

**Minutes of the 82nd Annual General Meeting held in the Mayfield Centre, Stirling on Tuesday, 31st May 2016**

<b>Council</b>	R Frame M Ash	President Immediate Past President	Present Present
<b>District Chairmen</b>	J Tudor J Hunter E M <sup>c</sup> Gowan T Wickens L Findlay Vacant P Hodgson	Chairman of Ayrshire District Chairman of Central District Chairman of East District Chairman of Highland District Chairman of North District Chairman of South District Chairman of West District	Present Present Present Present Present Absent Present
<b>District Delegates</b>	T Lindsay B Campbell A Perkins F Greenwood W L Whyte J Wilson P Lennon Mona Thomson J Lees P Edmund J Glen  C Ferguson G Plant	Delegate from Ayrshire District Delegate from Central District Delegate from East District Delegate from East District Delegate from East District Delegate from Highland District Delegate from North District Delegate from South District Delegate from West District Delegate from West District Delegate from West District  Secretary Treasurer	Present Present Present Present Present Present Present Present Present Present Present Absent  Present Present

**1. Notice of Meeting**

The Secretary read out the Notice of Meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from members A Symons, P Gipson, F McQuaker, J Di Mambro, F Marshall, J Palmer, I Sime, A Duncan, A Philip, B McPaul, I Hunter and Johnstone BC.

**3. Minutes of 81st Annual General Meeting and Matters Arising**

Adoption of the Minute of the 81st Annual General Meeting was proposed by H Smith, seconded by D Liggat and passed *nem. con.*

**4. President's Report**

The President, R Frame provided a report to be read by those present. This is detailed in full at the end of the Minutes.

**5. Treasurer's Report – G Plant**

The accounts for the 17 months to 31 August showed a deficit of £37,524 as some expenditure is for two years. This change of date brings the accounts into line with the membership year.

Adoption of the Accounts was proposed by F Greenwood, seconded by WL Whyte and passed *nem. con.*



## 6. Annual Subscriptions

Council proposed that the annual subscriptions for 2016/17 should be:

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|----|-----------------------|-----|-----------------|
| 1. | Club Levy             | £17 |                 |
| 2. | Individual Membership | £7  | [Juniors £3.50] |
| 3. | Direct Membership     | £20 |                 |

The proposal was passed *nem.con.*

## 7. Changes to the Constitution proposed by Council

The President explained the rationale behind the proposed changes.

Many of the items were clarification of the current constitution.

Following the Working Party Report of 2014, it is proposed to reduce the size of Council with a desire to improve efficiency.

Although the number of votes from each district is being reduced, others may attend and contribute to the discussions.

Districts were asked to provide a report to each Council meeting and time their meetings after SBU Council meetings in order to improve communication.

If appropriate, information would be published on the website as well as being issued to District Secretaries.

After a number of questions and comments from the floor aimed at clarifying matters the Motion was passed *nem con*

## 8. Additional changes to the Constitution as a result of item 7.

The necessary quorum for Council meetings was discussed and it was agreed that item 8(a) be amended to read "Six voting attendees shall form a quorum". The Motion was then passed *nem con.*

## 9. Annual Subscription for 2017/18

A Motion was presented by W Whyte, seconded by F Greenwood, that the individual membership subscription be increased to £8 from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017. The Motion was passed *nem com.*

## 10. Presentation of Trophies

Trophies were presented by the President.

## 11. Any Other Competent Business

D Liggat asked for clarification of the format of next season's National Pairs event. The Chair of the Tournament Committee explained the reasons behind the changes and the new format. A number of comments were made from the floor. The President advised the meeting that the Tournament Committee would take on board the comments made and a response would be given to the correspondence from the East District Chair.

P Lennon indicated that clause 5.4 of the Constitution would require to be altered in view of the changes passed at this meeting.

## 12. Election of Office Bearers – 2016/17

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|----|-----------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 1. | President | I Hunter       | Proposed by SBU Council |
| 2. | Secretary | Mrs C Ferguson | Proposed by SBU Council |
| 3. | Treasurer | G Plant        | Proposed by SBU Council |

## 13. Election of Auditor

MacKenzie Kerr, Chartered Accountants

Proposed by SBU Council



14. Noting the seven Vice-Presidents, being the Chairmen of the seven Districts

**These nominations were accepted by the meeting *nem.con*.**

On election, the new President, Ian Hunter thanked Russel Frame for his service over the last two years.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm



## Presentation of Trophies

### Team Events

Scottish Cup – Daily Record Trophy  
 Scottish Cup Plate – W M Clow Trophy  
 Gold Cup Plate – Marion Hill Trophy  
 Edward Rayne Trophy  
 National Swiss Teams – Edwin Berry Bowl  
 Men's Teams – Benny Dexter Trophy  
 Women's Teams – Glasgow Bulletin Trophy  
 Women's Teams – Beatrice Craig Trophy  
 National Mixed Teams – Helen Walton Trophy  
 Winter Fours – BBL Cup  
 Winter Swiss Teams – Peplow Trophy  
 National League – Division 1- Matheson Trophy  
 National League – Division 2 – Alexander Trophy

L Steel:Dr J Matheson:B D Short:D Walker  
 R Bennett:D Liggat:Mrs E McGowan:Miss F McQuaker  
 M Ash: A Goodman: A Gipson:P Gipson  
 B D Short:A Goodman:L Steel:D Walker  
 J Hay:A Duncan:Mrs E McGowan:D Liggat  
 D Peden:T McKay:I Patrick:R McKinnon  
 Mrs A Symons:Mrs H Kane:Dr S Punch:Ms P Leslie  
 MrsEMcGowan:MissFMcQuaker:MrsSMacDonald:MrsMGrant  
 Ms J Palmer:J Hay:Mrs L Barrett: J Corry  
 C Outred:Mrs V Outred: C Gillis: M Garvey  
 J Di Mambro: R Gaffin: J Nakamaru-Pinder : G Freimanis  
 B D Short:A Goodman:S Peterkin:Dr S Punch: D Sanders  
 A Adamson:M Ash: F Marshall:A Bayer: P Home

### Individual Events

Grandmaster Invitational – A L Benjamin Trophy  
 Scottish, National, Life & Grandmaster – J Harrison Trophy  
 Master & Senior Master – Louis Shenkin Trophy  
 District Master – A Fairlie Trophy

Mrs E McGowan  
 Miss A Perkins  
 A O'Hara  
 N O'Neill

### Pairs Events

National Pairs  
 Men's Pairs – Buchanan Cup  
 Women's Pairs – Cyril Breene Cup  
 Inter-District Pairs – Spence Cup  
 National Mixed Pairs – Ruby Martin Trophy  
 Scottish Swiss Pairs – T N Culbertson Trophy  
 Magazine Subscriber Pairs – C B Farquharson Trophy  
 SBU Simultaneous Pairs – Lord Thomson Trophy  
 Simultaneous Mixed Pairs – Bobby Allan Trophy  
 Stirling Pairs  
 Senior National Pairs – Diamond Trophy  
 Easter Pairs  
 Autumn Pairs  
 Grandmaster Pairs – Arthur Trophy  
 Life & Senior Life Master Pairs –C D Bowman Trophy  
 Scottish & National Master Pairs-Alan Fairlie Trophy  
 Master & Senior Master Pairs – G D Jesner Trophy  
 District Master Pairs – Johnston Trophy  
 Club & Local Master Pairs – Hugh Kennedy Trophy

B D Short:A Goodman  
 J Hay:A Duncan  
 Mrs V Guy:Miss F Greenwood  
 C MacDonald: Mrs A McCalman  
 Dr S Punch:S Peterkin  
 I Sime: Miss F McQuaker  
 G Plant:P Moss  
 A Hodson:K MacKenzie  
 I Taylor:Mrs D Fairlie  
 B D Short:Miss F McQuaker  
 J Forsyth:N Guthrie  
 C Young:Mrs E Mochrie  
 J Hamilton:D Sharp  
 P Moss:G Plant  
 A Philip:Miss F Greenwood  
 P Cairns:L Verth  
 B West: R Jenkins  
 Mrs D Fairlie:Miss P Booth  
 Mrs A Mutch:Mrs P Waugh

### Junior Events

Junior National Pairs –Robert Frischmann Trophy  
 Schools Teams Championships – Scotsman Cup  
 –Abbott Trophy

D Murray: M Robb  
 Hutchesons' Grammar School  
 C Townsley: A Townsley: A Tobias: C Docherty: G Green  
 Hybrid Team  
 J Russell:P Maganti:A Reid:C Rutherford.  
 Hutchy Alpha

Schools Mini-bridge Championship

### Education

Hugh Kelsey Trophy

N Matheson:R Wibble

### President's Prize

A Wickens



## **President's Remarks – Annual General Meeting - 31/5/16**

As I complete my two years as President, I hope that you will agree that Council has continued to make progress and that you will share my optimism for the future.

There have been several developments during the year and further change is in the pipeline:

### **Secretariat:**

- Cathy Ferguson continues to do an excellent job of managing Council business
- Constitutional changes are proposed to this year's AGM to reduce the number of delegates and increase the efficiency of Council meetings

### **Finance Committee:**

- Our financial year-end was amended to 31 August from 2015, bringing it into line with the playing season – while this has temporarily made year-on-year comparison more difficult, this will prove beneficial in the long term
- Fiona Greenwood, Finance Convener, has introduced tighter financial controls to ensure that all aspects of expenditure are more effectively managed
- George Plant has also settled well into the role of Treasurer and has been producing some excellent new management information reports for Council

### **International Committee:**

- Under Anne Perkins' ongoing Convenership, the National League has continued to grow into one of our pre-eminent events and is now an invaluable tool for selection of our international teams
- Scotland has continued to host our full share of home international events and we are indebted to all those who have helped to make this possible
- In a competitive sense, huge congratulations are due to the members of our Lady Milne team who swept all before them in Dublin last month

### **Law & Ethics Committee:**

- Liz McGowan and her team continue to provide advice and guidance to players to help improve behavioural standards
- Disciplinary procedures have been updated to reflect WBF guidelines on cheating as a result of recent transgressions at international level

### **Member Services Committee:**

- Development continues on our website in support of clubs and members alike
- Thanks to the tireless efforts of Bill Whyte and his team, MEMPAD functionality continues to expand - this is reflected in increased usage and improved data quality
- Electronic master point processing has quickly become the norm and now includes National and District events as well as the vast majority of those run by clubs
- Under Ann Wickens' guidance, the Education Sub-Committee have made significant progress on many fronts – in particular, teaching in primary schools continues to grow as seen by further record entries in this year's schools' MiniBridge championship
- We are currently trying to identify a successor to Ann – applications to Cathy, please



### **Tournament Committee:**

- Ian Hunter and his team continue to review our tournament programme and this will remain as ongoing activity under Peter Hodgson, his successor
- Centralised recruitment continues to boost entry levels for many of our national tournaments – many thanks to Cathy Ferguson for all her efforts
- Joan Lees and her Congress Sub-Committee continue to provide an excellent programme of events at Peebles and overseas
- Further training courses were organised for tournament directors to improve the quality of service provided to tournament players
- Master point policy continues to be reviewed by Peter Hodgson and his team – particular focus has been devoted to refining silver and bronze award levels with a new silver category of Regional Master to be introduced from September

During the year, I have tried to play in as many events as possible. I would like to express my thanks to the Districts who invited me to their congresses and to all those individuals who helped to run them. Despite occasional criticism, I believe that our tournament directors do an excellent job and they are due a big “thank you” from all those who participate.

As the 2016 AGM marks the end of my two-year Presidency, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Council delegates and committee members alike for their unstinting support. Players are not always aware of all the work that needs to be undertaken to ensure the smooth running of tournaments at national, District and club level – we couldn’t enjoy playing the game we love if it wasn’t for the efforts of those who help with the administration.

In particular, I would like to thank Mike Ash, Past President, for all his support and to extend my best wishes to Ian Hunter, President Designate, once he has been formally elected as my successor.

***Russell Frame***



**SCOTTISH BRIDGE UNION**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT – PERIOD TO 31 AUGUST 2015**

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Brochures & Newsletters	8,892	14,557	Subscriptions	41,344	41,452
Officials & Council exp.	16,735	23,273	Interest & sundry inc.	2,738	2,500
Honoraria	20,500	17,282	Master Points	13,172	18,121
WBF/EBL fees	9,003	17,153	Competitions	12,584	17,622
Membership & Edu. exps.	285	117	Congresses	7,504	10,218
Camroses	4,384	9,019	BGB & Celtic Sims	-	6,961
Lady Milne	7,113	4,800	National League	-	1,378
Junior Camrose	3,140	3,620	Commonwealth	-	3,968
Junior European costs	5,442	6,807	Trials	-	473
Schools & juniors	2,804	5,229			
Insurance	2,067	3,781			
Equipment	942	1,905			
Website & Mepad	16,835	8,837			
Europeans	-	22,510			
Commonwealth Entry	-	2,280			
	98,142	141,170		77,342	102,693
European Reserve	-	(953)			
Surplus for year	-	-	Deficit for year	<u>20,800</u>	<u>37,524</u>
	<u>98,142</u>	<u>140,217</u>		<u>98,142</u>	<u>140,217</u>

**BALANCE SHEET – AS AT 31 AUGUST 2015**

	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b><u>Assets</u></b>			<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>		
Stocks – various	1,504	2,232	Sundry Creditors	28,314	4,439
Sundry debtors	39,412	-	VAT	4,734	3,202
Floats	1,600	500	European Reserve	953	-
Bank balances	28,525	28,733	Junior Reserve	3,115	8,573
Deposits	103,740	84,890	Capital account	137,665	100,141
			(137,665-37,524)		
	<u>174,781</u>	<u>116,355</u>		<u>174,781</u>	<u>116,355</u>

## Financial Statements

for the period ended 31 August 2015

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### Accountant's Report to Scottish Bridge Union

This report is made to you in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken to enable us to prepare the financial statement on your behalf and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept responsibility to any body other than Scottish Bridge Union for our work or for this report.

We have carried out this engagement in accordance with best practice guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland and have complied with the ethical guidance laid down by the Institute relating to members undertaking the preparation of financial statements.

You have acknowledged your responsibility for the financial statements for the period ended 31 August 2015. We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.

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*11th May 2016.*