



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
ENGLISH BRIDGE UNION LIMITED  
HELD AT THE IMPERIAL HOTEL, LONDON  
ON WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2003**

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| <b>Present:</b> | Denis Robson                 | Chairman  |
|                 | Philip G Mason               | Vice Chairman, Yorkshire Shareholder and Delegate |
|                 | Tom J Bradley                | Hon. Treasurer                                    |
|                 | Terry Collier                | Secretary and General Manager                     |
|                 | Alaine M C Hamilton          | Board Member                                      |
|                 | David G Martin               | Board Member and London Delegate                  |
|                 | John Neville                 | Board Member                                      |
|                 | Grattan Endicott             | Vice President                                    |
|                 | Keith Stanley                | Vice President and Glos Delegate                  |
|                 | Gerard Faulkner              | Vice President and Norfolk Delegate               |
|                 | Max Bavin                    | Tournament Manager                                |
|                 | Nick Doe                     | Committee Secretary                               |
|                 | Michele Attard               | Minute Secretary and Office Manager               |
|                 | Karen Durrell                | Reception   |
|                 | Tony Parks (first part only) | Auditor   |

| County          | Shareholders:<br>Present | Apologies      | Proxy          | County          | Shareholders:<br>Present | Apologies       | Proxy            |
|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Avon            |                          | R Glass        |                | Lincolnshire    | RE Hughes                |                 |                  |
| Bedfordshire    | DJ Gilling               |                |                | London          | MRD Hill                 |                 |                  |
| Berks & Bucks   | JE Allen                 |                |                | Manchester      |                          | G Rice          | JK Morris (Bd)   |
| Cambs & Hunts   |                          | D Carmichael   |                | Mersey & Ches   |                          | Mrs D Herbert   | JR Herbert       |
| Channel Islands |                          |                |                | Middlesex       | KAR Drane                |                 |                  |
| Cornwall        |                          |                |                | Norfolk         |                          | Mrs C Buchanan  | JG Faulkner (VP) |
| Cumbria         |                          | GW Bell        |                | North East      |                          |                 |                  |
| Derbyshire      |                          | RA McEwan      |                | Northants       |                          |                 |                  |
| Devon           |                          | Mrs B Simmonds |                | Notts           |                          | Mrs J Burgess   | E Nunn           |
| Dorset          |                          |                |                | Oxford          | Mrs AJ Claridge          |                 |                  |
| Essex           | Mrs M Curtis             |                |                | Somerset        |                          | Miss E Pooley   | J Dilworth       |
| Gloucestershire |                          | PJ Denning     | K Stanley (VP) | Staffs & Shrops |                          | Mrs P Poxon     | P Hackett        |
| Hants & IoW     | Dr SJ Strachan           |                |                | Suffolk         | MR Carey                 |                 |                  |
| Herefordshire   | G Harrington             |                |                | Surrey          |                          | Mrs LP Lockhart | Mrs P Griffin    |
| Hertfordshire   |                          |                |                | Sussex          | PC Kent                  |                 |                  |
| Isle of Man     | Dr EF Slatcher           |                |                | Warwicks        | J Pyner                  |                 |                  |
| Kent            | BR Crack                 |                |                | Westmorland     |                          | Mrs J Buckley   |                  |
| Lancashire      | JB Brelsford             |                |                | Wiltshire       | Mrs J Gray               |                 |                  |
| Leicestershire  | RH Northage              |                |                | Worcester       | Mrs JR Newton            |                 |                  |
|                 |                          |                |                | Yorkshire       | PG Mason                 |                 |                  |

**1 Apologies for Absence** – see above for County information. Apologies were received from Mr David Harris (Board member) and Mr Peter Stocken (VP).

**2 Minutes of the AGM of 2 October 2002**

**2.1 Accuracy**

The Minutes were **approved** as an accurate record of the meeting.

**2.2 Matters Arising**

None.

**43 Chairman's Report for the year 2002/2003**

The Chairman reported that, in addition to the contents of the report, there were two other items worthy of note for this year. These were:

1. We are planning to work in partnership with the English Golf Union to stage a joint golf bridge event to be held at Woodhall Spa in the spring and autumn of 2004. If this was successful, it was hoped it would become a regular social event.
2. The first membership enrolment had been successfully taken via the web-site, with events bookings to follow very shortly.

**64 Treasurer's report for the year 2002/2003**

Mr Faulkner (Norfolk) asked if the discrepancy in the operating loss before tax reported in June and that shown in the final accounts could be explained. The Treasurer explained that there had been a recommendation by the auditor to write off £7,000 in respect of some software, which had been accepted by the Board.

Mr Faulkner also asked how much had been put in the budget for the provision of legal services by Hammonds, and how much had already been paid to them? The Treasurer advised that the final figure anticipated would be £20,000, and that £10,000 had been paid to date. The General Manager confirmed that the total sum was for both Constitutional Reform and L&E matters.

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**75 Directors' report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2003**

The Chairman introduced Tony Parks, the EBU Auditor, who was present to answer questions regarding the annual accounts.

The accounts were formally **adopted** by the meeting.

**86 Re-appointment of Auditors**

The Chairman advised that the Board had recommended AD Parks & Co for re-appointment for the financial year ending on 31 March 2004 and this was **approved**.

**117 Appointment of Company Secretary**

**11.1** Mr Terry Collier had been put forward as Company Secretary and this was **approved**.

**118 Election of the Directors for the year 2003/2004**

Ten candidates had been properly nominated and having agreed to stand, therefore no election was required. The Board of Directors for 2003/2004 is:

Tom Bradley  
John Carter  
Alaine Hamilton  
David Harris  
David Martin  
Philip Mason  
Jeff Morris  
John Neville  
Denis Robson  
Peter Stocken

The Chairman accepted Mr Peter Stocken's temporary resignation as a Vice President, in order that he could take up his position on the Board.

**119 Election of Chairman for the year 2003/2004**

**Mr Denis Robson** was the only person nominated in advance for the position of Chairman and as no further nominations were forthcoming from the meeting he was duly appointed.

**1110 Election of Vice-Chairman for the year 2003/2004**

**Mr Philip Mason** was the only person nominated in advance for the position of Vice-Chairman and as no further nominations were forthcoming from the meeting he was duly appointed.

**11** **Announcement of the Dimmie Fleming Awards**

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The Chairman announced the recipients of the awards, made to friends of bridge who had given great service to the game through their counties. These were:

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| Elaine and John Clague | (Isle of Man)   |
| Patricia Gadsby        | (Sussex)        |
| Margaret Lamb          | (Devon)         |
| Brenda Lihou           | (Channel Isles) |
| Muriel Thruston        | (Surrey)        |
| Ray White              | (Kent)          |

Mr Keith Stanley (Vice President) presented awards to Mr White and Mrs Lamb. The other recipients were unable to attend the AGM and had had their awards presented locally.

**1112 Any Other Business**

None.

The next Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6 October 2004  
at 12.15pm  
at the Imperial Hotel, Russell Square, London