



**MINUTES**  
**of the**  
**42<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**of**  
**GARFORTH BRIDGE CLUB**  
**held at**  
**BARWICK-IN-ELMET CRICKET CLUB**  
**at**  
**7pm on MONDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017**

**Points: Action:**

- 1 **President's welcome and opening remarks**  
The President welcomed the members to the meeting
- 2 **Apologies**  
Apologies were received from the following members:  
Liz McKay                      Maureen Denison                      Christine Hartley
- 3 **Minutes of the 2016 AGM**  
The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Alan Ardron and seconded by David Donaldson.
- 4 **Matters Arising**  
Jean Barstead asked if the minutes could be made available earlier. PS agreed to publish the draft minute on the club website prior to the meeting.
- 5 **President's Report**
  - 5.1 The President noted the sad passing of Don Craven.
  - 5.2 The President recorded his thanks to each of the committee members for their service to the Club, the TD's and all the members who helped during the year.
  - 5.3 The club remains a happy and healthy club but the membership is falling and the President urged all members to promote the club to increase the membership particularly the younger members and support Audrey Jeal who is recruiting new members through her beginner's bridge classes.
- 6 **Treasurer's Report**
  - 6.1 Maureen Croll (MC) presented the accounts and noted that the year had resulted in a loss of £1,258. MC brought the meetings attention to the cost of the teams and had recommended to the committee that away players pay £2 going forward. Ian Johnson noted that the away teams already have to pay petrol money to travel and felt this charge would be unfair burden on members who play away in the league. MC also noted the number of free nights by cup winners had become excessive, Ian noted that savings could be made by reducing the number of free nights.
  - 6.2 Alan Ardron observed that charitable donations was a very small amount. MC stated that this did not include member donations taken on the night only club donations.
- 7 **Tournament Secretary's Report**
  - 7.1 AJ noted that teams events were well attended.

- 7.2 The club had a disappointing year with both teams being demoted.
- 7.3 Swiss Teams was a success and the Tournament Secretary noted the event made a profit and urged the membership to support the club's flagship event.
- 7.4 The Tournament Secretary thanked the President for his help and support throughout the year.
- 7.5 Stuart Trewartha noted the Beginners thanks for Audrey Jeal's help and tuition. Stuart also asked whether it was possible to run a night of no fear bridge. There was much debate at the meeting and the president will ensure the matter is discussed by the committee.

## 8 Adoption of the Reports

- 8.1 Alan Ardron and Wendy Shaw proposed and seconded the adoption of the reports.

## 9 Election of Officers, Committee Members and Auditor

The following officers were elected unopposed:

<b>Officers</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
President	Mike Jeal	Maureen Denison	John Andrews
Vice President	John Kitteridge	Audrey Jeal	Maureen Denison
Honorary Secretary	Philip Stoker	Audrey Jeal	Mike Jeal
Honorary Treasurer	Maureen Croll	Margaret Stanton	John Kitteridge

### **Committee Members**

Audrey Jeal	Maureen Denison	John Andrews
Margaret Stanton	Jean Barstead	John Kitteridge
Maureen Denison	Audrey Jeal	Margaret Stanton

<b>Honorary Auditor</b>	David Donaldson	Philip Stoker	Jean Clarkson
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## 10 Proposals

### 10.1 Proposal 1

The nominations for the committee shall be received, in writing, by the Secretary nine days prior to the Annual General Meeting rather than seven.

The proposal was unanimously accepted.

## 11 Any Other Business

Alan Ardron asked if the meeting papers online next year. It was agreed where possible the documents will be available on the club website prior to the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 7.55pm.

Signed ..... (Chair) Date.....