

ALLESTREE BRIDGE CLUB
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MINUTES OF 32nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 27 June 2024

Members present 46 - apologies received from 19 members.

The Secretary welcomed all attendees. He then called for a brief silence in memory of the following members who had passed away since the last meeting –Nigel Empson, Ron Scullion, Gwen Lowes, Jan Moore, Alan Smith.

Minutes of the 31st Annual General Meeting held on 29th June 2023.

The Secretary did not read out the minutes of the last annual general meeting, entered on the web-site and distributed at the meeting. The meeting approved the minutes.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report.

Welcome to all in attendance.

I should mention that Jean Allsop who has been seriously ill, but now hopefully is in a good recovery stage.

We were planning to make a presentation to her for her excellent job she has done, since taking over from Jo Bunn, looking after all the equipment, which on health grounds she will no longer be able to do.

On a more upbeat note the committee has decided to make three honorary life members: Tim Hallam (former treasurer), Rosemary Cumberland and our present secretary Simon Jackson (who has agreed to do a further year in office).

A special thanks goes to all members for supporting the club and its events.

Those non-committee members like Ian Martin for always reliably running off the duplicate boards, as well as captaining one of our winter league teams of eight.

We are very fortunate that Jo Bakshi and Elaine Coldicott, produced some excellent new members and players going forward from both the teaching online and face to face, with the support and back up of Peter & Susan Illsley, Patsy and myself at the club.

Tim Hallam was pleasantly surprised when he validated the accounts to discover we had generated twenty-five new members over the year.

We had two teams in the Winter League, both in Division 2. The Red team once again gained promotion to Division 1, having topped Division 2.

Again this last year a number of our club members have represented the County, at second and third team level.

A new event the club supported and being played at Spondon, was playing with an experienced player. Massively supported by Allestree bridge club.

It was played over 3 Wednesday sessions and on each occasion the Allestree players acquitted themselves very well.

Jo & Helena winning the first session. The overall winners were Elaine & Patsy. Other prize winners on the final session were Shelia Gwinnett and Wendy Lloyd, who won on the night with John Griffin.

Recently, it was pleasing to see Glynn and Chris taking part in a Green Point event held at Spondon.

So going forward the club appears to be in a healthy position, both with finances and memberships.

We are planning to add two new members to the committee if the membership agrees. They are Deborah Wren and Chris Paling.

Social activities continue to take place and are always well supported:

Another 'Away day' is on 9th September at the Sitwell Arms. The holiday to Arnside in July is fully booked.

A new social event collaborating with Belper bridge club will be taking place in October at Kedleston Golf Club.

By popular demand I have rebooked Mickleover Golf Club for the Christmas dinner, which has been booked for Saturday, 30th November 2024.

This now brings us onto a very important event that will need a lot of help and support as we intend to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the club in 2025.

Finally, another initiative that several Allestree members are taking part in and supporting is 'FAMILY WEEK OF BRIDGE' at Spondon, free of charge, starts Monday 29th July, for a week, every day from 10-12.

Finally a very big thank you to the committee and all contributors over the last year to make us one of the most successful bridge clubs in the county.

4. Secretary's Report.

There are currently 140 members. Many members did not renew their subscriptions this year as we have not run any evening bridge sessions.

There were five committee meetings held since the last A.G.M, all well attended.

All other committee members submit themselves for re-election – Ian Blake – Chairman, Simon Jackson – Secretary, Peter Illsley -Treasurer, Jo Bakshi, Elaine Coldicott , Ann Martin and Patsy Zydzienowski

Jean Allsop because of ill health resign, used to help handling the sourcing of equipment and materials did a great job – thank you. Patsy come forward to takeover this job.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year ended 31st May 2024.

Total income was £10143.82 and expenditure £7334.46 net income £2809.36

The committee recommended that joining fees remain the same, £10, and subscriptions be £5 per annum, table money £2.50.

The accounts were approved by the meeting, as well as the recommended joining fees, subscriptions and table monies.

Tim Hallam was thanked for auditing the accounts.

Subscriptions of £5 for the year from 1st June 2024 are now due. Ann Martin thanked for agree to collect the Subscription this year.

Advised to pay Ann or can transfer through Allestree bridge Bank details are on the web

Election of Committee.

The proposals suggested in the Secretary's report were approved and the committee is Ian Blake, Chairman, Simon Jackson, Secretary, Peter Illsley, Treasurer, Jo Bakshi, Elaine Coldicott, Ann Martin, Patsy Zydzienowski.

New committee members elected are Deborah Wren and Chris Paling

Election of Auditor.

Tim Hallam was unanimously re-elected as auditor.

Any Other Business. None

Jogindra Bakshi