

Wearside Bridge Club AGM

Tuesday 22nd JUNE 2021 to start at 10.00 am. at

17 Park Place West

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Matters arising from the minutes of the AGM held on 14th July 2020
3. Officer's Reports
4. Approval of Accounts
5. Appointment of Auditor.
6. Membership Fees for 2021-22
7. Election of Officers
8. Any Other Business.

Chairman's Report 2021

It can truly be said that this was a year without precedent for Wearside Bridge Club. Despite a full year without face to face bridge the club has continued to adapt and thrive. Without lockdown I am sure few of us would have discovered online bridge. Through our online bridge sessions we have attracted a number of new members. There is now no geographic restrictions to membership and we have players from as far apart as Airdrie and the Isle of Wight! While it has many advantages nothing can replace the social aspect of playing with friends in a real club and I hope it will not be too long before we can share that experience again. My thanks go to my predecessor, Tony Watson, for his tireless efforts representing and promoting the club.

Graham Cox deserves special mention for organising the Lockdown League which has been a godsend for many of us. And of course this would not have happened without the WhatsApp group set up by George Farnan.

Chris Patrick has not only provided us with information and entertainment through the quarterly newsletter, but has organised a number of online team matches which have attracted popular support.

I would be in trouble if I don't mention the hard work of our treasurer Rosemary Wallace. Rosemary and Chris were also the driving forces behind the successful Thursday evening virtual club night.

And of course special thanks to our secretary, Allan Davies. As well as the numerous and time consuming duties involved in the day to day running of the club he continues to provide weekly online teaching sessions.

Although the opportunities to excel in competition have been unavoidably curtailed, there have nevertheless been some outstanding successes for the club. There was a superb result for Beverley Basquil and Colin Porch who won the EBU championship pairs (Guardian Trophy) earlier this year.

In the online NEBA team matches Wearside Blue came a close second in the top division, taking the notable scalp of the eventual winners, Brunton Blue in their match. Wearside Red also performed creditably and contributed to a Wearside double by beating Brunton Red in their match.

The team of Anne Urwin, Chris Patrick, June Ainslie and Michael Wainwright came second in Session 2 of the Blue-pointed Progressive Congress Swiss Teams (Jack High) at the EBU Annual Congress played online in August.

I look forward to meeting you all again soon.

Alan Wallace

Secretary's Report 2021

- The membership stands at 139 members but there are a few subscriptions still outstanding.
- 7 to 10 trustees/committee members are needed. This includes three officers (see attached sheet).
- A massive thank you is to be extended to Alan Wallace for his efforts in directing the online Thursday bridge sessions and Graham Cox for organising the online league.
- Thanks are also due to Rosemary Wallace for her efforts in balancing the club's accounts.
- Teaching lessons continue on Tuesday and Friday mornings and I would encourage all members to advertise these as much as possible. Lessons bring in new members and are important for the continuing existence of the club.
- Thanks to Richard Spargo for his unceasing help with many repairs and in tending the garden. His continues to be an important and vital contribution.
- Christopher Patrick has helped enormously with many aspects of the club (eg. newsletter).
- I must not forget our long-serving committee member, Eleanor Foley, who still helps with various jobs around the club.
- Most competitions have been cancelled due to the closure of the club during the coronavirus pandemic. However the Bergson trophy was played online.
- The club has had a new boiler installed and hopefully will be in use once the club reopens.
- The club will be opened as soon as it is safe to do so and government guidelines must be followed. Members will be informed in advance via e-mail or letter about possible opening dates.

Allan Davies.

Treasurer's Report 2021

The club is financially sound at the moment. The auditor was David Manley and a signed copy of the audited accounts has been obtained. The audited accounts are shown below.

Rosemary Wallace

WEAR SIDE BRIDGE CLUB INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

31 MARCH 2021

	2021	2020
INCOME		
Subscriptions	555	2676
Table Money	0	19013
Teaching (Nett)	0	1881
Charity Events, Entry Fees, Class Fees	2078	0
Bar (Nett)	0	220
Bank/Building Society Interest	923	997
Transfer from Cambridge & Counties	10000	0
Other - Weekly Money	0	191
Gift Aid	475	547
Council Grant	1000	0
Virtual Club	<u>1448</u>	<u>0</u>
GROSS INCOME	16479	25525
LESS: OVERHEAD EXPENSES		
Repairs & Renewals - Property	0	13416
Repairs & Renewals	17845	4671
Electricity & Gas	1203	1643
Water, Ground Rent, Council Tax (nett)	1125	571
Cleaning, Gardening	1276	4154
Telephone (nett)	712	894
Insurance	1113	1057
Printing, Stationery, Advertising	297	62
Audit Fees	110	110
Legal Fees	55	0
Competitions	128	2705
EBU/NEBA Subscriptions	736	3626
Charitable Donations	142	967
Playing Cards & Boxes	409	0
Licences	70	70
Sundries	<u>253</u>	<u>1004</u>
	25474	34950
Surplus/(Deficit) Of Income Over Expenditure	-8995	-9425

David Hawley

**WEAR SIDE BRIDGE CLUB
BALANCE SHEET AS AT
31 MARCH 2021**

FIXED ASSETS

	Property	Fixtures & Fittings	Property	Fixtures & Fittings
As At 1st April 1995	1142	7952	1142	7952
Additions	0	0	0	0
	1142	7952	1142	7952
Depreciation	0	7952	0	7952
Written Down Value	<u>1142</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1142</u>	<u>0</u>
		2021		2020
Fixed Assets		1142		1142

CURRENT ASSETS

Prepayments	0	0
Debtors	0	0
Stock	57	10
Cash & Bank Balances	<u>58963</u>	<u>68059</u>
	59020	68069

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Creditors	0	0
Accruals	598	652
Sundry Creditors	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	-598	-652
	59564	68559

REPRESENTED BY:

ACCUMULATED FUND

AS AT 1st APRIL	68559	77984
Readjustment to Account	0	0
Add Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>-8995</u>	<u>-9425</u>
	59564	68559

I have audited the books of the Wearside Bridge Club for the year ended 31st March 2021 and in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Club at that date.

David Hawley

Proposal on behalf of the committee:

The membership subscription due in April for the years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 shall be a total of £25 for full members and £12.50 for Associate members. From April 2022 the membership fee should be paid annually at the same rate.

Proposed by Alan Wallace

Seconded by Allan Davies.

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND NOMINATIONS FOR
THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

TUESDAY 22nd JUNE 2021 at 10.00 am.

The officers of the club are: Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. The club Chairperson must retire after three years in office whilst other club officers retire annually but are available for re-election.

Club Officers 2021-2022

Chairman Alan Wallace

Secretary Allan Davies

Treasurer Rosemary Wallace

Other trustees (also known as the Committee). These need to be re-elected:

Graham Cox-club captain

Tony Watson

Anne Forster

Eleanor Foley

Chris Patrick

George Farnan

Nominations for any posts must be proposed and seconded in writing by members. The nominee must have agreed to the proposal.

All nominations must be received by the Secretary at least fourteen days before the AGM (the closing date will be 8th June).

Any motions or resolutions must be received by the Secretary at least fourteen days before the AGM (the closing date will be 8th June).

The Club Trustees are:

Tony Watson

Graham Cox

George Farnan

Allan Davies

Christopher Patrick

Rosemary Wallace

Anne Forster