

# Border Association of Bridge Clubs

## Minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM held in Newstead Village Hall on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Present** Sheena West –Jedburgh ; Christine McReath – Berwick ; Brian Griffiths – Berwick ; Harry Dooley – Ormiston ; Caroline Sutherland – Ormiston ; Gordon Milne - Peebles ; Fraser Beaton - Hawick ; Morag Beaton – Hawick ; Vanessa Wilson – Kelso ; Joyce Hannah – Kelso ; Joanne Russell – Ormiston ; Donald Swanson - Ormiston .

**Apologies** Apologies were received from Duns Club

The meeting was chaired by Donald Swanson of Ormiston who are the organisers for 2017/18 and 2018/19.

**Minutes** The minutes of the 2016/17 AGM organised by Kelso were unanimously approved.

### Business Arising

The interclub event proposed by Peebles was held with Peebles, Berwick and Biggar participating. It was agreed that this be proposed again this year and be held during the Autumn-Spring months to try and get more participation.

### Accounts

The accounts for the year 2017/18 were presented by Caroline Sutherland and unanimously approved. It was noted that a sum of £60 was utilised from existing funds to offset the increased hall rentals and pay for trophy engraving. Current funds are £655.88 down from £680.54 last year.

### Competitions

Both the Pairs and Teams competitions were held at the Gala Rugby Clubhouse in Galashiels.

The Pairs competition was held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and there were 33 pairs participating. The competition was won by Brian Thomas and George Martin from Berwick.

The teams competition was held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and there were 14 teams participating. The competition was won by Jean Mole, Reg Drysdale, Ros French and George Martin from Berwick.

Donald reported that there had been good feedback from all participants. All clubs except Duns were represented and they were only unable to attend due to communication difficulties.

Ormiston expressed their thanks to the Peebles club, who are again members of the BABC, for their assistance in running the events, especially given the large numbers attending.

The provisional dates for 2018/19 were agreed as Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018 for the Pairs and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019 for the Teams, both events to be run again in Galashiels Rugby Club. Notices will be sent out at the start of the season.

It was agreed that on arrival at the hall tea or coffee will be made available.

**AOCB** It was discussed whether we should register the competitions to allow providing increased masterpoints. After discussion this was rejected.

A discussion was held about the new Data Protection Act. The meeting agreed that smaller clubs such as ours for recreational purposes did not need to register, but that we should observe the principals of the Act.

Peebles should be the next organisers of the BABC and it was agreed this would be finalised at the next AGM and the events be run at Galashiels again. Ormiston agreed to assist.

The meeting closed at 8pm

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**Statement of Account as at 31 March 2018**

**INCOME**

Club Fees 35.00

Bank Interest 0.34

35.34

**EXPENDITURE**

Rent Autumn Pairs -60.00

Balance brought forward at 28 March 2017 680.54

Balance carried forward at 31 March 2018 655.88

**AUTUMN PAIRS COMPETITION**

33 Pairs Entered at £5 per head 330.00

Prize Money Paid 174.00

Engraving 20.00

Catering 97.00

291.00

Surplus : To Spring Teams 39.00

**SPRING TEAMS COMPETITION**

14 Teams Entered at £5 per head 280.00

Autumn Pairs Surplus 39.00

319.00

Prize Money Paid 136.00

Rent 60.00

Engraving 14.95

Catering 95.89

Sundries 12.16

319.00