

Scottish Bridge Union



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To: All Members

1st May 2017

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Pursuant to Section 11 of the Constitution, notice is hereby given that the 83rd Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Bridge Union will be held in the **Mayfield Centre, Sunnybank Road, Stirling FK7 0DP** at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 30th May 2017**

In accordance with the Constitution, all members of the Union are entitled to attend and vote. Proxy voting shall be allowed. Nominations for Union Office Bearers and Auditor must be in the hands of the Secretary 28 days prior to the Annual General Meeting (Section 11.2(b) of the Constitution).

The Statement of Accounts for the period 1st September 2015 to 31st August 2016 with the Auditor/Examiner's report attached will be presented to the AGM for its approval. (Section 11.2(a) of the Constitution)

SBU COUNCIL for 2016/17

President

I Hunter

Immediate Past President

R Frame

Vice-Presidents

Ayrshire

J Tudor

North

L Findlay

Central

A Kennedy

South

M Thomson

East

E McGowan

West

P Hodgson

Highland

T Wickens

Secretary

C Ferguson (succeeded by Mrs A Sloane)

Treasurer

G Plant

Hon. Auditor/Examiner

MacKenzie Kerr, Chartered Accountants

Avril Sloane

SBU Secretary

AGM 2017 AGENDA

1. Notice of Meeting
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 82nd Annual General Meeting
4. President's Report
5. Statement of Accounts and Treasurer's Report -
The Accounts with the Auditor/Examiner's report are attached as Appendix A

The Treasurer will report verbally, and answer questions.

6. The undernoted Motion is presented to the AGM

"That the Individual Membership Subscription for the year 2018/19 should be £9 effective from 1st September 2018, other subscription rates rest unchanged"

Proposer - George Plant

Secunder - Bill Whyte

7. The undernoted Motion is presented to the AGM

"The SBU Constitution should be amended according to the details shown in Appendix B attached."

These changes are of an administrative nature only and make no appreciable difference as to how the Union is governed. In particular, the change which renames the Auditor as an Examiner is a change in terminology only, and is now an accurate description of our treatment of the accounts over many years.

Amendments to the Constitution require a two-thirds majority.

8. Presentation of Trophies
9. Any Other Competent business
10. Election/Confirmation of Office Bearers and Council for 2017/18
 - (i) President I Hunter
 - (ii) President-Designate E McGeough
 - (iii) Secretary A Sloane
 - (iv) Treasurer G Plant
 - (v) The seven District Chairmen as of 1st September 2017 become the Vice-Presidents of the Union.
11. Election of Independent Auditor/Examiner
MacKenzie Kerr, Chartered Accountants

End of Meeting

Appendix A: Statement of Accounts

Appendix B: Constitutional Amendments

Appendix C: Trophies

AGM 2017 - APPENDIX B – Constitutional Amendments

SECTION 4:

Rename section 4 as DISTRICTS instead of GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRICTS.

Consolidate clauses 4.1 thru to 4.7 into a new clause 4.1 with exactly the same definitions.

Re-number clause 4.8 as 4.2

4.2 A club will normally be affiliated to the District containing its geographical location as defined above, but in special circumstances a Club may apply for affiliation or transfer to another District which may be more convenient for it.

Add a new clause 4.3 to read

4.3 Each district is responsible for ensuring that all affiliated clubs within its district comply with the responsibilities specified in section 6 of this Constitution

Add a new clause 4.4 to read:

Each district is responsible for ensuring that all players in any league competition in or partially within its district are all paid-up members of the Union.

SECTION 6:

Consolidate and re-sequence clauses 6.5 thru to 6.9 so as to produce new 6.5 thru to 6.7

6.5 An Affiliated Club shall be licensed to issue Master Points.

6.6 An Affiliated Club shall forward such Annual Subscriptions as it collects from its Home members to an appropriate officer, as named by Council, by 30th November.

6.7 An Affiliated Club shall have full powers to manage its own affairs, control its own finances, including Tournaments, Congresses and other events it chooses to organise.

SECTION 9:

Within this section replace the words Auditor and Auditor's with Examiner and Examiner's.

SECTION 13:

Amend clause 13.4

13.4 The Chairmen of the seven Districts shall be Vice-Presidents of the Union. Any of the seven Chairmen may permit a replacement; whether for a specific meeting or purpose, or for the whole term of their Vice-Presidency. This substitute will have the full authority and voting rights of the Vice-President.

Delete clause 13.5 and renumber following clauses to be 13.5 and 13.6.

SECTION 14:

Amend clauses 14.3 and 14.4 to read

14.3 Chairman

The President, if present, shall be the chairman, and if not present, Council elects a chairman from among the attendees. Council members, subject to the approval of council, invite other person(s) to be present and participate but not vote at any council meeting provided prior notice is given to the Secretary.

14.4 Voting

All matters should be decided by vote. The Secretary, Treasurer and Honorary President do not have a vote. All other members of Council have one vote, apart from the Vice-Presidents of the East and West Districts who each have two votes. The Chairman has a casting as well as a deliberative vote. There shall be no proxy voting. No Council member may exercise more than two votes.

Proposer - George Plant

Secunder - Loraine Findlay

APPENDIX C: 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 – Peploe Trophy
Schools Teams Championships – Scotsman Cup
Schools Minibridge Championship
National League – Division 1- Matheson Trophy
National League – Division 2

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

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
Junior National Pairs – Robert Frischmann 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

Hugh Kelsey Trophy

President's Prize