



The Sobell Bridge Club



The MINUTES of the 24th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Sunday, 15 May 2016 in the Michael Sobell Centre, Mount Vernon Hospital at 6 pm.

Present: George Howlett President
Doug Edmonds Chairman
Adrienne Finch Secretary
Lynne Mathys Treasurer

Also present:
65 other members

1. George Howlett, the President, welcomed all. He particularly mentioned those normally playing on Friday afternoons and Sunday evening. George also thanked Doug for all his hard work over the last year. He said that once again the club had met its objectives of supporting Michael Sobell House but also providing a friendly and relaxed venue for its members, particularly for those recently bereaved.
2. Apologies for absence: Martin Isham, Rob Pyburn and 22 other members.
3. Motion to approve the minutes of the 2014-2015 AGM: Proposed: Terry Butfield, Seconded: Val Lloyd
4. Chairman's report.
 - i) Doug thanked George for his work in directing, dealing and scoring, but also for the sound advice that he gives on so many occasions.
 - ii) Doug thanked all those who supported the club, particularly the committee. There have been some changes through the year. Sheena Edgar had had to resign as secretary due to pressure of work and Adrienne Finch has taken over. Jacquie North is now our liaison officer for the Friends. Calver Townsend has come on the committee and he and Audrey have organised the Christmas party and look after the kitchen supplies; Shirley Tucker deals with the membership data base, Terry Butfield organises our teams evenings and sim pairs and Lynne Mathys as Treasurer who must have the biggest workload as Treasurer, cashier and Thursday Director. Joanna May was thanked for her sterling work in organising the weekends, Lois and Val for making such a success of the Sunday evenings, Susan and Stephanie for managing Friday afternoon; particular mention was made of our web master Rob Pyburn who has had to deal with many problems associated with the computer. Thanks are also due to Rosemary Noyes who has taken on the club's required disciplinary role.
 - iii) Other members who have been a great support are Ruby and Ken who open up, Martin who manages the board dealing and directing, Marion runs our teaching programme, Mike who scores, Anne for catering, Anne McConnell and Gwen and many others for their support.
 - iv) Jacquie had finally given up the unequal talk of keeping the poorly supported Friday evenings going. Doug thanked her for her heroic efforts over the years.
 - v) Doug paid particular tribute to two members who have died this year, Zena Stewart and Guy Gimpel, and two members who have had to leave because of ill health, Colin Bishop and Ian Dent.
 - vi) Overall the club continues to meet its financial target of donating £40,000 per year to the Hospice. However as will be seen in the accounts the loss of Friday evening bridge, the problems with the heating and lighting earlier in the year, and the loss of some of our regular members has had a detrimental effect on our accounts.
 - vii) Doug also acknowledged the letter of thanks received from the chairperson of the Trustees of the Friends of Michael Sobell Hospice.
 - viii) Doug's final remarks concerned the presentation of the 'club member of the year'. This year he was pleased to present this to Joanna for her hard work in organising the weekends so efficiently in somewhat difficult circumstances.

5. Treasurer's report: (the account comparisons are attached to these minutes)

- i) The net take for the year 2015-2016 was down by £3,961.00 (8.69%) from last year, partly due to the loss of Friday evenings and falling attendance. The net surplus is £41,535.57.
- ii) Expenses were only up by £37.05

- iv) Weekends away profit, increased by £183.86p.
- v) Simultaneous pairs continue not to be charged.
- vi) Bridge suppers continue to be popular with good income from the raffles.
- vii) The £5,000 extra donation to the Hospice was due to holding back funds last year because of the change in their accounting methods.

6. Motion that the accounts be accepted: Proposed by Ellen Collins and seconded Ken Short
7. Election of Honorary Auditor: Howard Atkins was proposed by Beryl Wilkie and seconded by Anne Edmonds.
8. Secretary's report: There was little to report and the committee was grateful that 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 and there being no other volunteers their continuance in post was proposed by Howard Atkins and seconded by Anne McConnell.

Doug Edmonds	Chairman	Jacque North	Liaison Officer
Adrienne Finch	Club Secretary	Shirley Tucker	Membership Secretary
Lynne Mathys	Treasurer	Terry Butfield	Playing Secretary
Rob Pyburn	Webmaster	Val Lloyd/Lois Hargreaves	Session Manager (Sunday)
Joanna May	Weekend Organiser	Calver Townsend	

10. AOB There was no other business

The meeting was closed and Howard Atkins introduced the annual prize giving.

PRIZEWINNERS 2015

Broughton Trophy (Monday pairs)
 President Trophy (Tuesday pairs)
 LR Trophy (Thursday pairs)
 Graham Trophy
 Lucy Rees Trophy (Friday afternoon pairs)
 Lucy Rees Cup-(Friday afternoon individual)
 Member of the Year-

Hanna Broomberg & Mike Gentry
 Geoff Foley & Gwendoline Western
 Elaine & Howard Atkins
 Robert & Beverley Teesdale
 Stephanie Hughes & Sue Ganney
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 Joanna May

Sobell Bridge Club
Income Expenditure Comparisons 2016/2017

	2015/2016	2016/2017	Difference	%
Table Donations				
Sunday	3928.00	3708.00	-220.00	-5.60
Monday	12797.00	12665.00	-132.00	-1.03
Tuesday	9609.00	9650.00	41.00	0.43
Wednesday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Thursday	11414.00	11101.00	-313.00	-2.74
Friday A	2006.00	2216.00	210.00	10.46
Friday E	1375.00	0.00	-1375.00	-100.00
Saturday	525.00	687.00	162.00	30.85
Total	41654.00	40027.00	-1627.00	-3.90
Expenses				
Pay to Play	-4175.28	-4151.40	-23.88	-0.57
Expenses	-4906.02	-3721.25	-1184.77	-24.15
Total	-9081.30	-7872.65	-1208.65	-11.02
Joining Fees	280.00	220.00	-60.00	-21.42
Subscriptions	3310.00	3130.00	-180.00	-5.43
Other Donations	28.00	19.65	-8.35	-29.82
Total	3618.00	3369.65	-248.35	-6.86
Suppers				
Gross	1445.00	2314.16	869.16	60.14
Expenses	-568.09	-763.54	-195.45	-34.40
Net	876.91	1550.62	673.71	76.82
Weekends				
Gross	22240.00	18850.00	-3390.00	-15.24
Expenses	-20651.44	-16668.00	3983.44	19.28
Net	1588.56	2182.00	593.44	37.35
Tuition				
Gross	2118.00	0.00	-2118.00	
Expenses	-66.67	0.00	66.67	
Total	2051.33	0.00	-2051.33	-100.00
Simultaneous Pairs				
Gross	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Xmas Nibbles				
Gross	1065.27	1070.00	4.73	0.44
Expenses	-237.20	-367.60	-130.40	54.97
Total	828.07	702.40	-125.67	-15.17
Surplus on year	<u>41535.57</u>	<u>39959.02</u>	-1576.55	-3.80
Donations to FO MSH	46000.00	34000.00	12000.00	-26.09

Comparisons with 2015/2016

- 1 Table monies were down by £1627.00 (3.90 %). Mainly due to Friday evenings ceasing through lack of support.
- 2 General expenses were down by £1184.77 so a good improvement
- 3 Bridge suppers continue to be popular with good raffle results
Cheese and wine evenings have also been introduced
- 4 Weekends were up again this year by £593.44
- 5 We still did not charge any extra table money for Simultaneous Pairs
- 6 We unfortunately didn't have any tuition this year
- 7 The net surplus for 2016/2017 is down £1576.55 by 3.8% to £39959.02

We made purchases of new Bridgemates £4081.50 and computer £298.99 this year so we couldn't donate the full amount of profit