

## WELLINGTON HEATH BRIDGE CLUB AGM 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024 at 1pm

### MINUTES

#### **APOLOGIES AND ATTENDANCE**

Apologies were received from Anne Taylor, Sheila Constable and Peter Flagg.

40 members attended the meeting.

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The chair, Hylary Kingham, reported that the club had recovered well after reopening following the pandemic with a regular attendance of 9 to 11 tables making it one of the largest clubs in the county.

She went on to thank members for supporting the club by playing and by taking on the other responsibilities required to run a successful club. She thanked in particular Miranda Churchill, Andrew Meredith, Mike Sessarego, Richard Williams and Paul Clayburn.

Attention was drawn to the importance of the EBU in setting standards and organising the Masterpoints system.

Hylary stated how proud she was of the club's support for charities, Mind and MacMillan Cancer, through SIMS events. The chair reminded members of the good work undertaken by Helen Robinson and Jocelyn Finnegan to raise money for St Michael's Hospice.

#### **TREASURE'S REPORT**

Richard Williams, Treasurer, informed the meeting that we currently have £5,597.46 in the bank, having made a surplus last year of £439.49. The current membership is 60, for various reasons, fewer than the previous year. However, despite that the average number of tables is 9.5 the highest so far.

He also informed the members that we held 51 events last year, including three on behalf of the HBA.

A question was asked regarding why the club was the regular venue for the HBA. The treasurer said that it was a less expensive venue than others. It was agreed to continue to offer the venue to the HBA for their events.

Room hire was the largest area of expenditure and was broadly in line with the previous year. Other significant items of expenditure included additional Bridgemates, a computer and Pay 2 Play fees (EBU).

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Chair, Hylary Kingham, was re-elected unopposed having been proposed by Richard Williams and seconded by Naomi Lacey.

The Treasurer, Richard Williams, was re-elected unopposed having been proposed by Mike Sessarego and seconded by Hylary Kingham.

The Secretary – Shelagh Wynn was elected unopposed having been proposed by Jenny Clayphan and seconded by Mike Sessarego

Committee Members – Stan Ginn and Andrew Meredith agreed to continue on the committee.

A question was asked regarding what was involved in being a committee member. Hylary explained that its main role was as a sounding board. No one else came forward to join the committee.

### **AOB**

A question was asked about accessing the members area on the website. Hylary explained that it is a difficult format to get to grips with, but it is hoped to improve access in the future.

The meeting closed at 1.25pm