

THIRSK BRIDGE CLUB - MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING –6.45 P.M. ON TUESDAY 23TH MARCH 2010
AT St JAMES GREEN METHODIST CHURCH, THIRSK.

1. ATTENDANCE - 22 club members APOLOGIES – received from Jane Bartlett, Sheila Briske, John Digby, Robin Garbutt, David Hoult, Rosemary Page, David Page, Janet Peckitt, Alan Peckitt, Rachel Ritchie, Ann Scott, Tony Swiers and Maureen Tebb
2. MINUTES OF AGM MARCH 2009 – having been posted on the club notice board and there being no amendments, they were agree unanimously and signed by the Chairman.
3. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – It has been a good year overall, The Club has lost some members but numbers are still holding up reasonably well. The Christmas Party was very successful and well attended. With regards to Thirsk Clock, which opens on 31st March, the Club has been assured that it will not affect its activities or cause any problems. Thanks were given to all behind the scenes workers (scorers, key holders etc) Particular thanks to Peter Johnson for taking over the operation of the website from Jack Rouse, as well as the role of Executive officer.
4. TREASURER’S REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS presented by Richard Hill – The Club has made a small loss this year - membership numbers and table money have been slightly down and expenditure up. (Timing of Bank Holiday, band winter weather and additional Sim Pairs - Haiti, and additional home matches have all contributed to this) it is hoped to reduce catering costs for home matches next season. After some discussion the adoption of the accounts was proposed by Gerry Allen and seconded by Ann Johnson and passed unanimously.
Table Money and Club Subscription - It was proposed to keep table money and club subscriptions at the present level for the coming year £2 per night and £7.50 while the effects of Pay2Play are assessed. After some discussion this was agreed unanimously
5. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES
Cup Winners for 2009/2010:
The Alumnus Cup – Pat Hannan **The Jubilee Cup** – Jack Rouse & Simon Pooley
The Jadran Vase – Mike Heyworth **Overall Pairs Trophy** – Mike Heyworth & Gerry Allen
The Chairman’s Handicap Shield – Gerry Allen **Overall Winner’s Trophy** – Gerry Allen
Overall Handicap Pairs Trophy – Jenny Graham & Rachel Ritchie
HSBC Trophy – Jack Rouse & Simon Pooley
6. YORKSHIRE TEAM CAPTAINS’ REPORTS:
(a) A Team Mike Heyworth reported a very successful season with promotion depending on the final match on 28 March. It should be easier to fill team places next year when all club members will also be EBU members.
(b) B Team Ann Johnson also reported a successful season. The B team played more matches than usual this year and hope to finish in third place (depending on the result of the final match on 28 March
Both captains thanked all team members for the enthusiasm they'd shown throughout the season.~
7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 2010/11
CHAIR – Mike Heyworth SECRETARY – Janet Peckitt
TREASURER – Richard Hill MATCH SECRETARY – Rosemary Page
COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Rachel Ritchie, John Digby, Jenny Denham & David Hoult
EXECUTIVE – Peter Johnson
Proposed 'en bloc' by Joe Swiers and agreed unanimously
8. AOB –
(a) Bernard Carbutt Trophy as this trophy has not been contested for several years, it was suggested that the format might be changed and it should be awarded to the individual club member scoring the highest number of slams during the course of the year - small or grand, Monday or Tuesday nights, After discussion this proposal was accepted.
(b) Gerry Allen proposed that Jack Rouse be made an Honorary Life member of Thirsk Bridge Club in recognition of all the work he has done for the club over many years. This was agreed unanimously.
(c) The issue of Pay2Play was raised and the chairman explained that the committee had decided to accept the EBU proposals and that for the time being , the club would absorb the costs (which could be partially offset against free master points)
(d) A request was made for up-to-date Rule Books to be provided, it was confirmed that this was in hand.
9. THE CHAIRMAN declared the meeting closed at 7.25 pm