



# The Sobell Bridge Club



The MINUTES of the 18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Sunday, 9 May 2010 in the Michael Sobell Centre, Mount Vernon Hospital at 6.30pm.

<b>Present:</b>	Len Turner	President
	George Howlett	Vice-President
	Doug Edmonds	Chairman
	Ken Short	Vice Chairman
	John Francis	Secretary
	Lynn Mathys	Treasurer
	Michael Tucker	Assistant Treasurer
	Shirley Tucker	Membership Secretary
	Brian Simmonds	Honorary Auditor
	Rob Pyburn	Web Master
	Martin Isham	Weekend Organiser
	Liz Crook	Liaison Officer
	Jacquie North	Session Manager

Also present:

53 other members

1. Welcome to all by President Len Turner. Len made particular mention of the recent death of founder member, Ethel Broughton, and commented on her generosity.
2. Apologies for absence. Adrienne Finch
3. Motion to approve the minutes of the 2009 AGM: proposed by Brian Simmonds, seconded by Martin Isham.
4. The presidency. Len Turner wished to resign. The meeting unanimously approved George Howlett as his successor. The Chairman, in thanking Len for his many years of service to the club, presented him with a gift.
5. Chairman's report. A message of thanks had been received from the Friends. A new Chairman (Roger Michael) has taken office. Doug thanked all those involved in supporting the club particularly those who delivered the Winter's tuition and in reorganising the members' database in preparation for Pay-to-Play. Robin Pyburn had worked particularly hard to improve the website and the performance of the club's office computer. He also thanked all those involved in supporting the club's successful party evenings. He advertised the next club supper to be held on June 12<sup>th</sup>. The weekends continue to be well supported. Thanks are due to George Howlett and Martin Isham. The difficulties with car parking had largely been overcome but we will seek more passes when it comes to their renewal.  
The club had received a £5,000 legacy from Geoff Gray's estate. The committee is still considering its best use. It has to be of direct benefit to the club rather than simply transferred to the Friends. The club had been well represented at the funeral of Carl Goldsmith and the memorial service for Ethel Broughton. George had delivered an excellent eulogy.

The committee had decided to alter the qualification for prizes for the annual competitions to those who play in at least half the possible number of attendances. (rounded down).

6. Treasurer's report. The Income & Expenditure account, Statement of Affairs, EOY Summary 2009/10 and Comparison 2009/10 were now available on the web. Lynn summarised the accounts by stating that £34,000 had been given to the League of Friends (£2,000 less than last year). Compared with 2008/2009 table donations were down by 4.6% (in part at least explained by the severe weather in January); subscriptions were down by 4.75%; income from bridge suppers and Christmas nibbles were in line with last year; simultaneous pairs income was down by 4.7%. The net surplus for the year was down by 6.9% which bearing in mind the current economic conditions is an excellent result.
7. Motion that the accounts be accepted was proposed and seconded.
8. The Secretary had nothing in particular to report, and there were no motions to consider changes to the Constitution.
9. Election of committee members. Those currently in post were prepared to stand again and they were elected unanimously. Catherine Stafford had resigned as Playing Secretary. Consequently there are no permanent office holders for this post or for Weekend Organiser.
10. Election of Honorary Auditor. Brian Simmonds wished to stand down. Howard Atkins was willing to stand and was proposed and seconded. Brian was thanked for his many years of service.
11. Table Money. The meeting accepted the Committee's recommendation that table monies for Monday to Friday evening duplicate be raised to £3.00 and for Friday afternoons to £2.50. The charge for Chicago and Sunday evenings will remain unchanged at £2.50. Following a member's request, the 2010/11 accounts will specify the amount paid to the EBU under P2Play, and the Committee will give a statement of the benefits provided by the EBU.
12. AOB. After discussion it was agreed that the committee would examine further
  - i. The use of the web as a supplement to the present system of finding partners
  - ii. The purchase of a Duplimate – a computerised dealing system.
13. The meeting closed at 19.00, when Howard Atkins introduced the annual prize giving.

**SOBELL BRIDGE CLUB  
TROPHIES FOR 2010 AGM**

**Pos. % Att. . Names of Winners**

**MONDAY NIGHT COMPETITION FOR THE BROUGHTON TROPHY**

1	57.00	25	Catherine Stafford and Michael Wiles
2	56.10	31	John Francis and Fiona Frais
3	55.54	25	Mike Gentry and Hannah Broomberg

**TUESDAY NIGHT COMPETITION FOR THE PRESIDENT'S TROPHY**

1	56.68	30	Ruth Allenby and Ian Dent
2	56.12	33	Catherine Stafford and Michael Wiles
3	55.49	31	Lynne Mathys and Audrey Mace

**THURSDAY NIGHT COMPETITION FOR THE L & R TROPHY**

1	57.55	33	Catherine Stafford and Michael Wiles
2	57.06	37	Mike Gentry and Chris Richmond
3	55.49	25	Robert Batchelor and Leslie Edwards

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION – MASTER POINT  
CHAMPIONSHIP**

1	IMPs	Hazel Jessen
2		Martin Isham

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS COMPETITION FOR THE LUCY REES TROPHY**

1	IMPs	Hazel Jessen and Martin Isham
2		Neil and Susan Frais

**FRIDAY NIGHT COMPETITION FOR THE GRAHAM TROPHY**

1	54.68	37	Clive Backham and Kathy de Lacy
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