**CORSHAM BRIDGE CLUB**

**AGM MINUTES 2016**

Date of Meeting: 19 October 2016

Venue: Royal British Legion clubhouse, Newlands Road, Corsham

The Annual General Meeting of the Corsham Bridge Club began shortly after 7.10pm with Chris Baldock chairing. There were 19 members and one guest present.

The Chairman welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Mike Forward, Derek Burk, Ann Marie Hickman and Hilary Swan.

**Last Year’s Minutes**

The minutes from the 2015 AGM were taken as read and the Chairman invited comments on their accuracy and any matters arising. There being none, the minutes were proposed by Colin Ladle and seconded by Anita Baldock as a true and accurate record.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Copies of the Accounts for the Year Ending 31 Aug 2016 had been provided prior to the meeting and on the website. Janet Ladle provided further copies to anyone who wanted them. Janet said that the accounts were audited by Sue Phillips.

Janet drew the meeting’s attention to the following:

1. An excess of income over expenditure of £705.02 in 2015-16 was high compared to previous years even after expenditure of £330 on Bridgetab equipment.
2. The club now has a very healthy balance of £2600.
3. There was a net income of £835 from the 2015 -16 training course for beginners which was a large boost to the club’s finance.
4. The main item of routine expenditure was for Pay to Play cost to the EBU. This has increased in line with the increase in the number of tables we now have each week.
5. The full cost of £476 for the members who attended the Xmas party was paid by the Club. For the January 2017 party, the cost for members will again be borne by the club with non - playing partners being invited on the basis they pay for their own meal. Sonia provided some venue suggestions for consideration at the next committee meeting.

The accounts were agreed without question. Proposer Anita Baldock, Seconder Evelyn Power.

**Chairman’s report**

Chris delivered the following competition report prepared by Ray Elms:

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| We now hold 3 competitions annually. Visitors are welcome to participate in these competitions, but only Corsham Club members are eligible to be awarded the cups/trophies.  **2016 Competitions**  **Marjory Cox Plate** 3 August 2016  Winners Colin Ladle and Sonya Nesbitt  Runners-up Hilary Swan and Gill Russell  Third place Chris Baldock and Sue Phillips  **Eileen Harding Handicap Shield** 28 September 2016  Winners Susan and Adrian Tanner  Runners-up Hilary Swan and Cath Elms  Third place Chris Baldock and Sue Phillips  Robin Sutton Trophy (Mixed Experience Pairs)  To be held on 9 November 2016 |

Chris thanked the co-members of the committee and others who had helped in the smooth running of the Club over the year.

Chris referred to the beginners course run in 2015 -2016 saying how delighted he was that the course had been so successful with most of the attendees now playing competently and regularly at the club. This has boosted the number of tables each week and has rescued the club from the perilous position it was in in the summer of 2015. Chris attributed the success of the course to Sue and Ray and thanked them heartily for this. This was echoed by the members.

Chris advised that the current course started 4 weeks ago and has 15 students. It was recognized that if the course is as successful as the previous one the club will have to think about looking for a new venue.

On the subject of the Xmas party, Chris said once the venue has been decided and date confirmed on 29 October members will be advised and the hope is all members will attend.

**Election of Committee**

The Chairman advised that, in the absence of any other candidates, all current members of the committee were willing to continue in office. There being no other volunteers, he invited the meeting to re-elect the committee en-masse. This was proposed by Sonya Nesbitt, seconded by Keith Phillips and unanimously agreed by the members present.

There being no further business, and members being keen to play bridge, the Chairman thanked all members present and closed the meeting at 7.25 pm.

Signed

Chris Baldock (Chairman) Date