

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended on 31st March 2024

The trustees are pleased to present this annual report of Halifax Bridge Club CIO (referenced later as 'HBC' or 'the club') that was registered as charity number 1185172 on 4th September 2019, **but didn't take over the running of the club until 09 June 2020**. The registered office is at 44 Prescott Street, HALIFAX, HX1 2QW.

The old Halifax & District Bridge Association 1150002 was closed officially on 20 September 2023.

This report covers the period 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Objectives

The club maintains premises for the purposes of providing bridge playing opportunities for its beneficiaries. Encouragement and facilities are made available to attract all those who want to engage in the sport of bridge. Membership is open and visitors are welcome.

The objects of the CIO are.

- The advancement of amateur sport by promoting the game of bridge for the benefit of the residents of Halifax and the surrounding area.
- The provision of facilities for the learning, teaching and playing of bridge for the benefit of the residents of Halifax and the surrounding area with the object of improving conditions of life.

Achievements

The club provided **7460** player sessions for its members this year.....

F2F

Teams competitions take up 2 Mondays each month and for those other Mondays we offer Pairs-for-Teams for pairs to be able to play without a full team representation. Tuesday afternoon sessions remain popular with 9+ tables most weeks. Wednesday evenings now witness a healthy average of 6 tables per week. The club wishes to thank Grant Ward for his hard work and dedication in running Tuesday afternoon sessions over the years.

Thursday morning supervised sessions continue to aid improvers and those who completed the beginners modules to transition to the main room and gain confidence at duplicate bridge.

The Trustees would like to introduce another F2F session in our calendar.

More

Online Bridge

Online bridge players continue to attend Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evening sessions at Halifax Bridge Club. These are essential opportunities for members who prefer this format and those who cannot or do not wish to visit the clubhouse. We also have memberships from players all around the country and new members from Newcastle-Under-Lyme Bridge Club.

More

Current position

Over the last 12 to 15 months, there has been a slight shift towards a more social and relaxed atmosphere at our club that we can term “gentle” bridge.

Bi-monthly we held social bridge events to celebrate Halloween, Burns Night, Step-into-Spring with food and drinks that always draw a good crowd.

Building repairs

Relocation etc

More

Equipment

At the end of 2023 Yorkshire Contract Bridge Association (YCBA) offered its clubs a grant of £1250 for new bridge operational capital equipment, so we took the opportunity to buy a laptop and tablets.

Competitions

Winter League

Club Competitions.....

Complaints/Appeals

The motto for all players is always to be kind and tolerant towards their partners, opponents, and TDs.

Overall, there have been few official complaints or disputes.

Beginners

Lessons for beginners started at the beginning of October 2023 and February 2024 are both progressing well with 2 to 4 tables of attendance each week. This type of teaching delivered via videos from YCBA watched at home then come to the clubhouse to play for nearly 2 hours on Thursday evenings and Monday lunchtime prove to be successful. Tuesday evenings continued as an improver’s session for the beginners of February 2023 and the club will maintain that course with the current beginners when they graduate after the 3 beginners Modules are completed.

The club wants to thank all the helpers who volunteer their time to assist our learners.

In July, 5 members from our club and three other clubs attended a teaching course hosted by HBC. David Guild from YCBA delivered some basic and useful guide from EBED.....

In September last year and February this year, the club held Open Days to welcome the public to our club and witness how bridge is played. These events brought beginners to enrol at our club and will be repeated this year.

Local Bridge Clubs Cooperation

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Premises

At the AGM in 2010 the trustees were given temporary special powers to acquire property to relocate the club because of parking problems. Hon Sec (G Ward) ran through the problems he saw about moving the club. He also reiterated what was happening about parking.

In 2012 consideration was being given to the purchase of Riverside house in West Vale, because it offered ample parking with everything was on the ground floor, but this ultimately fell through. Consideration was also given to claiming Gift Aid. DM pointed out that the club in the past had accommodated 18 tables at teams, and regularly had members playing upstairs.

By 2017 the trustees had failed to relocate the club and considered spending some of its reserves on 44 Prescott Street. Some of the improvements considered were: -

- a) Air conditioning
- b) New downstairs toilet
- c) Bridge+more
- d) Stair lift
- e) New fridge for kitchen
- f) New chairs
- g) Curtains for main playing area
- h) Lift
- i) Removing the wall between the main room on the hallway.

after close analysis it was determined that any spending on 44 Prescott Street would be a complete waste of money and the search for alternative premises should be restarted.

A short list was drawn up of possible alternative premises, but before any further investigations could be made COVID hit and we went into lockdown, casting doubts on the future of the club, so all activity was halted.

Now that COVID is over and things have begun to stabilise, the trustees believe it's time to start looking for alternative premises again.

Financial Report.

The club is financially strong with £121886 in its bank accounts as of 31 March 2024 and premises valued around £150,000. The club has made a surplus this year of £4276 which will go some way to offsetting last year's deficit of £8237.

Bank accounts

£100,000 has been placed in a Virgin Money 24-month term deposit charity account paying 4.5%. £19,268 is in a NatWest 95 Day account paying around 4%. £1032 is in a NatWest Reserve account paying around 1.5%. And £1586 is in a NatWest Current account paying 0%. A nominal amount of about £1000 is kept in the current account, we could manage with there being almost nothing in the current account at the beginning of the month, because payments in at the beginning of the month are enough to cover payments out later in the month. An additional £1000 is kept in the reserve account for unexpected expenses. Everything else, except the money in the Virgin account is kept in the 95-day account, which can be accessed without loss of interest with 95 days' notice. It is hoped that the £100,000 in the Virgin account will one day go towards facilitating a move to alternative premises.

Financial Administration

Because turnover is below £25,000, we are exempt from formal examination of our accounts. Finances are monitored by the Treasurer and Chair, and by monthly reports to the Trustees, members can see the financial reports below. We use free accounting software provided by NatWest (FreeAgent), and player attendance is monitored using a BridgeWebs Attendance module.

Halifax Bridge Club C.I.O. - Profit & Loss comparison between Accounting Year 2023/24 and Accounting Year 2022/23

	2023/ 24	2022/ 23
	2265	1371
Turnover	1	4
Tea, Coffee, etc Income	1249	528
Sunday F2F Teams of 8 Income	200	240
Membership Subscriptions	2550	1590
Players' fees	18652	11356
add Other Income	2127	417
Interest Received	877	417
Grant Income	1250	0
less Cost of Sales	6110	7183
EBU UMS	3368	3363
BBO	2729	3701
RealBridge	12	119
	1439	1518
less Administration Expenses	2	6
EBED Affiliation fee	45	45
Gas	708	545
Electricity	1786	894
Water	207	207
EBU Affiliation fee	28	27
Calderdale B.I.D. Precept	219	90
Calderdale Rates	288	123
Cards and Flowers etc	18	31
Sunday Online Teams of 4 Costs	16	30
Sign Write Honour Boards/Engrave		
Trophies	171	384
Cleaner	1590	1418
Pianola	150	150
BridgeWebs	133	133
Fire Extinguisher Maintenance	241	333
Fire & Security Alarm Maintenance	225	72
Decorating	0	3550

Extend Front Steps	0	1410
BridgeTab Licence	82	111
Microsoft Licence	36	33
Zoom	144	144
Competition Wine Prizes	0	112
Tues Aft Prizes	12	47
Tues Aft Jubilee Party	0	50
Tues Aft Xmas Party	50	50
Sunday F2F Teams of 8 Costs	438	288
Social Events	533	79
Training	290	0
Adobe	21	21
Christmas Party	296	0
Office Costs	34	0
Repairs and Maintenance	605	264
Housekeeping Consumables	171	42
Tea, Coffee, etc Costs	949	424
Playing Cards	204	250
Defibrillator Battery & Pad	0	305
Second Duplimating Machine Purchase	0	1537
First Duplimating Machine Servicing and Repair	0	491
Computer Software	40	0
Computer Hardware	3123	376
Office Equipment	309	0
Broadband/Wi-Fi	376	342
Mobile Phone	99	55
Stationery	39	49
Miscellaneous	96	0
Charitable Donations	0	53
Bank/Finance Charges	4	10
EBU Insurance and Subs	264	264
Use Of Home	348	348
Operating Profit	4276	-8239
less Drawings	0	0
less Profit & Loss journal entries	0	0
Retained Profit this period:	4276	-8239
	2676	2758
Retained Profit brought forward:	11	49
Distributable Reserves / Retained	2718	2676
Profit carried forward:	86	11

Halifax Bridge Club C.I.O. - Balance Sheet as of 31 March 2024

Capital Assets

Other Capital Asset Brought Forward	150000
Net Book Value (Building and Contents)	150000

Current Assets	121886
Bank Account: NatWest Current	1586
Bank Account: NatWest Reserve	1032
Bank Account: NatWest 95 Day	19268
Bank Account: Virgin 24 Month	100000
Net Current Assets	121886
Total Assets	271886

Owner's Equity:

Retained Profit	271886
Total Owner's Equity	271886

Payments to Trustees

Required for Report to Charity Commissioners

All payments agreed and supported by receipts and/or committee meetings

Stephen Cordingley

05-Apr-23	Broadband/Wi-Fi	28.52
05-Apr -23	EBED Affiliation fee	45
09-May-23	Broadband/Wi-Fi	28.52
07-Jun-23	Broadband/Wi-Fi	32.63
06-Jul-23	Broadband/Wi-Fi	32.63
10-Aug-23	Broadband/Wi-Fi	32.63
06-Sep-23	Broadband/Wi-Fi	32.63
26-Sep-23	Ninja Oven	269.99
06-Oct-23	Broadband/Wi-Fi	32.63
06-Oct-23	Oven Shelf	39.24
06-Nov-23	Broadband/Wi-Fi	32.63
06-Dec-23	Broadband/Wi-Fi	32.63
12-Jan-24	Broadband/Wi-Fi	32.63
07-Feb-24	Broadband/Wi-Fi	32.63
07-Mar-24	Broadband/Wi-Fi	16.97
		<u>721.91</u>

Richard Wood

18-Sep-23	Computer Software	39.99
		<u>39.99</u>

Steph Binns

26-Jul-23	Cards and Flowers	5.73
02-Jan-24	Cards and Flowers	5.99
31-Jan-24	Cards and Flowers	5.99
		<u>17.71</u>

Closing Statement

The club Officers and Trustees work entirely on a voluntary basis. There are no employees.

The club is affiliated to The English Bridge Union (EBU) and the Yorkshire Contract Bridge Association (YCBA). All activities at the club take place under the jurisdiction of the national body.