Warrington Bridge Club

 Minutes of 42nd AGM held on 14th March2019

**Present;-**

 Chairman; Mike Dennis. Treasurer; Helen Wright. Secretary; Carol Bingham. Committee; Mike Haworth, Angie Pinnington & 20 members

 **Apologies**; Pat Morris, Margaret Kinder, Glen Dutton, Helen Miller, Elizabeth Bennett ,Kay Sutton, David Burrows.

1. **Minutes of 41sth AGM 2018.**

 These were accepted as read, as they had been displayed on the notice board; proposed by Tony James, seconded by Kate Ward.

 **3.0** **Matters arising.** There were no matters arising, the subject of Teams being on the main Agenda.

 **4.0 Chairman’s Report**.The Chairman thanked his committee for their hard work over the year,especially Malcolm, Stuart & Keith for computing & scoring , & all the TDs whose work is very important,& to the Secretary & Treasurer for their devotion to duty, & all the Committee. He asked that members should consider joining the team of TDs.

 Best Behaviour at Bridge. Players were getting better but some were still time wasting. The idea is to have a pleasant evening, not to analyse every hand.

 Dealing machine. Members were getting used to it. It gave everyone much better access to results. Keith had taken on the running of the machine for which the Club is very grateful.

 The new payment system had been further developed successfully. No cash is taken at the table any more. Cheques are accepted but we aim to phase these out.

 We will try once again to randomise the N/S, E/W seating plan at the start of each evening by tossing a coin. The loser must play E/W.

**5.0** **Treasurer’s Report.** The annual accounts, prepared by the Treasurer, were presented by the Chairman. He said that the balance was healthy.The accounts were accepted.

**6.0 Annual subscriptions;**to stay at £15 .This was proposed by Keith & seconded by Malcolm.

**7.0 Appointment of Hon Auditor.** Geoff Fisher agreed to continue.

**8 .0 Election of Officers**. The Chairman & Hon Sec. were standing down. Jim Steele had been nominated, proposed & seconded for Chairman & Mike Dennis similarly for Hon. Secretary. Hon Treasurer, Webmaster and Members of the Committee were all re- nominated. Janet Jagan had been nominated as a further Committee Member. In the absence of other nominations. it was proposed by Geoff Fisher & seconded by Tony that the above should be elected en bloc. The members agreed.

7.0. **Members’ questions.** Movements. Why do we play so many Howells , rather than Mitchells. Keith explained that we had to play at least 21 boards.& it was preferable not to have more than 3 board sit outs. Members preferred 2 winner results. Low table numbers necessitated a Howell movement. Ultimately it lay with the TD on the evening to decide. Members asked for more N/S sit outs as that seemed fairer.

8.0. **Multiple Teams**. There was much discussion about this topic.There was a general feeling that Teams should be continued as they give Members the opportunity to play a different sort of Bridge & are widespread in Competitions at County & other levels outside the Club. The new Committee will consider this matter further.

9.**0 AOB** As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.10. & Members played Bridge.

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