

Scottish Bridge Union – East District
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Tuesday 8th October 2024 via Zoom Call at 7pm

Present: Ms. A Perkins, Dr. J Palmer, Mr. A Officer, Ms. F Greenwood, Mr & Mrs I Sime, Mr & Mrs P Beckett, Ms M McDonagh, Mrs M Evans, DR S Henderson

Apologies:, Mrs J Smeaton, Mrs J Carnegie, Mr G Milne

Minutes of the AGM of April 25th 2019: These minutes having been previously circulated were proposed by Mr A Officer and seconded by Dr J Palmer as being an accurate record of that meeting. The minutes of April 25th 2019 were therefore adopted.

There had not been another AGM held since 2019 due to covid and the lack of interest from people to attend (attempt to hold on in 2021)

Matters arising: None

Chairman's report:

As a committee we decided to reduce the number of events that we organise, being aware that there are now so many more online opportunities to play bridge, and we were anxious not to compete with our Clubs for those wanting to play F2F. It was difficult to see the East League ever getting back to how it was pre-Covid and we could find nobody willing to organise it. Last year the Melville took the initiative of starting a F2F League of Teams of 4 with two iterations per season and this has proved to be popular. At a cost of £10, a team of non-Melville members can participate although all matches are played at the Melville so only really suitable for those living in and around Edinburgh.

East District Trophy Winners 23-24

McGregor Mixed Pairs – Julia Palmer & Derrick Peden

Allan Flich Couples event – Lucia Barrett & Brian Spears

Bronze Challenge – Bronze 1 & 2 – Alex Hill & Kathryn Brown
Bronze 3 & 4 – Nicola Dean & Fiona McElhinney

ED Congress – Swiss Pairs – Andrew Harborow & Tom Bagnall

Hunter Cup Swiss Teams – Liz McGowan, Derrick Peden, Peter Moss, Tim McKay,

We shall be running these same competitions in season 2024-25 and the dates and venues of all of them are on our website at www.sbueast.org.uk

The annual match between the East District and NEBA has also resumed and was held in Berwick on September 1st. Our 'A' team of Derek Sanders & Gints Freimanis, Iain Sime & Fiona McQuaker, Derrick Peden & Tim McKay and Katharine Bailey & Amanda Douglas were victorious while our 'B' team of Andrew Harborow & Tom Bagnall, Damien Byron & Tom Robertson, John Hamilton & David Hamilton and Tony Reed-Jones & Chris Orchard were beaten by the NEBA 'B' team.

International 2023-2024

Camrose - over the course of the 2 weekends the following ED players represented Scotland on one of the weekends - Iain Sime, Brian Spears, Sam Punch & Stephen Peterkin, Paul Barton & Jun Nakamaru-Pinder, Douglas Piper

Lady Milne - Liz McGowan & Fiona McQuaker, Anne Symons & Sam Punch, Sheila Adamson & Abi Milne

Teltscher (Senior Camrose - 2 teams as hosts) - Iain Sime, Brian Spears, Brian Short & Alan Goodman (Scotland) and Harry Smith & Roy Bennett (SBU)

Europeans in Denmark

Open Team - Sam Punch & Stephen Peterkin, Paul Barton & Jun Nakamaru-Pinder, Douglas Piper (Alex Wilkinson)

Senior Team - Iain Sime (Derek Diamond), Brian Spears (Barnet Shenkin), Mike Ash (Robert Ferrari)

Mixed Team - Liz McGowan & Gints Freimanis, Brian Short Anne Symons, Derek Sanders & Fiona Greenwood

Statement of accounts: The accounts for 2023/24 were presented and the Independent Examiners report given.

There was one question from Ms.A Perkins regarding the income of £808 in 2023 East District Swiss Pairs as she felt it was a lot more than normal. Mrs Beckett checked and confirmed the amount was correct but that year it was held on Realbridge and therefore there was not the same costs incurred as when holding it F2F.

Dr S Henderson proposed and Mrs L Sime seconded the adoption of the accounts

Election of Office Bearers and Executive Committee:

As there were not enough attendees to the meeting to make a quorum, the current members of the Committee agreed to stay on in their current roles. The Executive Committee is therefore as follows -

Chairman – Ms. A Perkins

Vice Chairman – currently vacant

Minute Secretary - Mrs C Dempsie

Treasurer – Mrs D Beckett

Election of Independent Examiner:

As Mrs J Smeaton is now a member of the Committee, a new Independent Examiner will need to be appointed. This will be discussed at a later meeting.

AOCB:

Mrs M Evans highlighted that since there were no leagues in the East District the New Melville had kindly opened their League to non members as per the information in the Chair's report.

There is the Sol league available and some players are involved in this.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.40pm with thanks to those in attendance.