

## **Hertfordshire Bridge Association (HBA) Annual General Meeting Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 @ 2:00pm. Zoom Video Meeting**

In Attendance: 39 Members - Srimath Agalawatte, Arni Anidjar-Romain, Sara Barnett, Amanda Barnes, Karima Basse, Susie Bond, Nadia Button, Roy Button, David Collier, Jacqui Collier, Gary Conrad, Geoff Cordingley, Roger Edmonds, Sheila Evans, John Eyre, Sheila Gabriel, Anthony Golding, Pat Henry, John Hirons, Kate Howland, Stephanie Hughes, Paul King, Fiona Littlewood, Paul Littlewood, Hazel Miles, Mike Minting, Jill Mumford, Michael Rudd, Dave Simmons, George Summers, Tanja Summers, Rachel Thomas, Oliver Tiemann, Dave Tookey, Geoff Vowles, Kay Vowles, Dave Walker, Alan Woof, Tracey Woof.

Apologies for absence Jeff Green, Michael Kaltz, Glen Parry, Robert Teesdale, Barbara McKinnon, Tim Nash, Helen Robinson, Anna Blanchard, , Geoff Lacey, John Wareham, Ian Kemp, Adrienne Tinn, Denis King.

Welcome

Mike Minting, HBA President welcomed members to the meeting and handed over to Paul Littlewood, HBA Chairman.

### **Minutes**

1. Approval of Minutes of AGM on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022 was proposed by Mike Minting, seconded by Gary Conrad and passed unanimously.

2. Approval of Accounts 2021/22 and Treasurer's Report

Oliver Tiemann said there is a small surplus again because of the one time money from the reserve for the Green Pointed event. The accounts are healthy and we should break even or run at a slightly loss which is what we want to do, since the reserves are very healthy.

The accounts had been audited by Arni and approval was proposed by Karima Basse, seconded by Gary Conrad and agreed unanimously.

3. Reports

Paul wished to add to his report: he values contacts with clubs and tries to keep chairmen involved with occasional emails. We are trying some new things with new events and a change to the qualification for the Championship Pairs. He noted that some websites include information about HBA events but a number do not. Also the Blue Pointed pairs had to be cancelled and Paul had had a comment from one lady saying that no one knows anything about competitions. Paul thought this was extraordinary since there is a communication sent to every HBA member each month; Paul sends communications to club chairmen and all the information is posted on the website. Paul King thought that the change to the qualification to the Championship pairs with 55% throughout October was a good idea. One point was clarified in that qualification will be as a pair achieving 55%, not individually.

4. Election of Chairman, Officers and Committee

All officers and committee members were elected unanimously.

The committee is very male dominated so we would welcome more ladies. There is a vacancy for Tournament Secretary which, since most competitions are now on-line, is not very onerous job. Paul has talked to a few people but, as yet, he has had no success, so if anyone is interested or knows anyone who might be interested in taking on this post, please come forward.

5. Appointment of Auditor

It is understood that Ian Lennox has agreed to act in this capacity. Roy will confirm that he is

prepared to take over as examiner/auditor.

After meeting note: Ian Lennox has agreed to act as examiner.

Alan Woof proposed a vote of thanks to Arni for his efforts as auditor over the years. This was agreed unanimously.

6. Marjorie Lukyn Charity

Open Door St . Albans was accepted as this year's charity.

7. Any Other Business

Pat Henry proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman and the committee which was accepted unanimously.

Paul Littlewood thanked everyone for attending and declared the AGM closed at 2:16 pm.

Geoff Cordingley, Hon. Secretary