



**MINTUES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
ENGLISH BRIDGE UNION LIMITED
HELD AT THE IMPERIAL HOTEL, LONDON
ON WEDNESDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2005**

Present:	Denis Robson	Chairman
	Philip Mason	Vice Chairman
	John Neville	Acting Treasurer
	Terry Collier	General Manager
	Sally Bugden	Board Member
	John Carter	Board Member & Hants & IOW Proxy
	Jeff Morris	Board Member & Manchester Proxy
	Alan Nelson	Board Member
	Martin Pool	Laws & Ethics Committee Chairman & Sussex Shareholder
	Margaret Curtis	Tournament Committee Chairman & Essex Shareholder
	Gerard Faulkner	Vice President & Norfolk Shareholder
	Peter Stocken	Vice President
	Max Bavin	Tournaments Manager
	Karen Durrell	Reception
	Clare Smith	Minute Secretary
	Tony Parks	Auditor
	Graeme Catten	Auditor

County	Shareholders: Present	Apologies	Proxy	County	Shareholders: Present	Apologies	Proxy
Avon		Mrs M A Harris	P Green	Lincolnshire		MRD Hill	Mrs C Duckworth
Bedfordshire	R R Davis	Mrs V Lawson	Dr C Parkin	London		J Smith	
Berks & Bucks	J E Allen R Brock Mrs M Hatch			Manchester		B Kaye	
Cambs & Hunts		C N Jagger	Terry Collier	Merseyside & Cheshire	Dr J Leather	J A Smith	
Channel Islands	Mrs P Panter	D Carmichael	Terry Collier	Middlesex	(P Kaufmann)	G D Rice	
Cumbria				Norfolk	R Amey		
Derbyshire		R A McEwan	C Band	North East		MJ Baker	I Spoons
Devon				Northants		RF Vajda	T Thrower
Dorset		Mrs A Sharples		Notts	Mrs A Claridge	Mrs J Burgess	EH Nunn
Essex	Mrs M Curtis SJ Prince	PS Spencer		Oxford	Mrs B Harris	P Baxter	
Gloucestershire	E Hill			Somerset		Mrs S Stuttard	J Dilworth
Hants & IoW		Dr S Strachan		Staffs & Shrops	PD Hackett	J Withers	
Herefordshire	Mrs S Munday	G Harrington		Suffolk	M R Carey		
Hertfordshire	B N Eddleston M Hancock	M W Minting		Surrey	Mrs M Griffin	M Curtis	
Isle of Man		Dr EF Slatcher		Sussex	Mrs J B Virley	P Bentley	
Kent	BR Crack			Warwicks	P J Bates		
Lancashire	AA Cordery J Brelsford			Westmorland	P Kent		
Leicestershire	RH Northage	J Wilcox	Mrs P Watson	Wiltshire	M Pool	J Downing	
				Worcester	M Allen		
				Yorkshire	J Pyner		
					P Green		
						Mrs L Boyes	
						PD Hammond	
					G W Jepson		
					Mrs J Latham		
					I Rodger		

1. Apologies for Absence

See page 1 for County information. Apologies were received from David Harris (Board member) Chris Dixon (Board member).

2. Announcement of Dimmie Fleming Awards

The Chairman announced the recipients and gave a short introduction to each person. Certificates were presented to;

Rita Keable	<i>Bedfordshire</i>
Monica Lucy	<i>Bedfordshire</i>
Pat Panter	<i>Channel Islands</i>
Christine Duckworth	<i>London</i>
Mike de Winter	<i>Kent</i>

The following were unable to attend and will receive their awards at an appropriate occasion.

Janet Sheppard	<i>Cumbria</i>
Terry Udall	<i>Dorset</i>
Ramnik Samani	<i>Leicestershire</i>
John Cattanach	<i>Worcestershire</i>

3. Minutes of the AGM 6th October 2004 and Extraordinary Meeting 12th January 2005

The Minutes were **approved**.

4. Minutes of the Shareholders Meeting of 20th July 2005

Accuracy

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

Item 3.1 The last word of the first sentence should read committees.

G Faulkner advised the incorrect spelling of his name and the Chairman apologised for this.

Matters Arising

G Faulkner asked if Hammonds had responded in respect to item **3.1** the General Manager advised they have confirmed the limited liability did extend to all of our committees.

G Faulkner asked if the matter of our future participation in International University Bridge had been resolved. The General Manager advised that FISU are very supportive of our position and will do all they can to resolve matters. Problems still exist in respect to BUSA but it is hoped that this will soon be resolved.

Membership Development Group (item 6)

The Chairman advised an Action Group has been formed following the last meeting, consisting of David Graham, Brian Crack, Bernard Kaye and Peter Kaufmann. They have met on two occasions with the General Manager; a short presentation has been made to the Officers. The group will continue to meet and will present a formal report in the near future.

Proposal from Gloucestershire (item 9)

Due to the fact that the Selection Committee has not met since the last Shareholders meeting this matter was held over to the next meeting.

5. Chairman's Annual Report for the year 2004/2005

The report was accepted.

6. Hon. Treasurer's Annual Report for the year ended 2004/2005

The report was accepted.

The Treasurer was asked whether future reports could be received earlier. The Chairman agreed to look into this with a view to reports being circulated with the year end accounts.

7. Director's report and accounts for the year ended 31st March 2005

The accounts were accepted.

8. Re-appointment of Auditors

AD Parks & Co re-appointed.

9. Appointment of Company Secretary

Terry Collier was appointed as Company Secretary.

10. Election of Directors for the year 2005/2005

Eleven candidates had been nominated and the outcome of the vote was as follows:

Elected

SD Bugden	65	JD Neville	55
GW Jepson	59	JK Morris	50
A Nelson	59	DR Harris	48
DA Robson	59	PG Mason	48
DM Pool	57	JM Carter	47

Not Elected

MR Curtis	45
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11. Election of Chairman for the year 2005/2006

Denis Robson was appointed as Chairman for 2005/2006.

12. Election of Vice-Chairman for the year 2005/2006

Philip Mason was appointed as Vice-Chairman for 2005/2006.

13. Election of Treasurer for the year 2005/2006

John Neville was appointed as Treasurer for 2005/2006.

14. Election of 2 Members to the Laws & Ethics Committee

Richard Fleet and Martin Pool were re-elected for the 3 year term expiring in 2008.

15. Election of 2 Members to the Tournament Committee

Brian Crack and Paul Hackett were elected for a 3 year term expiring in 2008.

16. Election of 5 Members to the Selection Committee

Richard Fleet, Steve Eginton and Sandra Landy were elected for a 3 year term expiring in 2008, Bob Rowlands was elected for a 2 year term expiring in 2007 and Clive Owen was elected for one year expiring in 2006.

17. Proposal from Chairman's Conference

Following lengthy discussion it was agreed for a trial period, allowing time for the introduction of other means of communications, that three Shareholders Meetings should be held during the coming year.

18. Date(s) of Shareholder Meetings for the year 2005/2006

Meeting dates will be confirmed for February, June and October, with the June meeting being held at the Kettering Conference Centre.

Secretary's Note

The following dates have since been booked::

Wednesday 15th February 2006 – Imperial Hotel, London

Wednesday 7th June 2006 – Kettering Leisure Village

Wednesday 4th October 2006 – Imperial Hotel, London

19. Hon. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer agreed to explore ways of attracting greater use of Direct Debits for memberships and the electronic registering of Master Points.

The report was approved.

20. Membership Subscriptions for 2006/2007

It was suggested that rather than increase subscription levels at the rate of 50p per year we should make a higher increase, of £1.00, and hold subscription level for longer than one year. After discussion it was agreed to approve the recommendation of the Treasurer.

21. Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of EBU Ltd

12th July 2005

The General Manager advised new developments, including the introduction of "private rooms" would be made to our website from November, these being made possible by the use of our IT system (Enterprise). He also drew attention to the fact that 134 clubs now register their Master Points electronically and encouraged more clubs to adopt this approach. Finally he reported that only a small number of counties have registered to gain access to the new system which allows membership status to be checked and urged greater use.

22. Minutes of a meeting of the EBU Tournament Committee

22.1 15th September 2005

Item 5.3 - It was agreed to explore various ways of encouraging greater participation by directly drawing events to the attention of potential players, this to include the use of *English Bridge*, direct mail and direct e-mail.

Item 6- Brian Crack requested reversal of decision to award Green Points in Sim pairs. This proposal was not carried.

The Chairman drew attention to the meeting this would be the last set of Tournament Committee minutes to be presented by Margaret Curtis as she was not standing for the position of Chairman. The meeting thanked Margaret for all her hard work and noted she will remain a member of the Committee.

The minutes were accepted.

23. Minutes of meetings of the EBU Laws & Ethics Committee

23.1 26th July 2005

The minutes were accepted.

23.2 21st September 2005

The minutes were accepted.

24. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman advised refurbishment of the Kettering Conference Centre was proceeding well and would be completed in time for the Tollemache. Subject to the success of early events, the Board will consider the future use of this venue and the wider implications associated with establishing the National Bridge Centre at the Kettering Leisure Village. A report relating to this will be presented to a future Shareholders meeting.

(These minutes will be approved at the next Shareholders meeting)

**The next Shareholders meeting will be held on
Wednesday 15 February 2006 at the
Imperial Hotel, Russell Square, London.**

All meetings commence at 12:30pm unless otherwise indicated