**Leamington Bridge Club**

**Minutes of the AGM held on Monday 23rd October 2023**

Chairman, Robert Zara opened the meeting at 7pm. There were 20 members present.

Apologies were received from Barbara Marks, John and Veronica Jessamine and Pauline Cronin.

The minutes of the AGM 2022 were unanimously accepted. There were two matters arising , technology and subscriptions .

Chairman’s Report (Attached)

Monday evening bridge averages 5 tables, 7 tables are needed to break even. Online bridge on a Wednesday averages 3 tables. Mike Curley suggested raising the table money to £3 and this was accepted. It was noted that other clubs in the area have higher fees. The committee will look at a suitable increase for visitors’ fees.

The Chairman suggested the use of scoring tablets on Mondays. This would have an initial cost of £1300 and then an annual fee. Secure storage and regular charging would have to be managed but this suggestion was favourably received .

Treasurer’s Report (Attached)

The club has a healthy bank balance although it has reduced by £900 over the last year. Membership has fallen from 48 to 36 and the rental charged by St Marks Church has increased by £500. Currently there is enough money in the account to pay the bills. Membership subscriptions would remain at £15 per year and can be paid online or in cash. Discussion ensued about the possibility of finding a new venue which might be cheaper. A smaller room would be acceptable as the number of members has fallen. However there would need to be sufficient storage space available, car parking and facilities to provide coffee and tea. The committee will investigate alternative venues and any suggestions would be welcome.

 Appointment of Officers

The existing committee was reelected en bloc. Proposed by Irene and seconded by Geseke. Alan Robinson was nominated and appointed to join the committee and to take over some of the running of the Online Bridge Sessions.

Trophies

The McDonald Cup was awarded to Ken Boutell and Mike Curley as winners of the Autumn League. They also won the Albemarle Cup for the Summer League. The Winter League was won by Jerome Tucker and Margaret Young.

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The Christmas Party will take place on Dec. 18th. Jerome offered a vote of thanks to Alfonso. Meeting ended at 7 40.