

BRIDGE D'ALBRET
MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2024

Present : Anna Suter, Irene Milmo, Lynne Johnstone, Isabelle Stanistreet, Phil & Sandra Appleby, Christine McArdle, Deb Hall, Daniele Gilder, Sue Lee, Lavinia Pearce, Lesley Feltham, Chris Burdon, Jean-Charles Barres

1. Committee Members : Anna Suter resigned as President. Isabelle Stanistreet was nominated & unanimously confirmed as new President.
Irene & Lynne to complete their term of office.
2. Annual Financial Report presented by Treasurer, Irene, and accepted by all.
3. Confirmation that Annual Subscription will remain at 5€ and playing fee at 1€.
4. Lawn Star Trophy winner for 2024 will be announced at end of October. Christine will reinstate it for 2025 from March to October.
5. Christine has kindly made a graph comparing scoring methods over last 12 weeks, showing no real advantage in change to IMPs. She did suggest that it would be advantageous to play as teams if there are only 2 tables.
6. Christine explained that Self Alerting in 4 designated bids will help us all with bidding. Unanimously accepted that we will use this at the Club in future.
7. Christmas Lunch 2024 will be on Tuesday 3 December, if possible. 2 venues, Ferme Lafitte & Deux Gourmands, will be asked for prices, etc.
It was also suggested that we have another Club Lunch in late March when more members may be able to attend.
8. Confirmed that we will continue with Bridge Loto for those interested.

9. Miscellaneous :

Our sincere thanks to Anna for her term as President.
Our thanks also to Christine for all the work she has done during the year.

It was suggested we be a little more welcoming on arrival at the Club.

Please make sure that you confirm your wish to play each week to Bridge d'Albret and not a general response to all.

Lynne to ask Mairie again about blinds for windows.

Request to please wear a mask if you are unwell and wish to play Bridge nevertheless.

Confirmation that Monday play is a learning session, though we do not have a dedicated teacher, but newcomers should be encouraged to use the Crib Sheet as their guide to basics of ACOL Bridge. We will make sure that there are up-to-date copies of the Crib Sheet available to all.

Please note that as Christmas Day & New Year's Day fall on a Wednesday in 2024, we will play our competition Duplicate Bridge on Monday 23 December & Monday 30 December.

Please remember to put your phone on 'mute' at Bridge.