**[DRAFT 23/6/2019]**

**Avon Contract Bridge Association**

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 23rd June 2019 at Bristol Bridge Club**

**1 Present**: Peter Shelley, Mike Short, Alan Williams those playing in the in the Handicapped Pairs

**2. Apologies**: Andrew Urbanski, Bernice Horseman

**3. Minutes of the previous AGM and Matters Arising**

The minutes were approved, proposed by Gill Davies and Seconded by Margaet Randell.

Matters arising: We included a Non-expert prize in the Green Point Event as requested by Laurie Barth last year. Lorretta from Tudor BC asked how we could involve their club to a greater extent in County affairs. Unfortunately the club has now decided to join Gloucestershire CBA.

**4. Chairman’s Report**

Peter Shelley welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming. He also thanked Sue O’Hara and Jan Duncan for providing the excellent tea. He thanked the Committee for its work this year, particularly in relation to the Green Point event held last month, and he thanked Gareth Evans for looking after the website for us.

Peter said that we had run our usual programme of events this year. We had 16 teams playing in the 3 divisions of the league and would love to see more; members were encouraged to join a team.

We ran a Green Point event in May, this time at Thornbury Leisure Centre. This venue was well received and we plan to use it for the event next year. The event attracted about 40 tables each day and remains financially viable. We hope to increase the table numbers next year.

After the Green Point event in 2018 a complaint was made to the county and subsequently a claim was made against our Treasurer for financial compensation. We contested this claim and were supported by the EBU. The case was heard in the Crown Court in December 2018; the case was dismissed and no costs were paid by us.

Finally, Peter said that the Committee had only 5 members; however Stuart King has agreed to join the committee and will be co-opted on to the committee for the coming year. We welcome help from any member with an interest in the running of county bridge.

**5 Treasurer’s Report**

Mike Short presented the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2019. These showed that receipts were slightly down this year. This was because the number of entries to the competitions was down.

The Green Point event is breaking even but we have got the potential to have more tables at the event in 2020 as the venue will support considerably more entries.

The accounts for 2018-19 were approved. This was proposed by John-Brandon Joyce and seconded by Gill Davies

**6 Tournament Secretary’s Report**

David Jones reported that we had run the regular County events again this year and entries were slightly down.

David proposed that he would introduce fixed dates for matches next year with some flexibility to play the matches before the fixed date. The penalty for failing to play by the fixed date has not been agreed.

The Avon Tollemache team and finished 3rd in the qualifying event. The team was Andrew Urbanski, Mike Huggins, Trevor Ward, Peter Shelley, Tim Brierley, Graham Hartley, David S Jones, Rob Lawy

Performance of Avon teams in the Western League was very good this year. Thanks to Andrew Urbanski for running it. The A team finished 2nd, the B team 3rd, and the C team 1st; the C team then came 3rd in the National Final.

A Bristol team reached the national final of the EBU Garden Cities competition for teams of 8, but performed badly in the final.

**7 Motions to be discussed**

There were none.

**8 Election of Officers and Committee**

The following Officers and Committee Members were re-elected:

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| Chairman | Peter Shelley |
| Treasurer | Mike Short |
| Secretary | Sue O’Hara |
| Tournament Secretary | David Jones |
| Committee Member | Suzy Lawson |

Proposed by John Brandon-Joyce and seconded by Gill Davies

**9 Any Other Business**

None

**10 Presentations of Trophies and Prizes**

Trophies and Prizes for the winners of our events were awarded to those present.

**End of AGM**

A draw was made for the meal prize and Jan Duncan won it