

Wearside Bridge Club AGM

Tuesday 11th June 2019 to start at 6.00 pm. at 17

Park Place West

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Matters arising from the minutes of the AGM held on 5th June 2018
3. Officer's Reports
4. Approval of Accounts
5. Appointment of Auditor.
6. Membership Fees for 2019-20
7. Election of Officers
8. Any Other Business.
9. Trophy Presentations.

Chairman's report

My twin aims have always been to help the club become one where a high standard of bridge can be played and also one where social bridge can be played and enjoyed by all. I feel progress on both these objectives has been made, despite the occasional and inevitable setbacks as there is sometimes a conflict of interest between the two.

Playing

On the playing side, many notable successes include:-

EBU Master Point Ratings

Pat Barton became a Grand Master,

Catherine Longley became a Life Master,

Reg Hornsey became a Premier Tournament Master,

Tony Watson won a small prize for coming top in the North East in his Master Point classification.

NEBA Competitions

The Niman Israel teams trophy was won by Pat Barton, Graham Cox, Alleyn Erskine and Tony Watson. In the Inter League teams competition the second team was promoted and the newly reformed third team made a promising start. Unfortunately the first team was relegated from the top division, but has high hopes of promotion next year.

Sims

John Armstrong and Tony Watson won one of the Children on Need competitions that had over 2000 entrants.

Club Competitions

Congratulations to the winners who are listed in the overall report. It was pleasing to see new names in the list. The club has decided that in future the trophies will be presented shortly after each event rather than all together at the AGM.

Club Achievements

The hard work for the Charity Bridge Day raised much appreciated money for the charities involved.

The club successfully hosted a NEBA competition.

The Christmas party was thoroughly enjoyed - many thanks to the organisers for their hard work and innovative ideas.

The Bank Holiday afternoon sessions were similarly enjoyed.

Last year's Wednesday nights' learners were successfully assimilated into the general club. This was an area that had caused the club many problems in the past. It is hoped that this will be repeated with the present Thursday class.

Administration

Although I have reported first on the playing side, the administrative side of the club is equally

important. My thanks are due to those of you who helped in so many different ways.

Thanks to club officials and committee members, to those who direct and who open up the club, to those who teach the classes, deal the cards, arrange partners, and to those who help with refreshments and give lifts to fellow members.

If I may, I would like to highlight 3 people who do exceptional work.

Allan spends many hours planning the programme, organising the events and picking up every little task that has not been done, in addition to directing, dealing, opening, teaching, and just being available for advice.

Graham not only teaches the classes on Thursday and Fridays but also spends many hours preparing the work that so many of you find both helpful and informative. The successful integration of the previous Wednesday class is mainly due to him. In addition he is Team Captain and organiser for the Inter League, a director and resident computer expert.

Richard repairs the many faults that occur in our old building and helps to keep the building and the gardens in 'good nick'. He organises the Bank Holiday meetings and is always available to stand in when others are unavailable, particularly on Saturday evenings.

Thank you Allan, Graham and Richard.

I would also like to pay tribute to the excellent service to the club of Charlie Ainslie. His work for the Charity Bridge Day was outstanding. He also started and ran the Friday afternoon session. He knew all the new members and was very proactive in finding them partners. In addition he was responsible for re-forming the club third team for the Inter League. His 'behind the scenes' work, whether dealing the cards, directing, helping with the computer, or general maintenance was also helpful and important.

Another big miss to the club was Jack Atkinson. Although his major work for the club was in the past he was still helping in various unseen ways.

These losses have increased the need for more help in running the club. Thanks to those who have already taken over some of the tasks that are so needed but more help would be much appreciated.

Congratulations to Stephen Lovely who qualified as a director. We are expecting more good news in that area very shortly

Thank you for your support and I look forward to another successful year.

Tony Watson

Secretary's Report.

- The membership stands at 111 paid members.
- 7 to 10 trustees/committee members are needed. This includes three officers (see attached sheet).
- Help is needed with the general running of the club.
- Tony Watson is to be thanked for his unceasing efforts in making sure the Club runs smoothly. His hard work is appreciated.
- Thanks are also due to Rosemary Wallace for her efforts in balancing the club's accounts.
- The teaching class has been very successful and now takes place on Thursday evenings and I would encourage all members to publicise this whenever possible. I would like to thank Graham Cox for his efforts with the teaching class.
- Thanks to Richard Spargo for his help with many repairs and helping to run Saturdays and Bank Holidays.
- Eleanor Foley has worked on the garden along with Richard spargo.
- All our competitions were completed on time and a list of winners is attached.
- The Directors deserve our thanks for their efforts.
- The three Inter Club teams have performed well and many thanks to the participants as well as those members who represent the club in other competitions.

Allan Davies.

Treasurer's Report

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 attached.

Rosemary Wallace.

**WEARISIDE BRIDGE CLUB
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2019**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
<i>Subscriptions</i>	3688	3745
<i>Table Money</i>	19464	18358
<i>Teaching (Nett)</i>	2979	2851
<i>Charity Events, Entry Fees, Class Fees</i>	606	200
<i>Bar (Nett)</i>	38	520
<i>Bank/Building Society Interest</i>	699	700
<i>Other - Donation</i>	1	1
<i>Gift Aid</i>	788	478
<i>Brfdgethon (Nett)</i>	<u>1356</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>GROSS INCOME</u>	29619	26853
<u>LESS: OVERHEAD EXPENSES</u>		
<i>Repairs & Renewals - Property</i>	0	1165
<i>Repairs & Renewals</i>	686	1258
<i>Electricity & Gas</i>	2309	1523
<i>Water, Ground Rent, Council Tax (nett)</i>	410	289
<i>Cleaning, Gardening</i>	4074	4035
<i>Telephone (nett)</i>	640	603
<i>Insurance</i>	1092	1087
<i>Printing, Stationery, Advertising</i>	210	191
<i>Audit Fees</i>	110	110
<i>Legal Fees</i>	430	595
<i>Competitions</i>	1403	1119
<i>EBU/NEBA Subscriptions</i>	3263	3207
<i>Charitable Donations</i>	2342	340
<i>Playing Cards & Boxes</i>	301	0
<i>Licences</i>	105	70
<i>Directors Course</i>	378	0
<i>Sundries</i>	<u>833</u>	<u>1249</u>
	<u>18586</u>	<u>16841</u>
<u>Surplus/(Deficit) Of Income Over Expenditure</u>	<u>11033</u>	<u>10012</u>

**WEARISIDE BRIDGE CLUB
BALANCE SHEET AS AT
31 MARCH 2019**

FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Property</u>	<u>Fixtures & Fittings</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Fixtures & Fittings</u>
As At 1st April 1995	1142	7952	1142	7952
Additions	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	1142	7952	1142	7952
Depreciation	<u>0</u>	<u>7952</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7952</u>
Written Down Value	<u>1142</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1142</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>
Fixed Assets		1142		1142

CURRENT ASSETS

Prepayments	0	0
Debtors	0	0
Stock	10	10
Cash & Bank Balances	<u>77870</u>	<u>66544</u>
	77880	66554

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Creditors	361	0
Accruals	677	745
Sundry Creditors	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>-1038</u>	<u>-745</u>
	<u>77984</u>	<u>66951</u>

REPRESENTED BY:

ACCUMULATED FUND

AS AT 1st APRIL	66951	54209
Readjustment to Account	0	2730
Add Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>11033</u>	<u>10012</u>
	<u>77984</u>	<u>66951</u>

I have audited the books of the Wearside Bridge Club for the year ended 31st March 2019 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.

WEAR SIDE BRIDGE CLUB

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

TUESDAY 11th June 2019 at 6.00pm.

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

Club Officers 2018-2019

Chairman Tony Watson-also NEBA representative

Secretary Allan Davies

Treasurer Rosemary Wallace

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

Graham Cox-club captain

Harry Connolly

Anne Forster

Eleanor Foley

The following committee members were co-opted in 2018 and are available for election:

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 28th May).

Any motions or resolutions must be received by the Secretary at least fourteen days before the AGM (the closing date will be 28th May).

The Club Trustees are:

Tony Watson

Graham Cox

Chris Hiller

Allan Davies

Harry Connolly

Rosemary Wallace

Jeannette Clement