

Berwick Bridge Club

Minutes of 41st AGM

Held on 18th May 2012 in the Parish Room

Present: President Marjorie McDonald and 45 members.

Apologies: C Smith, C edney, A French, I Guthrie, J Rowley, J Davey, T Oates,
C McConachie, I McCreath, R. McCreath, J Stone, P Davidson.

Minutes of last AGM were read and approved by M Robson, seconded by
J Tait.

Presidents Report (in rhyme) Thanks were extended to all who had assisted in running the club through another successful season. Felicitations were extended to Malcolm Copley.

Treasurers Report: We now have 87 members and increase in 30% over 5 years. Table money has increased by £589 over the season.

Suggestions are that payment for Christmas party should be reduced to £5 from £10. The club to pay entry fees for SBU/Eastern district and Simultaneous pairs. Remuneration to A and B teams could be increased. Any changes would be a committee decision but suggestions were invited from members. There are good reserves. Jean expressed reluctance to decrease table money.

David Elder suggested a thorough stock take of club possessions and suggested the club purchased a cabinet that would lock for storage and a budget for the librarian.:

Competition Secretary's Report: Competitions had gone well. Master points are going to be sent in electronically after this season.

Team Captains Reports.

Paul, deputising for Helen Gipson reported that the A team had been promoted to the 1st division and reached the semi final of the McLaren cup. All members had contributed to the team's success, thanks were extended to the drivers.

Christine McCreath reported that the Bears had had an enjoyable season and remained in the 4th division. They too had reached the semi final of the McLaren cup and had enjoyed the 3rd place play off against the A team,(which they had won!)

Office Bearers

President Gerald Sandwith

Past President - Marjorie McDonald

Hon Sec - Trish Frew

Hon Treasurer - Jean Mole

Competition Secretary – Diana Drysdale.

Committee Members. Thanks extended to Kelvin Butler and Tony Houghton who retire by rotation. Jane Smithson and Marion Mead were elected onto the committee.

AOCB

Morven Stone asked for clarification regarding choice of seats following the toss, should the winners of the toss automatically sit N/S or given the choice of direction. This was discussed at the AGM 3 years ago where it was decided that the winners should choose direction. A show of hands revealed that this was the choice of the majority current members. IT was agreed that any half table should sit E/W.

Marilyn Hodgeson extended thanks to all the more experienced players who play with novices and wondered this could be further encouraged. The

Grindon is an ideal vehicle for this. Paul Gipson raised the possibility of including a few 'pro am' events on the calendar.

K Home Robertson extended thanks to all who help clear up cups and empty their own glasses.

At the conclusion of the meeting the presentation of cups were made followed by fun bridge and the consumption of cake.(the latter a belated celebration of the clubs 40th anniversary.

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TREASURER'S REPORT 2012

In the last 5 years our membership has increased by 30%.
We now have 87 members, which has lead to increased attendance and increased table money. This all reflects on the profit.

Table money has increased this year by £589.
The Xmas party contributed £207 to the profit.
Total income is up by £741 and expenditure is up by £304.

To reduce the profit I have these suggestions.

I suggest we pay £5 each instead of £10 for the Xmas party, which on this year's figures means that the club will have to subsidise a little.

I suggest that the club pays each individuals entry fee for S.B.U. and Eastern District events.

I am not in favour of reducing table money, because at £1.50 instead of £2, the income would be reduced by £1,528 which means we would run at a loss.

We could raise the prize money.

We could increase the remuneration to the A and B teams.
At the moment both teams are given, for each league match, enough money to cover table money, tea, coffee & biscuits., and a little extra for car expenses.

While this would be a committee decision, I invite any suggestions or questions from the club.

We do have good reserves.

The congress has again been a success, showing £353 profit.

The committee will decide at the July meeting how much to give to charity.

Party Income £470
Costs 263
Surplus £207

ex. £. 1.45

It was an honour to be asked to
be your President if that
I'm quite sure
It didn't matter what it
entailed, I'd always been
a DSEK.

I've found it very easy +
not hard to do too much
We're blessed with an excellent
Committee, directors, planners
+ such.

Business has been good with
our numbers ever rising,
So we are certainly in the
black which is not too
surprising

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As in our midst we have
good teachers of which we
are proud
Thank you to you all as
I say it out loud.

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For looking after us as never
ever before

Especially for the Congress that
told the best about.

So much so, we really do have
something to show about

I shall hand over to Gerald
with a smile on my face

As I know our club is in
a very good place.

This speech may not be perfect
but ~~again~~ thanks for all

for taking a part.

So again may I say I
really mean it from the
bottom of my heart.

Unfortunately we will be sad
when we ~~lose~~ one member
down

T) seek pastures new Malcolm
Copeley is leaving town.

A Grand Master in every way
what a pity he's not to stay

Another Master of Great esteem
Is Paul Gibson Captain of
the SBU Team.

Congratulations to him +
luck all the way

We're all very proud of you
on this very day

Thank you to all the helpers
The Committee + so many more

BERWICK UPON TWEED BRIDGE CLUB
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 15TH APRIL, 2012

<u>2011</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2012</u>
459	Subscriptions	517	2,490	Room Hire	2,740
5,526	Table Money	6,115	602	Prizes and Engraving	599
14	Bank Interest	18	505	Master Points and Affiliation Fees	705
167	Sundries	50	444	Equipment Purchases	206
-	Party Money	207	269	Postage and Stationery	359
			15	Party Expenses	-
			584	Sundries	641
			161	Tea, Coffee etc.	124
			-	Transfer to Yorkshire Building Society	2,000
<u>6,166</u>		<u>6,907</u>	<u>5,070</u>		<u>7,374</u>
3,129	<u>Balance B/Fwd - Royal Bank of Scotland</u>	4,225	4,225	<u>Balance C/Fwd - Royal Bank of Scotland</u>	3,758
<u>9,295</u>		<u>11,132</u>	<u>9,295</u>		<u>11,132</u>

RESERVE ACCOUNT - YORKSHIRE BUILDING SOCIETY

3,950	<u>Balance Brought Forward</u>	4,017	<u>Balance Carried Forward</u>	6,086
67	Interest	69		
-	Transfer from Royal Bank of Scotland	2,000		
<u>4,017</u>		<u>6,086</u>	<u>4,017</u>	<u>6,086</u>

We have prepared the financial statements dated 15th April, 2012 from your books, accounts, vouchers and information and explanations given to us and the above is in accordance therewith.

24TH APRIL 2012

GREAVES WEST & AYRE
 CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
BERWICK UPON TWEED