

Border Association of Bridge Clubs

Minutes of 32nd AGM held in Abbey Row Centre, Kelso on Thursday 13th April 2017 at 5:15PM.

Present: Dominic Alkin Kelso, Stuart Graham Kelso, Joyce Hanna Kelso, Brian Griffiths Berwick, Gwen Cole Duns, Isobel McAlpine Duns, Fraser Beaton Hawick, Morag Beaton Hawick, Donald Swanston Ormiston, Elaine Morrison Ormiston and Nigel Lindsay Ormiston.

Apologies: David Harris-Burland Jedburgh.

The meeting was chaired by Dominic Alkin Kelso.

The minutes of the 31st AGM were circulated, approved and adopted by Joyce Hanna and seconded by Brian Griffiths.

The Financial Statement of Accounts were read, circulated, approved and adopted by Joyce Hanna and seconded by Brian Griffiths.

Reports on BABC Competitions:

Kelso Bridge Club hosted both the Pairs and Teams of 4 competitions at Abbey Row Centre in Kelso. The Pairs competition was played on Sunday 20th November 2016 and there were 17 pairs. The competition was won by Brian Thomas and George Martin from Berwick Bridge Club.

The Teams of 4 was played on Sunday 26th February 2017 with 9 teams taking part. The winning team from Berwick Bridge Club consisted of Joan Tait, Marion Mead, Marguerite Robson and Dorothy Moore.

Dominic said that the overall feedback from both events was that they had been well attended and enjoyed by everyone including the excellent sandwiches and home baking. He also gave a huge vote of thanks to Brian and Berwick Bridge Club for providing 10 pairs and 5 teams in this year's events. Without this level of support, the BABC would clearly not be able to hold these two annual competitions.

Dominic went on to say that he noticed that only Berwick, Kelso and Hawick were supporting the BABC events at present and that he would like to see the other three clubs providing at least two pairs and one team in future. Gwen and Isobel both said that despite their concerted efforts, the Duns Bridge Club members only wanted to play on a Tuesday evening and were not interested in playing in weekend events externally.

With Ormiston Bridge Club due to take over the Presidency duties of the BABC for the next two years, Donald enquired into the venue rental costs etc. He mentioned that his club currently pay £60 per evening (irrespective of the length of time of the booking) to the Gala Rugby Club. Dominic added that when Jedburgh hosted the 2014/15 season's events the cost was £40 for the hire of Glendouglas Community Hall. A general discussion then followed regarding where to hold next season's events and this will be decided once Ormiston Bridge Club has had a meeting to discuss matters. It might be the case that they would hold the BABC events in the Abbey Row Centre to keep costs down and to make them accessible to as many players as possible.

Meantime, provisional dates for next session competitions were set as follows:-

Pairs competition to be held on Sunday 19th November 2017

Teams of 4 to be held on Sunday 25th February 2018.

Please also note to let your club members know these dates and encourage as many members to support these two events as possible.

Request by Peebles Bridge Club to take part in an 'Interclub' event:

Dominic asked if any of the BABC clubs were interested in taking up Gordon Milne's suggestion of holding such an event on Thursday 9th July 2017? The consensus was that it was good idea in principle but with Duns and Ormiston Bridge Clubs both closed during the summer, the event was unlikely to be well supported. It was agreed that Dominic would relay this decision to Gordon and ask him to come up with an alternative date later in the year.

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On the subject of Peebles Bridge Club, Dominic noted that they had resigned their BABC membership four years ago. Thus, he had invited them to consider returning to the fold in a recent E-Mail sent to Gordon but the reply E-Mail did not look very encouraging.

Gwen said that in light of Duns Bridge Club not being able to support the BABC events; her club was considering resign their membership as well. Dominic urged them to stay within the BABC and added how important it was for each club to support each other for the good of the BABC going forward.

Gwen also enquired on behalf of several of her club members as to when the next Tournament Directors training day was? Dominic replied that he would liaise with Anne Perkins the Secretary of the SBU East District and ask her to advise Gwen accordingly. (Subsequently, Dominic noticed on the ED website that Duncan Cursiter was holding a basic TD training course at the Carlton B.C. on Saturday 29th April 2017 and sent an E-Mail to Gwen on 16th April 2017 advising her of this).

Nigel asked if Reg Drysdale would be willing to be director when Ormiston Bridge Club runs the BABC events over the next two years? It was suggested that as Reg no longer lived in the area, to approach Louis Moore at the Berwick Bridge Club.

Kelso Bridge Club will arrange in due course with Ormiston Bridge Club re the handover of financial duties etc. once details of their Treasurer were known. Joyce added that a copy of the AGM Minutes would be E-Mailed to all the clubs shortly.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 5:45PM.

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Statement of Account as at 28th March 2017

INCOME

Club Fees 2016	£30.00
Bank Interest	<u>£ .34</u>

£30.34

EXPENDITURE

Engraving	- £12.95
Balance Brought Forward 29 th May 2016	£663.15
Balance as at 28 th March 2017	<u>£680.54</u>
Cash as per Bank Account	<u>£680.54</u>

PAIRS COMPETITION

17 Pairs entered	£170.00
Prize Money Paid	£80.00
Room Rent	£20.00
Sandwiches	£40.00
Tea / Coffee	£30.00
	£170.00

TEAMS OF 4 COMPETITION

9 Teams entered	£180.00
Prize Money Paid	£90.00
Room Rent	£25.00
Sandwiches	£50.00
Tea / Coffee	£15.00
	£180.00