



# The Sobell Bridge Club



The MINUTES of the 17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Sunday, 10 May, 2009 in the Michael Sobell Centre, Mount Vernon Hospital at 6.00pm.

<b>Present:</b>	Doug Edmonds	Chairman
	Ken Short	Vice Chairman
	Len Turner	President
	Lynn Mathys	Treasurer
	Michael Tucker	Assistant Treasurer
	Shirley Tucker	Membership Secretary
	Brian Simmonds	Honorary Auditor
	Rob Pyburn	Webmaster
	Martin Isham	Weekend Organiser
	Catherine Stafford	County competitions and simultaneous pairs organiser
	Liz Crook	Liaison Officer
	Adrienne Finch	Minutes Secretary

Also present:

Joe Sandercock	Chairman of the Friends of Sobell House
David Mosely	Business Manager and Fund Raiser for the Friends of Sobell House

And 62 other members

1. Welcome to all by Len Turner, but Ethel Broughton a founding member was particularly mentioned together with the two guests from the Friends of Sobell House
2. Joe Sandercock introduced David Mosely, he expressed the thanks of the Friends for the donation of £36,000 and apologised for the boiler problems that he hoped had been dealt with. He hoped to be able to relieve the problem of heat in the summer.
3. Apologies. None had been received
4. Motion to approve the minutes of the 2008 AGM: proposed by Rob Pyburn, seconded by Ruby Stiles
5. Chairman's report. Doug welcomed the fact that many people had come forward to help run the club. Teams have been entered in county competitions and came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Eccles cup. He extended his warmest thanks for all those who work so hard at all our events. He stated that due to everyone's best efforts the income is reasonably stable. He mentioned the concern expressed by some members at the temporary abolition of the use of curtain cards. He also advertised the next club supper which would be held on June 27<sup>th</sup>.
6. Treasurer's report. The Income & Expenditure account, Statement of Affairs, EOY Summary 2008/2009 and Comparison 2008/2009 were now available on the web. However, Lynn summarised the accounts by stating that £36,000 had been given to the League of Friends (the same as last year). Compared with 2007/2008 table donations were down by 4.6% (in part explained by a week's closure due to heating problems); miscellaneous expenses were £619.80 lower; joining fees had increased by 13.5% but subscriptions were down by 5.8%; the re-introduction of



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the bridge suppers made £1,335.11 and Christmas nibbles £315.42; simultaneous pairs income was down by 4.7%. Lynn felt that the net surplus for this year was only down by £474.74 which bearing in mind the current economic conditions is an excellent result.

7. Motion that the accounts be accepted, proposed by Martin Isham, seconded by Irene Willis
8. There being no secretary to report, and no motions to consider changes to the Constitution, Doug moved the meeting on to the election of committee members.
9. Election of committee members. Those currently in post were prepared to stand again and they were elected unanimously. Daphne Santon had resigned as Friday afternoon organiser and Neil Fraiss had volunteered to take her place. John Francis had volunteered to become club secretary. He was proposed by Adrienne Finch and seconded by Catherine Stafford and duly elected
10. Election of Honorary Auditor. Brian Simmonds was proposed by Rob Pyburn and seconded by Ken Short.
11. Pay to Play. Doug presented a briefing paper to the meeting outlining the reasoning and costs of 'Pay to Play', which, if the club registered would make every player an automatic member of the EBU. He asked Rob Pyburn to support the motion and Terry Butfield to oppose it. Following an extensive discussion the meeting carried the motion by a substantial majority.
12. AOB. There was a discussion on the abolition of the used of curtain cards which the chairman agreed to take back to the committee, but would continue for the moment.  
  
A request was made to buy an automatic dealing machine. Doug said that this had already been visited by the committee who had voted against.  
  
A vote of thanks was extended to Geoff Gray who had resigned as secretary after a long standing commitment, and to all the committee
13. The meeting closed at 19.00.



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## **SOBELL BRIDGE CLUB TROPHIES FOR 2009 AGM**

**Pos. % Att. . Names**

### **MONDAY NIGHT COMPETITION FOR THE BROUGHTON TROPHY**

1	59.08	41	Catherine Stafford and Mike Gentry
2	54.47	26	Stan Figiela & David Kilby
3	54.37	29	Valerie Weeks and Alan Wilkie

### **TUESDAY NIGHT COMPETITION FOR THE PRESIDENT'S TROPHY**

1	56.23	41	Chris Richmond and Mike Gentry
2	55.91	42	Catherine Stafford and Audrey Mace
3	55.27	32	Brian Simmonds and Len Bartlett

### **THURSDAY NIGHT COMPETITION FOR THE L & R TROPHY**

1	58.13	37	Catherine Stafford and Mike Gentry
2	56.26	30	Brian Simmonds and Len Bartlett
3	54.31	41	Dot and George Howlett

### **FRIDAY AFTERNOON INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION – MASTER POINT CHAMPIONSHIP**

1	658 IMPs	HazelJessen
2	600	Martin Isham

### **FRIDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS COMPETITION FOR THE LUCY REES TROPHY**

1	558 IMPs	Hazel Jessen and Martin Isham
2	414	Sue Ganney and Stephanie Hughes

### **FRIDAY NIGHT COMPETITION FOR THE GRAHAM TROPHY**

1	59.29	38	Catherine Stafford and Mike Gentry
2	54.84	30	Audrey Mace and Chris Richmond