



The Sobell Bridge Club



The MINUTES of the 22nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Sunday, 1st June 2014 in the Michael Sobell Centre, Mount Vernon Hospital at 6 pm.

Present: George Howlett President
Doug Edmonds Chairman
Sheena Edgar Secretary
Lynne Mathys Treasurer

Also present:
69 other members

1. George Howlett, the President welcomed all. He particularly mentioned those normally playing on Friday afternoon and Sunday evening. He also thanked Doug for all his hard work over the last year.
2. Apologies for absence: Adrienne Finch, Judith Meredith, Tony King, Ruth Allenby, Ian Dent, Stephanie Hughes, Susan Ganney, Jacque North.
3. Motion to approve the minutes of the 2012 and 2013 AGM : proposed by Mike Gentry, seconded by Ellen Cook
4. Chairman's report. Doug thanked everyone for their support during the year and, in particular, members of the Committee. This was our 21st anniversary year and we held a party to celebrate, and to mark the £623K that we have raised for the Hospice over these years.

Doug also mentioned John Francis and the passing of Fiona Fraiss.

There are now 4 newly qualified Directors: Susan Ganney, Stephanie Hughes, Terry Butfield and Doug Edmonds. Doug thanked Stephanie and Susan for taking over the reins for Friday afternoons. He also thanked Jacque for gaining support for the Friday evening sessions and also Colin Thomas for taking over Sunday and Jacque and Moira for their work over the years. Doug also thanked Marion Sweet for relaunching the education programme.

This year marks the retirement from the Committee of Martin Isham, Ken Short and Michael Tucker and Doug thanked them all for their dedication. Ken Short and Michael Tucker were both presented with long-service awards by the President.

5. Treasurer's report. Table donations were up by 6.25% to £2102.00. Expenses were up by £410.69. An increase to £10 for subs has made an increase of 107.08%. Bridge suppers continue to be popular with good raffle results. Week-ends have not been as well attended. Simultaneous pairs are still not charged and are popular. The net surplus for 2013/2014 is up by 11.35% to £35,517.99. Taking into consideration the economic climate, we believe this to be a very satisfactory result and £33,000 has been donated to the Hospice. It was agreed that, in future, Miscellaneous Expenses will be itemised.

Thanks were given to Michael Tucker, who has now stepped down as Assistant Treasurer, and to Howard Atkins for auditing the accounts.

6. Motion that the accounts be accepted: Proposed by Brian Simmonds and seconded by Beryl Wilkie
7. Election of Honorary Auditor: Howard Atkins was proposed by Bob Cozens and seconded by Anne Edmonds.
8. Secretary's report: Sheena thanked Shirley Tucker (Membership Secretary) and Adrienne Finch (Minutes Secretary) for their hard work. There had been no need to use the formal Disciplinary Procedure this year.
9. Election of committee members. Those currently in post were prepared to stand again with the exceptions of Martin Isham (Weekend Organiser) and Ken Short (Vice Chairman). Joanna May is willing to take over from Martin. Bob Cozens has taken over the banking duties from Michael but at present we do not have a Vice-Chairman. Those standing again were elected unanimously.
10. AOB:
 - a) To celebrate our 21st birthday, the Friends have offered a cup to be awarded a cup to be awarded as the Committee chooses. It was decided to award this to the "Club Member of the Year". Rod Lacey, the Chairman of the Friends awarded the Trophy to Bob and Gwen Cozens for their outstanding contribution to the Club in 2014.
 - b) Rod Lacey thanked the Club for their support over the years and talked about the difficulties that the Charity is experiencing.
 - c) The Sunday evening players raised the issue of the heating sometimes failing on Sundays. Rod Lacey advised the heating has recently been fixed but to notify him of any further issues.
 - d) Motion on table money i.e the proposal that that table money should increase to £4 generally, and £3 on Sunday evening and Friday afternoon. Terry Butfield talked about the reasons for the proposal and explained that the increase would amount to a further £10,000 each year for the Charity. A discussion was held. A vote was taken and the Motion was passed.
 - d) Joanna May advised that the Bournemouth weekend (29th Aug-1st Sept 2014) is now full and that she is now seeking applications for the Cambridge weekend (24th-27th Oct 2014). Doug advised that there are still tickets for the Supper on 21st June.
10. The meeting closed at 18.45, when Howard Atkins introduced the annual prize giving.

11. TROPHY WINNERS 2013-2014

<p>MONDAY The Broughton Cup</p>	<p>Winners</p> <p>Runners up</p> <p>Third</p>	<p>Anne McConnell Alison Montague</p> <p>Hanna Broomberg Mike Gentry</p> <p>Fiona Frais Brian Simmonds</p>
<p>FRIDAY AFTERNOON Lucy Rees Trophy</p> <p>Lucy Rees Cup</p>	<p>Winners</p> <p>Runners up</p> <p>Individual</p>	<p>Stephanie Hughes Sue Ganney</p> <p>Rita Jacobs Janet Archdeacon</p> <p>Stephanie Hughes</p>
<p>FRIDAY EVENING The Graham Trophy</p>	<p>Winners</p> <p>Runners up</p>	<p>Beverley Teesdale Robert Teesdale</p> <p>Margaret Bromwich Chris Surey</p>
<p>THURSDAY LR Trophy</p>	<p>Winners</p> <p>Runners up</p> <p>Third</p>	<p>Lynne Mathys Alison Montague</p> <p>Margaret Reid Pat Biggs</p> <p>Margaret Bromwich Chris Surey</p>
<p>TUESDAY The President's Cup</p>	<p>Winners</p> <p>Runners up</p> <p>Third</p>	<p>Catherine Stafford Anju Tanna</p> <p>Brian Simmonds Philip Vernon</p> <p>Hazel Jessen Martin Isham</p>