



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
ENGLISH BRIDGE UNION LIMITED  
HELD AT THE IMPERIAL HOTEL, LONDON  
ON WEDNESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2004**

<b>Present:</b>	Denis Robson Philip G Mason Tom J Bradley Terry Collier Jeff Morris John Neville Grattan Endicott Gerard Faulkner Keith Stanley Max Bavin Nick Doe Clare Farthing Karen Durrell	Chairman Vice Chairman and Yorkshire Shareholder Hon. Treasurer Secretary and General Manager Board Member Board Member Vice President Vice President and Norfolk Delegate Vice President and Glos Delegate Tournament Manager Committee Secretary Minute Secretary and Office Manager Reception
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<b>County</b>	<b>Shareholders: Present</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Proxy</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Shareholders: Present</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Proxy</b>
Avon		Mrs J Griffiths- Baker	P Green	Lincolnshire	R Hughes		
Bedfordshire	R Davis			London		M R D Hill	D Martin
Berks & Bucks	J E Allen			Manchester		G Rice	J Rudolf
Cambs & Hunts		D Carmichael		Mersey & Cheshire			
Channel Islands		J Dorey	P Panter	Middlesex	K A R Drane		
Cornwall				Norfolk		Mrs C Buchanan	J G Faulkner (VP)
Cumbria				North East		B Thompson	I Spoons
Derbyshire	R McEwan			Northants			
Devon		J Lankshear		Notts		Mrs J Burgess	E Nunn
Dorset				Oxford		Mrs S Claridge	P Baxter
Essex	Mrs M Curtis			Somerset		Miss J Pooley	J Dilworth
Gloucestershire		P J Denning	T Hill	Staffs & Shrops		Mrs P Poxon	P Hackett
Hants & IoW	Mrs SJ Strachan			Suffolk	MR Carey		
Herefordshire		G Harrington		Surrey		Mrs LP Lockhart	Mrs J Virley
Hertfordshire		Mrs F Warner	M Minting	Sussex	P C Kent		
Isle of Man	Dr EF Slatcher			Warwicks	J Pyner		
Kent	BR Crack			Westmorland			
Lancashire		B Brelsford	A A Cordery	Wiltshire			
Leicestershire	RH Northage			Worcester		Mrs L Boyes	P Hammond
				Yorkshire	P G Mason		

## **1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Tony Parks (Auditor), David Harris (Board member), Alaine Hamilton (Board member), Peter Stocken (Board member) and Tony Priday (Vice President).

## **2 Minutes of the AGM of 1 October 2003**

### **2.1 Accuracy**

The Minutes were **approved**, subject to the following:

**Item 8:** Peter Stocken did not temporarily resign, but suspended his position of Vice President.

### **2.2 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

## **3 Chairman's Report for the Year 2003/2004**

In addition to presenting his report, the Chairman stated that he was pleased with the new diary, he was, however, happy to receive feedback from members and confirmed that the Board would review the content of the diary in advance of next years publication.

On the question of cost the Treasurer advised that the diary had cost an additional £11,700 than previous handbooks, this took into account the loss of profit from diary sales.

## **4 Treasurer's Report for the Year 2003/2004**

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

The date of redemption of the investments was raised to ensure that we review whether a disposition under capital gains would be made before 2010.

Disappointment was raised with the lack of increase in Master Points income. The Treasurer confirmed that there was no reason, other than points are being issued, but not being used.

## **5 Directors' Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2004**

The Chairman advised the AGM that Tony Parkes was unable to attend, due to sickness.

The Treasurer was asked if depreciation of our offices had any serious affect on capital gains tax. The Chairman advised that it did not.

Clarity was requested in regard to how advertising income and expenditure for Blue2 operates. The Treasurer confirmed that Blue2 and EBU receive a percentage of advertising revenue from *English Bridge*. The Treasurer advised that Blue2 paid for all production costs and retained the first £14,000 of advertising income, per issue. The EBU covered the cost of editorial and mailing. All income over £84,000 per annum is then evenly divided between Blue2 and EBU.

The accounts were **approved**.

## **6 Re-appointment of Auditors**

The Board recommended AD Parks & Co be re-appointed for the financial year ending on 31 March 2005 and this was **approved**.

**7 Appointment of Company Secretary**

Mr Collier was appointed as Company Secretary.

**8 Election of the Directors for the Year 2004/2005**

Thirteen candidates had been nominated and the outcome of the vote was as follows;

**Elected**

T J Bradley	58	D Robson	56
D R Harris	56	P J Mason	55
A Nelson	48	J Neville	46
C Dixon	46	S Bugden	43
J Carter	42	J Morris	40

**Not Elected**

M Hatch	37	M Taft	24
B Harris	23		

**9 Election of Chairman for the Year 2004/2005**

Mr Denis Robson was duly appointed as Chairman for 2004/05.

**10 Election of Vice-Chairman for the year 2004/2005**

Mr Philip Mason was duly appointed as Vice-Chairman for 2004/05.

**11 Announcement of the Dimmie Fleming Awards**

The Chairman announced the recipients and gave a short introduction to each person, identifying the great service they have given to Bridge. Certificates were presented to;

Alan Caves (Bedfordshire)	Don Smedley (Derbyshire)
Bob King (Kent)	Shelia Warner (Norfolk)

The following were unable to attend, so their certificates will be presented at another suitable venue.

Brian Keable (Bedfordshire)	Peter Bentley (Surrey)
Jean Newton (Worcestershire)	

**12 Any Other Business**

There was no other business raised.

The next Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 October 2005  
at 12.15pm  
at the Imperial Hotel, Russell Square, London