Berwick Bridge Club

Held on Tuesday 28th May 2019 in the Parish Church Meeting Room

Present: Christine McCreath (President) plus 28 members.

Apologies received from Nicola Corbyn, Jane Davey, Helen Hardwick, Terry Harris, Mike & Christine Rowell, Ian McCreath, Kitty Home Robertson, Len Hutton, Kelvin Butler, Tony Reed-Jones.

- 1. Minutes of 2018 AGM.** The minutes of the 2018 AGM were accepted as correct. Proposed by Jane Smithson, seconded by Marion Mead.
- 2. Presidents report (on file)**

Christine reported a good year with increased membership. She commented that the introduction of Howell Movements had worked well with fewer complaints forthcoming than with previous arrow switches.

Thanks were extended to all who had helped with running of the club throughout the season.
- 3. Hon Treasurer's Report (on file)**

Jane reported a profit of £1500 over the year, mostly accounted for by an increase in table money (£1,000). The club now has 93 full members. Sundries expenditure included a donation of £300 towards a defibrillator (now attached to the Manse Wall in the car park) The congress had raised a profit of £300-£400 which will be donated to a local charity. She suggested that subscriptions should be raised to £11.00 next year in order to accommodate the £1 increase in the SBU subscription; it would be helpful if members could pay their subscriptions via BACS.

Jane stated that next season will be her last as treasurer and that Tony Reed Jones had offered to take over.
- 4. Competition Secretary's Report (on file).**

Louis reported that the club was thriving, whilst many others languished. He reported that ScoreBridge had been taken over, and the new owners were introducing an app which would allow scoring to take place on an 8" tablet/smart phone in place of Bridgemates. Although there is nothing wrong with our current system at present. Thanks were extended to all directors together with a request for anybody who would be willing to help out as a director to come forward.

Special thanks were extended to Paul Gipson for his swift response to requests for assistance.

Howell movements had generally been successful, however members are asked to always check they are sitting in the correct positions. The Bridgemates have been recently updated and there is now a reminder button, so it is easy to check.
- 5. League Team Reports.**

Garneth reported that the A team had finished 5th in their league having won 5 of their matches.

Trish reported a similar result for the Bears who also finished 5th in their division. Should any member be interested in playing for a league team they are asked to contact either Garneth or Trish.

6. Appointment of Account Examiner.

Greaves, West and Ayre were unanimously reappointed.

7. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members

President	Christine McCreath
Vice President	Christopher Smith Proposed by Helen Gipson, seconded by Morven Stone
Secretary	Trish Frew
Treasurer	Jane Smithson
Competition Secretary	Louis Moore
Committee Members	(Paul Gipson and John Smithson retire by rotation) Jill Connor (Proposed by Graham Bone, Seconded by Jane Smithson) Jo Rowley (Proposed by Sandy Moor seconded by Marilyn Hodgson)

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It was reported that the hall cupboard is full of junk (including broken chair and vacuum cleaner etc.) and this is making access to our locked storage cupboard difficult. The caretaker to be approached with a request to facilitate a clear out.

Bridge lessons/ education.

Some suggestions were made as to who might be willing to conduct lessons. Paul will be continuing his lessons over the summer for those who wish to attend.

Earlier Start.

Kate Mole suggested that play could commence at the earlier time of 7pm on club nights which would require members to take their places by 6.50pm. This was agreed by the majority and the proposal carried.