

London Business Houses Contract Bridge Association

AGM Minutes

Held online at 6:00pm on 16th September 2020

1. Introduction by the Chairman (and technical advice)

The Chair welcomed those present for the Associations first virtual AGM. Mark Hutton explained the technical details of how the online meeting would work and the Chair thanked him for organising it.

The Chair explained that because of the unusual circumstances the business of the meeting was being kept to the essential minimum. She reminded the meeting that the Committee had agreed that the 2020/21 season would be played entirely online on BBO. The Committee would keep this under review if any relaxation in the COVID rules allowed face-to-face matches in the latter part of the season, but teams should expect to play all their matches online.

She reiterated the match conditions as follows

Players to use real names in BBO profiles

Encouraged to provide system cards in profiles. If not, to be emailed to opponents in advance of match

No kibitzers

No undoes (in bidding or play)

Barometer scoring to be switched off

Default number of boards to be 24 but allow reduction to 20 if both teams agree

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from

3. Minutes of 2019 AGM

The minutes of the 2019 AGM were agreed as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

There were none ?

5. Presentation of Accounts

The Treasurer presented the draft accounts which because of the Covid 19 restrictions had not been formally signed off by the auditor. They showed that the Association's financial position remained healthy. (approved subject to audit or approval deferred?)

6. Election of Officers and Committee members

The Chair reported that David Hull had resigned from the Committee. The office holders and the remaining members were all willing to be re-elected and no other nominations had been received. The meeting elected the following

Chair:	Marina Chaning-Pearce
Vice-Chair:	Andrew Kisiel
Hon Secretary:	Peter Wagon
Hon Treasurer:	Peter Cogliatti
Results Secretary:	Chris Chambers
Tournament Manager:	Phillip Watson
Committee members:	Mark Hutton Audrey Hartley

7. Appointment of Auditor

Mike Bull had confirmed that he was willing to continue as auditor and his reappointment was confirmed.

8 Any Other Business

A member expressed concern at the late notice of the decision to play the 2020/21 season on-line and the divisional structure. It was explained that the Committee had wished to keep options open as long as possible because of the rapidly changing Covid situation.

There was some discussion of the proposal not to allow kibitzing during on-line matches with a variety of views for and against it expressed. The Chair asked for views to be emailed to the Committee which would consider them and make a final decision.