

Minutes of 273rd Farnborough Bridge Club Committee Meeting

5th June 2025

Present:

Chris Clegg (Chair), John Hunt (Treasurer), James Foster (Secretary). and committee members Wendy Church, Rodney Meredith, Joan Chandler and Monica Lashford. Kim Romanski was also present, as a new co-opted member.

1. Apologies for absence

All were present, so no apologies were needed.

2. Minutes of the 272nd Meeting

These had previously been circulated, and were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Treasurer's Report

John provided an update on the Club's finances, which continue to be in a healthy state, with the number of paid-up club members standing at 146. Over £14,500 in table money has been collected in the year so far, despite Farnborough BC having the cheapest table money rate in the local area.

5. Committee Re-elections

Chris and John intend to stand for re-election at the coming AGM. Kim intends to stand as Honorary Secretary. Rodney, Wendy and Monica will stand for re-election to the committee, with the intention that Monica will shadow and assist in John's role as Treasurer.

6. AGM

It was decided that the AGM will be held on Wednesday 20th August.

7. 75th Anniversary

Ideas for celebrating the Club's 75th Anniversary were discussed. Saturday 5th September 2026 was fixed as the date for a celebratory event.

8. Teaching Programme

It is intended to start a fresh Beginners' Bridge course in September, with the long-term aim of recruiting more members.

9. Poor Behaviour at Bridge

Following some recent events at the club, the committee decided unanimously that in future any player found to have behaved in a way which is not consistent with the rules of "Best Behaviour at Bridge" should be subject to a one-month suspension from the Club.

10. Swiss Pairs

We intend to hold another Swiss Pairs event, similar to last year's, to be held on 16th September 2025. Profits to go to Cancer Research.

11. AOB

- i) It was noted that the club's keyholders do not have copies of the key to the Village Hall's new front door.
- ii) Monica and Kim volunteered to act as new keyholders. Mike Wood has also volunteered.
- iii) The date of the Christmas Party was fixed as 12th December.
- iv) It is planned to have a new prize, to run alongside one of our existing competitions, for competitors with an NGS rating of between 2 and 9.

12. Date of next (274th) meeting.

Thursday 4th September, 12.30pm at Kim's house..

Members should email questions/suggestions to: foster.id@gmail.com