

Brunton Bridge Club AGM 6.40 Monday 30 June 2025

The meeting was quorate (40 members). Peter Avery (PA) as Chair; minutes by Guy Herzmark (GH)

- 1 **Apologies** Janet, Frank and Irena.
- 2 **Minutes of AGM on 1 July 2024** Approved unanimously (proposer Jill Armstrong; seconder Gill Gold).
- 3 **Matters arising**
- 3a **Bridge it's a big deal** We held a session in September 2024 with ten tables. It raised money to support the chosen charity as the Club paid all the expenses. However it did not lead to any new players in the club on Mondays or Wednesdays. However we are thinking of running a similar session this year as it was well received by those there.
- 4 **Chairman's Report (PA)**
- 4a **Table numbers** These have averaged 10 a week (sometimes up to 12). The new tables are working well and look to be a good investment. Wednesday usually attracts some five tables which we hope will increase as more players graduate from the teaching courses.
- 4b **NEBA events** The A team won the NEBA Inter Club League First Division and the B team will be promoted from the Second Division. Brunton players did well in the NEBA Summer Pairs, where Simon Hedley and Stephen Reay were second.
- 4c **Mike Craig** It is with sadness that I note that Mike died during the year. He was a great help to me personally with Bridgemate problems and will be missed.
- 5 **Treasurer's report by Steve Ray (SR)**
- 5a **Accounts** The accounts for 2024/25 prepared by SR and examined by GH showed a loss of some £1300. This was mainly due to the costs of new tables. Income was boosted by the increase in table money and the Wednesday sessions. We expect to need to replace the laptop and/or server next year so next year will probably show a similar pattern to this. The accounts were agreed unanimously (proposer Dave Armstrong; seconder Irene Sharff).
- 6 **Committee 2023/24**

The following were confirmed as the Committee for 2024/25: Peter Avery (Chairman); Steve Ray (Treasurer), Guy Herzmark (Secretary), Jill Armstrong (Web Manager), Susan Green (Assistant Treasurer and Team Captain), Marion Curran and Steve Sansom.
- 7 **AOB**
- 7a **Loading of results** Some members asked about delays in loading the results. Mainly these occur when Peter is away but sometimes they are due to problems with the laptop or server which suggest they may need to be replaced soon. PA agreed to try to upload results quicker. **[ACT PA]**
- 7b **Examiner of accounts** Guy had examined the accounts this year but a more independent view would be helpful. Is there someone not on the Committee who could take this on? **[ACT PA]**
- 7c **Table money** One member asked if table money could be reduced as the Club only needed extra income for capital purchases but the £3 charged was now common in many clubs and would stay in place.