



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

Present:	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:	Proxy	County	Shareholders:	Proxy
	Present	Apologies		Present	Apologies
Avon		R Glass	Lincolnshire	RE Hughes	
Bedfordshire	DJ Gilling		London	MRD Hill	
Berks & Bucks	JE Allen		Manchester		G Rice
Cambs & Hunts		D Carmichael	Mersey & Ches		Mrs D Herbert
Channel Islands			Middlesex	KAR Drane	
Cornwall			Norfolk		Mrs C Buchanan
Cumbria		GW Bell	North East		
Derbyshire		RA McEwan	Northants		
Devon		Mrs B Simmonds	Notts		Mrs J Burgess
Dorset			Oxford	Mrs AJ Claridge	E Nunn
Essex	Mrs M Curtis		Somerset		Miss E Pooley
Gloucestershire		PJ Denning	Staffs & Shrops		Mrs P Poxon
Hants & IoW	Dr SJ Strachan	K Stanley (VP)	Suffolk	MR Carey	
Herefordshire	G Harrington		Surrey		Mrs LP Lockhart
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:

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