

Minutes of 272nd Farnborough Bridge Club Committee Meeting

13th March 2025

Present:

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

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Chris Clegg. All members wished Chris a speedy recovery from his illness.

2. Minutes of the 271st Meeting

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

3. Matters arising

In the circumstances, it was felt that the plan for a new X-Imps competition (discussed with John Hemington at the last meeting) should be shelved for the time being.

4. Treasurer's Report

JH provided an update on the Club's finances, which continue to be in a healthy state. Club membership is still growing, and the average income from table money currently averages around £1,425 per calendar month (compared with £1,075 last year).

There is money available to spend on renewing equipment and upgrading our resources, and JH agreed to investigate possibilities such as (good quality) bespoke playing cards with the club name on the back, and/or new cloths for the tables.

5. Committee Recruitment

We are delighted to welcome Monica as a new (co-opted) member of the committee.

Chris is still Chairman, but is currently unable to take a very active part in the Club's affairs, for health reasons. However, the other members of the committee should be able to continue running the club until August.

At the end of the club year, in August, Joan and James will be standing down from the committee, and we will need to recruit new committee members then.

6. AOB

- i) It was noted that, in September 2026, it will be the 75th anniversary of Farnborough Bridge Club. There could be no celebration of the 70th anniversary (which occurred during Covid), so it was felt that we should have a celebration of the 75th next year.
A possible date is the first Saturday in September 2026, perhaps at Chislehurst Golf Club. Wendy agreed to investigate suitable venues.
- ii) On opening/closing the club: It would be useful to have access to a spare key, in case the one in the cupboard goes missing. This might be held at the Woodman?
Also: James agreed to review the unlocking/locking rota.
- iii) We need to fix the next AGM, at a date when all significant parties are able to be present.
- iv) It was agreed that, following the success of last year's event, it would be good to organise another Charity Swiss Pairs competition in September this year – perhaps on the first or third Tuesday of September.

7. Date of next (273rd) meeting.

Thursday 5th June, 1.30pm at James's house..

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

JF