

BEWDLEY BRIDGE CLUB

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 5 JULY 2023

1a. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from 52 members, many of whom were playing in the online section of the evening hybrid duplicate.

2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting Held on 29 June 2022

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising From 2022 Annual General Meeting

No matters were raised by Club Members.

4. Report of Club Chairman

David Halford presented his annual report to the meeting. The report comprised a review of the recently finished club year and a selection of the highlights from the year. It also comprised an assessment of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats facing the club over the medium term.

David drew out his main conclusion from the report which was that the club continues to prosper and develop. He thanked each individual member of the Committee for their major contributions to the success of the club. He also thanked club members for their loyalty and support, without which the club could not achieve the success outlined in the report.

Club Members **AGREED** to endorse the report.

5. Report of Club Treasurer - Financial Statements at 31 March 2023

Belinda Morgan submitted the financial statements and gave a short presentation. The statements showed that the club was in good financial health, with an excellent surplus for the year and substantial cash reserves. The strength of the financial position had enabled the club to reduce membership subscriptions for 2023/24. Belinda thanked Jane Somervell for undertaking her annual audit of the financial statements in a timely manner. David commented that club reserves were available to support new opportunities that might emerge which could allow the club to grow further.

Club Members **AGREED** the report.

6. Election of Committee and Officers, 2023/24

David presented a summary of actions for which he requested the endorsement of the Annual General Meeting. Club Members **ENDORSED** the following actions.

To **NOTE** that the Club Chairman, David Halford, the Club Secretary, Eileen Oakley, and the Club Treasurer, Belinda Morgan have expressed a willingness to continue to serve the club for a further year and to **ENDORSE** their re-election for the 2023/24 club year.

To **NOTE** that the other Committee members, Sue Deakin, Alan Booth, Jonathan Price and Candy Shelley have expressed a willingness to continue to serve the club for a further year and to **ENDORSE** their re-election for the 2023/24 club year.

To **APPROVE** that the Club Chairman and the Club Secretary be authorised to co-opt additional members onto the Committee in the event that additional management capacity becomes required.

7. Club Trophies, 2022/23

Members were requested to **NOTE** the following successes for members in club trophies.

- a) Club Shield (Wednesday)– David Brown and Rachel Ward;
- b) Club Shield (Thursday) - Chad Chadwick and Philip Morgan;
- c) Myra Hunter Cup – Chad Chadwick and Philip Morgan;
- d) Handicap Trophy – Ann Sutherland and Nicola Downes;
- e) Teams Trophy – Chad Chadwick, Philip Morgan, Eileen Oakley and Jane Somervell;
- f) Packwood Family Trophy - Jennifer Vale.

8. Any Other Business

David reported that, whilst there were no formal items of Any Other Business, many members had made very kind comments about the management of the club and wished to express a vote of thanks to the club committee. He responded, on behalf of the committee, that he was extremely grateful for the supportive comments which encouraged the committee to continue to strive towards further development of the club.

Candy Shelley requested that the members express a vote of thanks to David for his continued role as Club Chairman.