

**BAGWORTH WHISTLESTOP BRIDGE GROUP
MINUTES OF THE 1ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON THURS 20TH JULY 2019 AT 12.30 A.M.**

1. Welcome and Introduction:

Carol opened the meeting and welcomed members to the meeting. She outlined the start of the group by saying that without Shelagh this Club would not have opened in the first place – Shelagh is well known to like a new project – and that she was definitely the driving force behind the setting up of Bagworth Whistlestop Bridge. She had organised leaflets and had written in the local village magazines and to other bridge clubs to advise and encourage people to join.

Shelagh said that the bridge club had now been set up for 12 months and thanked everyone for their support and that this was our first formal AGM of the club.

2. Apologies for Absence

23 members attended and apologies were received from: Nora Hunter, Les Unwin, Claire Lewis, Bryan Haywood, Bill Norman, Phina Johnson, Mary Weeks, Christine Iddon, Jane Jennings, Steve Fieldhouse, John Wain.

3. Annual Report:

The Annual report had been circulated prior to the meeting to give everyone a chance to read it. Shelagh said that Carol did not enjoy wearing the treasurers hat this first year and even less spending the money once received in !!! In fact only about £80 had been spent all year on providing tea/coffee/biscuits. New table supplies etc had been purchased during the year and it was unanimously agreed that the annual subscriptions would remain at £10 in order to purchase further equipment and supplies, which hoped to include a laptop together with an electronic table scoring systems which would probably take the form of a tablet/kindle style.

4. Club Documents:

Constitution : Shelagh had written a draft Constitution for the Club to cover three members for the Committee, Chair person, Treasurer and Secretary but in due course two other committee members could be welcomed if desired. The Committee would serve a maximum of 6 years, with 3 years being preferred. Club finances each year would be to the end of May and an Auditor will be appointed in due course (especially required if applying for grants for club equipment etc). A bank account will now be set up by the new Treasurer. All agreed on the Constitution of the club.

Privacy Document :

This document is required by law to be written but no personal details are given out and are kept securely by Shelagh.

Conduct/Disciplinary Document: Previously circulated for discussion by members. Shelagh said she was sure that we would not have to use any Conduct/Disciplinary procedures but these documents must again be available just in case. Bagworth Bridge is a member of the Leicester Contract Bridge Association but not the EBU. There were examples of where the disciplinary procedures had to be invoked.

All documents were approved unanimously

5. Discussion Groups for 2020/2021 Plans: as outlined in the annual report

Group discussions were held regarding amalgamating with another club and whether to join the EBU. Both were virtually unanimously rejected as members were very happy the way things were running at present. All agreed that we would need to purchase a group computer and bridge scoring equipment for the future and in this respect it is hoped that maybe a grant could be applied for.

6. Election of Officers:

Chair person : Carol Stephens

Treasurer : John Morris

Secretary : Shelagh Rumbelow

The above committee officers were proposed and seconded and agreed unanimously

The meeting closed at 1.45 followed by bridge and afternoon tea. As the meeting closed the members showed applause/appreciation to both Shelagh and Carol for the setting up of Bagworth Whistlestop Bridge Group.

Meeting Notes with thanks to Averil Bemment