

Scottish Bridge Union – East District
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Thursday May 4th 2017 in
the Carlton Bridge Centre at 7.30pm

Present: Mrs. L McGowan, Ms. A Perkins, Dr. J Palmer, Mr. A Kirkwood, Mrs. W Chambers, Mrs. S Neil, Mrs. D King, Mr. D Peden, Mrs. J Carnegie, Miss C Gardiner, Mrs. J Choudhury, Mr. M McCardle, Ms. F Greenwood, Mrs. M Evans, Mr. M Baron, Mr. I Ross (total 16 – thus quorate)

Apologies: Mr. A Officer, Craigleith, Mr. D Weir, Mr. D Liggat, Mr. R Martin, Mr. W Whyte, Renaissance

Minutes of the AGM of April 27th 2016: These minutes having been previously circulated were proposed by Mr. D Peden and seconded by Dr. J Palmer as being an accurate record of that meeting. The minutes of April 27th 2016 were therefore adopted.

Chairman's report:

Deaths – Mrs. McGowan noted that Denis Wallace had passed away after a long illness – he always encouraged people to play bridge and had helped the Chairman run the first ED No Fears event when 64 tables turned up. Gordon Wellington – a former Treasurer for the ED - has also died. He was known for his very brief minutes. He was a very enthusiastic player who had started off playing in Fife with Tony Wilkinson Senior. Sir Donald McKay of Comiston has also passed away. Mrs. McGowan mentioned that Ciara Burns of Northern Ireland had died suddenly only the previous weekend.

Mrs. McGowan thanked her Committee for their work this previous session.

She finished her report by announcing the successes of ED players in National competitions.

National Events 2016/17

National Swiss Teams – Iain Sime, (John Matheson), John Murdoch, Patrick Home

Kennedy Pairs – Norman & Mary Stewart

Johnston Pairs – David & Wendy Chambers

Fairlie Pairs – Nicol Taylor

Rayne Trophy – Harry Smith, Roy Bennett, Alex Adamson, (Mike McGinley)

Men's Teams – Brian Short, Alan Goodman, Iain Sime, John Murdoch

Men's Pairs – Iain Sime, (John Matheson)

Mixed Swiss Pairs – Veronica Guy & George Plant

Mixed Swiss Teams – Liz McGowan, David Liggat, Sam Punch, Stephen Peterkin

Scottish Cup – Brian Short, Dave Walker, Les Steel, John Matheson

National League – Mike Ash, Arend Bayer, Alex Adamson, Paul Barton

Winter 4's – Mike Ash, Paul Gipson, (Chris Chambers, Alex Gipson)

Gold Cup (Scottish qualifiers) – Douglas Piper, Malcolm Cuthberson, Miro Dragic, Alex Wilkinson

International:

Camrose – Alex Adamson, Mike Ash, Arend Bayer

SBU team – Iain Sime, Brian Short, Alan Goodman, Sam Punch, Stephen Peterkin

Lady Milne – Scotland – Liz McGowan, Fiona McQuaker, Anne Symons, Sam Punch

Senior Camrose – John Murdoch, Iain Sime, Harry Smith, Roy Bennett

Statement of accounts: The accounts for 2016/17 were presented and the Independent Examiners report given. The surplus for the year was £1655.00 and the net assets as of March 31st 2017 are £9,501.00

? proposed and ? seconded the adoption of the accounts

Presentation of ED Trophies 2016/17: Ms. Fiona Greenwood presented the trophies.

Division 1 - Craigleith

Division 2 - Pied Pipers

Division 3 - Colinton Castle

Division 4 - Gullane

Division 5 - Renaissance

McLaren Cup - final between Skateraw and Renaissance or Carlton Connection

Summer Teams 2016

Sue Smith, Nicola Dean, Gertrud Mallon and Fiona McElhinny

Novices - Eleanor Bailey, Graeme Towers, Carolyn Girvan, Joyce Clemie, Karolina Towers, Penny McKerrow

Watson Trophy - Joan Forsyth, Keith Youngs, Lucia Barrett & Laura Middleton

Faie Individual - Rose Simpson

Bronze Individual - Nigel Marlow (B1) and Clare Douglas (B2/3)

ED Simultaneous Pairs - Kenny Watson & Alex Shields

Edinburgh Congress Trophy - Iain Sime, John Murdoch, Douglas Piper & Malcolm Cuthbertson

Cowan Cup - Derrick Peden & Malcolm McCardle

McGregor Cup - Sam Punch & Stephen Peterkin

Flitch - Lucia Barrett & Ian Crorie

Freddie Short Quaich - Derrick Peden & Malcolm McCardle

Bronze Senior Pairs - Anne Young & Alex Sutherland

Hunter Cup - (won last year (2016) Sam Punch, Stephen Peterkin, Alan Goodman & Brian Short

Bronze Teams - David Hamilton, Stewart Morris, Tim Lambert & Rob Thornton

Atholl Cup - Alan Goodman, Brian Short, Anne Symons & Paul Gipson

Atholl Cup Plate - final between McGowan & Peden

Ladies Teams - Liz McGowan, Fiona McQuaker, Anne Symons, Helen Kane, Athena Chow

Men's Teams - Brian Short, Alan Goodman, Mike Ash, Paul Gipson

Swiss Pairs - Nicol Taylor & Stuart Thomson

Bronze Challenge Novices: Elaine & Peter Henderson

Bronze Challenge B1: Alan Sayle & Rosemary Hartill

Bronze Challenge B2: David & Wendy Chambers

Bronze Challenge B3/4: Diana Fairlie & Mary Storrar

NEBA - NEBA

NEBA Plate - NEBA

Election of Office Bearers and Executive Committee:

No nominations for Office Bearers or Executive Committee had been received. The following were therefore re-elected

Chairman – Mrs. L McGowan

Vice Chairman – Mr. W Whyte

Secretary – Ms. A Perkins

Treasurer – Mr. S Kirkwood

League Secretary – Dr. J Palmer

Mrs. McGowan proposed that the existing committee be re-elected. She noted that Mr. Archie Bouverie has decided to resign due to other commitments.

Election of Independent Examiner:

Robin Martin is willing to continue in this role, and this was agreed by the meeting.

AOCB:

- Mr. Baron raised the question of pre-dealt boards for League matches. He thinks that this should be the status quo and not pre-dealt boards should be used only if both teams agree. It is nice to have hand records to discuss afterwards. It was agreed this would be discussed at the July meeting of the ED Committee with the suggestion being that pre-dealt boards should be the norm for Divisions 1 and 2.
- Handicap KO Cup – there was a suggestion that it might be better to convert the scores to AMPs rather than the current system. It was pointed out that the handicap system is simple to use and a formula would have to be worked out if it were to be changed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm with thanks to the Chair.