

DORKING BRIDGE CLUB

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

INCORPORATION

Dorking Bridge Club was registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 7 January 2016 at its principal address of North Holmwood Village Hall, Spook Hill, North Holmwood, Surrey RH5 4JP.

TRUSTEES

The trustees who served during the 2022/23 financial year were:

OFFICERS: Steve Hooker (Chairman), Graham Osborne (Treasurer) and Chris Woolf (Secretary)

COMMITTEE: Sheena Bassett, George Romanowski and Phil Visser

OBJECTIVES

Our objectives are:

- (1) The advancement of amateur sport by promoting the game of bridge for the benefit of the residents of Dorking and the surrounding area; and
- (2) The provision of facilities for the learning, teaching & playing of bridge for the benefit of these residents and to improve the quality of their life.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE DURING THE YEAR

After being closed for the majority of 2021/22, for both face-to-face play and training, initially due to Covid 19 restrictions and then low numbers of players, the club re-opened for face-to-face bridge in April 2022. A total of 46 sessions were held in 2022/23. Numbers of players were low throughout the year, including a period when sessions were run in afternoons rather than evenings.

The weekly Thursday on-line session using Bridge Base OnLine platform introduced in July 2020 continued throughout the year. A total of 50 sessions were held in 2022/23. These sessions continue to be open to non-members who are English Bridge Union members with a link to the Mole Valley area. Numbers have fallen after the re-opening of other clubs but there remains a regular turn-out.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The club's finances remain healthy. On-line bridge has provided a useful income stream as we have opted to run the sessions ourselves, using volunteer members, rather than having it done for us. This has meant we have been able to provide face-to-face sessions with no charge without a major impact on our finances.

LOOKING AHEAD

The small number of players playing face-to-face remains a significant concern for the viability of the club. A membership review will be carried out during 2023/24 and we will continue to explore options for increasing numbers playing face-to-face.

Steve Hooker (Chairman)
2024

January

UNAUDITED

DORKING BRIDGE CLUB
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

31 March 2022		31 March 2023	
£	£	£	£
INCOME			
£0	0		£0
£3,833	3,833	50	£2,506
		2,456	
£3,833			£2,506
TOTAL INCOME			
EXPENSES - PLAYING COSTS			
(436)	Rent of hall	(2,843)	
(75)	Club insurance	(75)	
(27)	EBU subscription	(27)	
0	Club night refreshments	(47)	
(186)	Bridge supplies and equipment	(7)	
(80)	EBU SIMS net cost	0	
(£1,795)	P2P levy	(651)	(£3,649)
OVERHEADS			
(73)	Web site fees	(73)	
(£201)	Sundry expenses	0	(£73)
(£1,996)	TOTAL EXPENSES		(£3,723)
£1,836	SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR BEFORE EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS		(£1,217)
EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS			
(16)	Bridgemates, Duplimate Dealing Machine and Boards	0	
(£16)	TOTAL EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS		£0
£1,821	(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR AFTER EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS		(£1,217)
£9,176	RESERVES BROUGHT FORWARD		£10,997
£10,997	RESERVES CARRIED FORWARD		£9,780