**Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting of Corsham Bridge Club**

 **Held on 27 September 2017 at 7.00**

1. **Members attending 19**
2. **Apologies**

 Chris Baldock, Hilary Swan, Sonya Nesbitt, Cath Elms, Ken Bowater, Richard Gwyer, Kerry Roach

1. **Minutes of last AGM**

Distributed and agreed.

1. **Treasurer’s report**

Janet Ladle distributed copies of the accounts and analysis, as attached. She advised that the club finances were in a very healthy position with a surplus for the year of £1225. This was attributable to the lack of rental payment, increased attendance and membership and income from teaching. She explained a few of the specific items in the accounts. There were no questions and the accounts were formally adopted.

1. **Chairman’s Report**

In Chris’s unavoidable absence, Sue Phillips advised that Chris was, as previously advised, standing down as Chairman as he felt with his work commitments he could not give the role the attention it deserves. Sue then delivered the following report from Chris:

**Good Evening Everybody**.

This will be my last Chairman’s report.

This year has been an eventful one for the club. We have successfully completed our second teaching year which together with the progress of those from our first year, have contributed to a healthy attendance at club night of between 4 & 6 tables on a regular basis which we believe will lead to a 7-9 table attendance in the near future. (You will notice that with the cooperation of the British legion we have already rearranged the room to accommodate 9 tables).

We have also gained a computerised scoring system which (now Tamed) has become a very useful tool to streamline the running of the evening. (We have even had other clubs visit to see how it worked in real life environment.) A big thank you is due to Ray and Janet for all of the work that they have done to ensure the system works efficiently. To help with the smooth running of the system members are asked that one of each pair should be at the club by 7.00 so the system can be set up for a prompt 7.15 start. Should any pair be delayed a phone call to one of the committee’s mobile phones will ensure a place is set up for them

All this success has been due to 2 main factors.

 **All the hard work and cooperation the Corsham bridge club members**

 **&**

 **The tireless and (now renowned) dedication and Teaching prowess of -**

 **Sue & Ray**

**With**

**Vocal, computer and muscle assistance from Janet, Colin and (Miss-direction from yours truly)**

**2017 Competitions**

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.

**Eileen Harding Handicap Shield**                     26 April 2017

Winners                                            Janet Ladle and Ken Bowater

Runners-up                                      Ian and Elaine Morrison

Third place                                       Ray Elms and Hilary Swan

**Marjory Cox Plate**       16 August 2017

Winners                      Colin Ladle and Ann Kingdom

Runners-up                 Janet Ladle and Ken Bowater

Third place                  Sonya Nesbitt and Hilary Swan

**Robin Sutton Trophy** (Mixed Experience Pairs)

To be held on 8 November 2017

I wish good luck and plenty of support to Colin for Kindly taking over the Chairmanship and to remind members that I will still be directing --- So mind your P’s & Q’s

The summer BBQ was very well received and will now become an annual event.

So as this my last chances to say thanks, I wish repeat my comments from the last committee meeting:-

 Thanks to all club members (old & New), to those who have served as officers of the club over the last (Lots of) years of my Chairmanship and in particular those members of the current serving committee who have been a great support for me and overwhelmingly for Corsham Bridge Club.

1. **Election of a New Chairperson**

Sue Phillips offered the club’s thanks to Chris for all the hard work he had done during his Chairmanship. This was supported by all present.

Colin Ladle was proposed as Chairman by Keith Phillips and seconded by Michael Forward. There being no other nominations, Colin was elected as Chairman and took over chairing the meeting. He thanked the members for electing him and asked that people arrive on time to ensure smooth running of each evening. He also promised further Teams events in the future.

1. **Election of officers and committee**

All current officers put themselves forward for re-election and, there being no other nominees, were proposed by Evelyn Power and seconded by Michael Forward and elected accordingly. It was confirmed that Chris is happy to remain on the committee. No other nominations or volunteers for the committee were forthcoming.

1. **Any other Business**

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 7:20pm.