

**Warrington Bridge Club**  
**Minutes of 48th AGM, held on 10 March 2025, 630am, at Alford Hall**

**Present:**

7 Committee members:

Mike Dennis (Chairman)

Jim Steele (Secretary, website, Education, teaching)

Janet Jagan (Treasurer)

Malcolm Roberts (Teaching, u3a Liaison))

Janine Curwell (Social Secretary)

Ian Douglas (Publicity)

Brenda Newton

and 19 club members.

**1 Apologies:**

Apologies were received from

David Burrows (Competitions Secretary)

Carolyn Bailey (Ass't Secretary)

Steve Bentley

Stuart Hunter

Yvonne Potter

Mavis Whittle

**2 Minutes of previous AGM, held on 2nd March 2024**

The minutes were accepted as read, proposed by Keith Perry, seconded by Janine Curwell.

**3 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising not on the meeting agenda.

**4 Chairman's report**

The Chairman's report had previously been emailed with the AGM documentation, and is posted on the website. He thanked the Committee members for their hard work, in particular Janet for the efficient way she manages our finances, often a difficult and thankless task, and also Keith Perry for his tireless support for the Club operating the dealing machine, and all the members who help with the activities of running the club.

He commented that we had set out on a strategy to revitalize the Club over 5 years ago, which by and large has worked well. As a result, the Club is successful and growing, which bucks the trend seen at many bridge clubs. He remarked that we are now looking to move further forward and update our strategy, and would welcome suggestions from members to help us do that.

**5 Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement**

Audited Receipts and Payments Accounts for calendar year 2024 had been posted with the AGM documentation, and further copies were made available at the meeting.

The Treasurer explained that this is presented on a cash basis, and is affected for example by late invoicing from Alford Hall, so that a large payment due in 2024 for our room hire was not paid until January 2025. However, funds remain healthy.

There was comment from the floor that we have too large a reserve. The Chairman commented that we have already decided as a Management Committee to reduce the annual subscriptions to £10/year, which after we pay for all F2F members to be members of Alford Hall (about £6 per head), is a nominal sum. The Treasurer remarked that the success of Thursday afternoons, becoming a well-established and popular session, had worked in our favour. We are also contributing all table money from our successful Improvers/Charity nights to our chosen local charity (Walton Lea Partnership) , and are now matching that amount from Club funds. The Chairman also said that the Committee has just recently had sight of the 2024 accounts, and will be reviewing our position and what to do about it at our next Committee meeting, on 29<sup>th</sup> March. Items under consideration will include table fees, and Alford Hall room hire costs.

**6 Appointment of Auditor**

It was proposed by the Management Committee that we reappoint our auditor, Brian Drinkwater, for a further year. Proposed by Jim Steele, seconded by Janet Jagan. The proposal was approved unanimously.

**7 Setting of annual subscriptions and playing fees**

There was no vote on this issue. Annual subscriptions have already been reduced and rationalized as much as is feasible, and table fees will be discussed by the Management Committee at the March 2025 meeting.

**8 Method of Collecting Subscriptions and Playing Fees**

In order to reduce admin work, The Management Committee has already resolved to reduce the frequency of billing from every two months to every three months. This system will operate for 2025, then we will review, taking into account any feedback from members.

**9 Election of Officers and Management Committee**

David Burrows is standing down from the Committee, but will continue with support as a TD, health permitting.

The proposal for election of the new Committee was as tabled on the website and notice board, as follows

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Mike Dennis	Chairman
Jim Steele	Secretary, website, education/teaching
Janet Jagan	Treasurer
Malcolm Roberts	Teaching, u3a liaison
Janine Curwell	Social Secretary
Carolyn Bailey	Assistant secretary
Ian Douglas	Publicity, education/teaching.
Brenda Newton	Committee member

The Chairman suggested that the above could be approved en bloc. Proposed by Malcolm Strange, seconded by Geoff Fisher; approved unanimously.

**10 Any Other Business**

There were no items of AOB notified prior to the meeting.

The Chairman thanked the members present for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm