**Bawburgh Bridge Club**

**Minutes of the AGM held on 27 April 2023**

There were 45 members present with apologies for absence received from 15.

1. Chairman’s address

The Chairman reported on events throughout the year and reflected on the last four years as Chairman. He thanked the Directors, BridgeMate operators, people who helped behind the scenes, the committee members and any other members who assisted in the smooth running of the club

2. The minutes of the AGM held on 27 April 2022 were proposed, seconded and duly approved.

3. Matters arising – none were raised.

4. Election of Officers

Of the current officers of

Chairman – Mervyn Scutter

Secretary – Paula Morton

Treasurer – Catherine Jeffries

Social Secretary – Bryony Seppings

Membership Secretary – Clive Turner

Competition Secretary – Graham Morton

Systems Administrator – Graham Hardman

Training co-ordinator – Bet Davies

Mervyn Scutter is standing down as Chairman, Bryony Seppings as Social Secretary and Graham Hardman as Systems Administrator. Nominations for the positions have been received for Graham Hardman. Gill Newnes and Anne Plunkett respectively and there being no other nominations they were unanimously elected. The remaining Committee Members were willing to stand again in their present positions, and there being no other nominations, were automatically re-elected.

5. Membership

There have been some changes in membership with 46 members having lapsed or resigned and 4 who had passed away. There were 11 new members who had joined but overall numbers have declined from 256 to 217.

The membership policy and application procedure which has settled in and appears to be working well and there are no applications awaiting committee approval.

The names of Nigel Simpson, Roger Stenson, Dick Jones and Dorda O‘Hanlon who had passed away were read out and a minute’s silence was observed.

The Chairman announced that this bridge session was to be a Charity event and in recognition of the contribution Roger Stenson ha made to the club £500 would go to a charity chosen by his wife Janet who had selected UEA Medical School

6. Financial Report

The Club’s end of year balance stands at just over £19,000. Currently on Wednesday and Thursday sessions the club does not make a profit unless there is a minimum of 14 tables. Mondays are different due to the high number of visitors who pay an extra £1.

Given the high level of reserves the committee do not feel it is right to increase table money at present so club subscriptions remain at £5 per year, with table money at £2 per session for members and £3 for visitors.

The meeting accepted the accounts unanimously.

7. Social Calendar

The Social Secretary reported on her time in the post and how much she had enjoyed doing the job.

8. Competitions

This year we had had a Draw for Teams event for the first time since Covid. A short form Convention card was being trialled for people who did not have one .

The 16 winners of the Championship Pairs and the Quarterly Ladders were announced and presented with their prizes.

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The new Chairman Graham Hardman presented the retiring chairman and the social secretary with a voucher each in recognition of their work.