

West of England Bridge Club

Minutes of a Special General Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd March 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the RAFA Club.

Present: Alan Evans (Chairman), Bridget Johnson, Chris Frew, Bernice Horseman, Bill Ashford, Jen Challoner, Jane Chapman, Jan Duncan, Suzy Lawson, Eric Blencowe, Tom Nolan, Carol Nolan, Paul Brown, Gordon Allen, Alan Peak-Payne, Lorna Renshaw, Tony Illsley

Apologies: received from Jyoti Barot, John McLaren, Gina Playle, Caroline Grazebrook, Lynne Webley, Mike O'Brien, Margaret Randell, Jackie Phelon, Stephen Lamb, Andy Burrows, Mary Greenacre, Mollie Price, David Jones, Kevin Hodgkinson

The Chairman introduced the business of the meeting: to consider and vote on the resolution below.

1. Resolution: our current constitution says, at clause 2.5:

'The financial year and membership year shall run from 1st April each year to 31st March the following year.'

Alan said that to recognise the wholly exceptional circumstances of the lockdown, which had prevented us from complying with our constitution's prescribed timetable for membership years, financial years and AGMs, the Committee now proposes that we begin to regularise the position by altering clause 2.5 to:

'The financial year and membership year shall run from 1st September each year to 31st August the following year.

To address the special circumstance of the Club's closure from 16th March 2020 to 31st August 2021, a transitional financial report shall be made covering the period from 1st April 2020 to 31st August 2021; and no membership fee shall be due for the period from 1st April 2020 to 31st August 2021.'

After a brief discussion, the motion was put. All the members apologising for absence (above) had already voted in favour by proxy, and the overwhelming majority of those present now voted in favour.

The Chairman declared the motion carried and closed the meeting.

Signed:.....
(CHAIRMAN)