

The Bognor Club

Minutes of the AGM of 8th December 2024

Present:

Jenny Bartlett (Chairman); Lesley Simmons (Secretary); Mark Gregory (Treasurer); Silvia Turley (webmaster); Janice Crockett; Pam Cook; Dinah Honey; Ron Stevens; Barbara Stevens; Roger Bill; Barbara Cundiff; Adrian Keen; Janet Smith; Molly Hanwell; Bryan Honey; Tony Lord; Robbie Fowler; Allan Luckin; Kate Gould; Cindy Gregory

Apologies Received from:

Gwenda Keates; Anne Walker; Liz Burroughs; Ian McKay; Mike Miller; Rosemary Dawes; Jennifer Wright; Linda Way; Simon McDougall Smith; Graham Hope; Joyce Hope; Bryan Tempest; Martyn Cornelliuss; Carolyn Wary; Valeri Young; John Austin; Len Christmas

Minutes of the Meeting of 26th November 2023 were agreed

Matters Arising

Dinah Honey questioned why the new system of collecting monies had not been introduced – MG replied that we would deal with this later when he spoke

Nominations for Chairman – jenny Bartlett's tenure of three years has elapsed. No other nominations were received. Short committee meeting after AGM to be held for vote

Chairman's Report

This was read by Jenny Bartlett and copy attached

<https://www.bridgewebs.com/thebognorclub/CHAIRMANS%20REPORT%202024.pdf>

Audited Accounts for year 2023-2024 –

A statement was read out by Mark Gregory (copy attached) and accounts available to view. These accounts were co-signed by Tony Lord and MG offered him the Club's thanks for his help with these and also for all his help with the new duplimate machine and co-ordinating those who help with this.

<https://www.bridgewebs.com/thebognorclub/Treasurer%202024%20Summary.pdf>

Collection of Table monies

Mark Gregory said he was going to be trialling a new system in the New year and further information would follow

Matters formally communicated to Secretary:

Sue Baker sent the following:-

“It would be a nice gesture to make Ennid Connell an Honorary Member because she is a senior member of the Club and has been a member for at least 38 years; Her name is on the boards 33 times; She has taught bridge at the Club and continues to give advice to many current players; She has served on the committee for many years as well as contributing behind the scenes when not a member of the committee” This matter was put to the meeting and was unanimously agreed. Lesley Simmons also had a proxy vote for many members who were not there. Lesley Simmons will write to Ennid .

A.O.B.

Windows – Lesley Simmons said that we had had to spend a considerable amount of money having the windows repaired by a joiner and then repainted inside and outside. We need to look after the windows because they had rotted due to the very large amount of condensation that collects on the windows. We have purchased two dehumidifiers that are put on at every session. These need emptying and Lesley asked that all members be aware that these need emptying regularly and perhaps they could help in this matter. The blinds are drawn sometimes because of the sun but it is imperative during the winter that they are re-opened before leaving, as leaving them closed allows even more condensation to build up on the windows. The opposite is true in the summer when leaving the blinds closed keeps the room cooler.

Chairs – The question of new chairs was raised. JB reported that this is an on-going project as we need to find the correct chair to suit most people.

Tables – Some of the bridge tables are in need of repair and Roger Bill said he thought he knew someone who could do this job.

Snooker –

Robbie Fowler said that he had heard that the Club was thinking of introducing an electronic system of booking. He said he was very against this and all of the snooker players he had spoken to did not want this either and as they are mostly elderly would not be able to use it. He did agree that the snooker players would use the weekly schedules that have been introduced. However, Dinah Honey did not agree with this and so the matter is on-going.

Members' lists

Allan Luckin said he would produce a new up to date list shortly.

Organised Events

Jenny Bartlett asked that if you do not put your name on the list for an organised event you may not be able to play as the movement may well have been pre-planned or it means that someone else cannot play. Silvia would let members know how to do this on the website.

Trophies/Competitions: Cups presented to those present:

Ina Leslie –	Monday evening individual – won by Ron Stevens
Spurgeon Cup –	Monday evening pairs – won by John Austin and Silvia Turley
Monty Banks –	Tuesday afternoon individual – won by Roger Bill
Chairman's Cup –	Thursday evening pairs – won by Ron and Barbara Stevens
Trevor Cup –	Friday afternoon individual – won by Roger Bill
Jones Cup –	Saturday evening – won by Kate Gould and Len Christmas
Woodham Cup –	Individual once a year – won by Roger Bill