Minutes of St. Leonards Bridge Club AGM held on 20th February 2024

 Arthur Easton Hall

1. There were 3 apologies for absence
2. Acceptance of minutes being a true record of AGM 2023 Proposed by Ann Hone and seconded by Robin Levett
3. Matters arising. As nothing had been done about a proper host system the committee has a list of Tuesday dates prepared for 2024 for members to put their names on to host a session. If everyone could do one session it would ease the burden of the three who currently host.
4. Chairman’s report

Welcome everyone and thank you for coming today.

During the year membership has increased and we are now back to pre covid numbers. Tuesday regularly gets 9 tables and Mondays 5/6 tables.

Our Friday afternoon sessions at the convent continue to be popular and members are starting to join our regular Monday and Tuesday sessions. Julia Brown continues to bring new players to the club with lessons and play and ask sessions. This is with the support of Brian Gould and I am sure we would like to thank them both for this important initiative as it brings in new members and helps some return to bridge.

We have just started normal play sessions on the first Friday of the month at the convent.

The move to the Arthur Easton Centre has proved popular and most of our members have returned along with new ones. When the centre is pre booked on a Tuesday we are now running morning sessions.

The Christmas party was a buffet at the club and a great success with 45 players. Many thanks to all who provided food, organised by Kathy.

Eddie and Kathy ran an open swiss pairs in December with 36 players from all over the area. This event raised £200 for the hospice. Kathy’s catering was popular and I am sure we would all like to thank them for running this event so successfully.

Sadly we lost 2 of our long standing members, Molly Freeman and Julia Gayton who will be much missed.

I would personally like to thank all the committee members for their hard work in keeping the club running. Thanks to Elaine Ford who is standing down this year.

Thank you to Eddie for duplimating the boards which we still receive an income from. Thanks to all those who have directed, scored, served refreshments, cleared up and loaded the dishwasher.

The committee would like to thank members for their continued support and as usual we would love to see you at more sessions.

This concludes my report and I would like to hand you over to our vice chairman Julia.

Julia reported that her Friday sessions were going well and she wanted to thank the members for being patient with her beginners and reminded us all of how we felt to be a new player at a club.

 5 Treasurer’s Report

Good Afternoon

I would like to thank the auditor for finding the shortfall of £41.62.

We had 795 tables of bridge during the year and the duplimating brings in around £1150. Friday sessions at the convent have been very important the teams raising £850.

The voucher system is working well

Accounts adopted and proposed by Peter Marshall and seconded by John Lovelace.

6 Presentation of awards

2023 winners were:

**Kathy Williams** took away the Chairman's Cup with the best average of all sessions combined during 2023.

**Kathy & Eddie** **Williams** were the top scoring pair over all sessions

**Karin Faulkner** had the most improved average all seasons combined during the year

Most masterpoints won at the club Kathy Williams

Slam competition above NGS 7 Eddie Williams

Slam competition NGS 7 and below Andrew Burtonshaw, Peter Marshall and Tony Tribe

Sue Rolles had the best average Monday evenings

Barry Palmer won most improved Monday evening average

Eddie and Kathy Williams had the best average Tuesday afternoons

Tuesday average NGS 7 and below Robin Levett

Most improved Tuesday average Andrew Burtonshaw

Mini Max pairs Kathy Williams and Mike Ayres

Club pairs champions Barry Palmer and Andy Eames

Club afternoon champions Kathy and Eddie Williams

Handicap Club afternoon pairs Claude Wilkes and John Lovelace

7 Election of Officers and committee members for 2024

Chairman Andy Eames

Vice Chairman Julia Brown

Secretary Kathy Williams

Treasurer Eddie Williams

Committee member Robin Levett

Proposed by Hilary Levett Seconded by Janet Magri

8 Election of auditor for 2024

Brian Gould was happy to audit again

Proposed by Paul Janes Seconded by Linda Corcoran

9 Members proposals – None

10 Any Other Business

Ann Hone gave a vote of thanks to the committee.

The meeting closed at 1.19pm