

Minutes

Hearts of Sussex Online Bridge Club AGM 2021

Meeting held 19 October 2021 & 6.30 pm at Age Concern, Hassocks

Attended by: Jenny Morgan, Ken Morgan, Carol Ashburner, Liz McConachie (Membership Secretary), Marilyn Renwick, Gwen Knight, Peter Knight (Chair), Elly Illingworth, Lynda McBeth, Len North (Treasurer), Shirley Meakins, Lesley Minster, Sheila Felstead, Maureen Shillaker, Brian Cooper, Valerie Austin, Liz Brindley, Roger Brindley, Mo Etherington, Chris Ames, Chris Hook, Richard Begley, Vincent L'Estrange, Barbara Hopher, Sue Cottrell, Enid Scott, Ruth Brown, David brown, Adrian Alexander, Brian Drabble (Secretary), Tony Chaitow (Website Mgr).

1. Welcome by Chairperson

Peter welcomed everyone to the first AGM of the Hearts of Sussex Online Bridge Club.

2. Apologies for Absence

Jeanette Grant, Roger Hartless, Margaret Drake, Ann Brooks, Larry Tweedie, Martin Wheatley, Sally Mead, Jill Standen.

3. Chairman's Report

Peter thanked all the committee members for their hard work and dedication in setting up and running the online games, and then for organising the new face to face bridge. There has been a lot of work behind the scenes which we all appreciate I am sure.

The experience of playing online saw us through some difficult times and proved to be a very successful enterprise. But now we are back playing face to face like old times.

4. Secretary's Report

Brian reported 92 registered members. 76 members on BBO and 54 playing face to face (some play both). This calendar year 86 members have played at least once.

Brian thanked everybody who has helped the club get started – not only committee members but also the Directors both on BBO and face to face.

The only concern going forward is there are only 2 Directors who can run the online event on BBO. One more volunteer would reduce the risk of a Director being unavailable one week.

5. Treasurer's Report

Len referred to the income and expenditure account previously circulated. Income from BBO has funded the face to face start up but now we are only playing online once per week (and those people playing are decreasing over time) income from BBO will reduce next financial year.

David Brown queried whether we paid for using Age Concern. It was clarified we pay £40 per evening but those expenses aren't included in the account period since we will pay ACH invoices in arrears.

Brian Cooper queried why online only members weren't ask to pay membership. It was explained that there are no costs to the club for online play, several people only play infrequently and therefore no plans to introduce a charge for online only members.

6. Constitution changes

a. Name Change (omit "Online")

b. Committee has evolved (Three Officers plus 2 co-opted)

c. Financial accounting year end move (to end September and therefore AGM moved to November in future)

d. Define quorum for future AGM (10% of membership)

All four resolutions were proposed by Sue Cottrell, seconded by Carol Ashburner and universally approved by a show of hands.

7. Election of Committee for 2022

e. Chairman

f. Secretary

g. Treasurer

h. Co-opt Membership Secretary

i. Co-opt Website Manager

The three officers (Peter Knight, Len North, Brian Drabble) were elected unopposed as were the two co-opted (Liz McConachie, Tony Chaitow) as membership secretary and website manager.

8. Elect Auditor for coming year

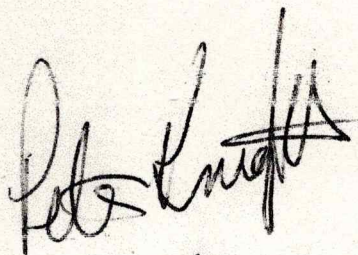
Peter explained the accounts were so simple the position should be referred to as "account examiner". Vincent L'Estrange was willing to undertake this again and was universally approved by a show of hands.

9. A.O.B

There was none

10. Closure

The meeting closed at 6.45pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Knight". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Chair 15/11/2022