**MAYFIELD DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**

**Annual General Meeting Tuesday 11th April 2017**

The thirty third Annual General Meeting of the Mayfield Duplicate Bridge Club was held at St John’s Church Hall, Tadworth on Tuesday 11th April 2017

The Meeting commenced at 7.15pm with 50 members present including the following Committee Members:

Adrian Patrick (Chairman) Peter Cogliatti (Treasurer)

Helen Seymour (Secretary) Pam Jardine

Roger Morton (Captain) Alan Bailey Derek Ash,

Dave Norman Tim Cook

**1 Apologies for Absence** were received from

Audrey Kolbe, Ann Madden, Elizabeth Johnson, Mike Cowley, Betty Ellis, Tony Turnage, Jan and Pete Perkins, Jack Feld and Jackie Russell Smith.

**2 Minutes of the thirty second Annual General Meeting held on 12th April 2016.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting and asked for questions or corrections to the Minutes of the last AGM.

There being none the Minutes were approved. Proposed Tony Quilley, Seconded Alan Rainbow.

**3 Reports from Officers**

A copy of the Chairman’s report is attached.

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The Chairman’s Report and the Secretary’s Reports were approved.

Proposed, Robin Griffiths. Seconded, Sylvia Timberlake.

The Treasurer presented the accounts, a copy of which is attached.

We have a surplus of over £900.

We have spent no money on replacing playing cards or buying stationary. The rent has increased 13%, but the Treasurer has negotiated a discount for Friday evenings. P to P has increased. The Treasurer would like to build up a surplus of about £9,000 over the next five years and therefore suggests that the most equitable way forward is to increase subs from £15 to £20 per member. This was approved by members. Proposed Keith Jackson. Seconded Pam Jardine.

The Treasurer asked members to give the Committee a mandate to increase table money from £3 to £3.50 if at any time it was thought to be necessary. This was approved by members. Proposed Roger Sugden. Seconded Arun Suri.

The Committee has reviewed entry fees paid by the club for our members to enter Surrey and National competitions.

Norman Cup winners go forward to represent the club in the Mary Edwards. The Teams Cup winners go forward to represent the club in the Wanborough. We will continue to pay their entry fees.

In the past we have paid for 2 Teams of Eight to enter the Affiliated. We will in future pay for one team only.

Teams entering the NICKO will pay their own entry fees.

These changes were approved by members. Proposed Sylvia Clark. Seconded Sylvia Timberlake.

A copy of the Captain’s Report is attached.

Charles Chisnall kindly presented the prizes.

**4 Elections and Appointment of Officers**

The list of all nominees, proposers and seconders (attached) had been posted on the Notice Board and, with no objections raised, all were duly elected as follows:

Adrian Patrick, Chairman, Helen Seymour, Secretary, Peter Cogliatti, Treasurer and Dave Norman, Captain.

Other Committee members re-elected are; Alan Bailey, Tim Cook, Derek Ash and Roger Morton.

Tony Quilley was elected to the Committee

David Dick was elected Honorary Examiner of the Accounts. Proposed Alan Rainbow and seconded John Timberlake

**5 Any Other Business**

We discussed the future of the Pro Am as this competition has been poorly supported in recent years.

Tim Cook stressed the difficulty of administering the competition as some members turn up unexpectedly and others who have put their names down fail to turn up. It was suggested that a personal telephone call to the elite players might be the best way to encourage them to take part. By a narrow margin, members voted to retain the competition.

Fiona Clark asked if members had to play a certain number of times before being entered for outside competitions. Members must play at least six times a year.

Clive Allum asked if we could start bridge earlier. This isn’t possible as the Dancing School have the Hall until 7.20.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm

Geoff Whitehead proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee for all their hard work.