



The International Bridge Press Association

IBPA Annual General Meeting

Saturday, December 12, 2020 online at 09:00 EST, 14:00 GMT

Minutes

Attendance

33 participants and 21 proxies – see list below. Some who had given their proxies were able to attend.

0. Recommend a Chairman of the AGM

Barry Rigal was elected as Chairman, proposed by David Stern. Seconded by everyone with 1 abstention.

1. Remembrance

Unfortunately, this year, a number of bridge players have died. Barry Rigal wanted to pay special respect to four people who were very important to the bridge world. **Elly Ducheyne**, who ran the Press Room for decades until her brother Jan Swaan took over. **Roland Wald**, who was extremely important for BBO. **Maria Teresa Lavazza**, who contributed so much to the Italian Bridge Federation and the Bridge World at large. **David Birman**, who gave so much energy to the Youth Players of Israel. We paid our respects with a minute of silence.

2. Approval of the minutes of the AGM on September 23 in Wuhan China.

Proposed by David Stern and seconded by Per Jannersten. No questions asked. One abstention and approval by all the others.

3. Officers' Reports (Attached)

Chairman Per Jannersten reported that the IBPA is in excellent good standing but it is important to stay that way. To be relevant and alive also in 10 years' time he asks everybody to put in an effort to find new members by approaching the Bridge Organization in their own country. Approved by all.

Secretary Elisabeth van Ettinger reported that the little work she had to do was all online. Approved by all.

President Barry Rigal thanked the Sponsors although he noted that it is important not to be dependent on them financially. David Stern pointed out that even without the sponsor money we break even. Jozsef Blass, who has passed away, was important in subsidizing the membership fees for members from Eastern Europe. Barry expresses his wish to keep those members even if the IBPA has to give them a reduction. Barry finds it important to think of ways to make membership worthwhile for the members. For instance, by making the pressroom a pleasant experience to visit and a good work place. Approved by all.

4. Appointees' Reports (Attached)

Editor John Carruthers explained the difference this year in which all the articles concerned on-line tournaments. His biggest contributor this year was Mark Horton. He thanks his proof readers P.O Sundelin, Katie Thorpe and Philip Alder. Approved by all.

Membership Secretary Katie Thorpe reported that we have a total of 240 members, 64 sponsored members and 9 honorary members. Approved by all.

5. Treasurer report (Attached)

Due to the big time difference David Solomon could not present his report live. Nevertheless, he reported that we have a solid financial position and enough cash. 1 abstention and all the others approve.

6. Membership fees

Membership fees will remain unchanged for 2021. Members who contribute regularly to the bulletin will not have to pay membership fees. All the attendant members approve. 1 abstention in the proxies.

7. Elections

Proposed for annual re-election are:

Hon. Auditor Richard Fleet: Approved

Hon. General Counsel: David Harris: Approved with 1 vote against and 2 abstentions.

Honorary member: P.O. Sundelin.: Approved.

Per Jannersten explained that he has been reluctant in suggesting P.O as Honorary member since they are friends and work often together. But Per felt that it was much deserved and everybody agreed.

8. Elections of Executive Members.

Barry Rigal as President: Approved unanimously

Per Jannersten as Chairman: Approved unanimously

David Stern as Exec. Vice-President: Approved with 1 abstention

Dilip Gidwani as Org. Vice-President: Approved unanimously

Elisabeth van Ettinger as Secretary: Approved unanimously

Richard Solomon as Treasurer: Approved with 1 vote against.

John Carruthers to the Executive until 2023: Approved with 1 vote against and 1 abstention.

Fernando Lema to the Executive until 2023: Approved with 4 votes against.

Marek Wojcicki to the Executive until 2023: Approved unanimously.

10. The IBPA Annual Awards

Barry Rigal explained that in the past all the awards were presented at the AGM. But 3 years ago the Hainan Bridge Festival proposed to sponsor the presentation of the awards. Obviously this year the festival was cancelled but they would like to continue the sponsoring and have plans for next year to maybe combine 2020 and 2021. This also means that the winners have to be present at the festival and will be kept a secret until then. So now only 2 awards are presented.

The Master Point Press for the Book of the Year award was won by **Kim Frazer** with her Book: *Gaining the Mental Edge on Bridge*. Barry Rigal explains that this book is focused on the psychological way of how to bring the best play to the table. Kim is a Champion in Bridge and Physical Sports and she approaches Bridge in a useful and unusual way. Kim thanks her proofreader Liam Milne, who convinced her to put more bridge deals in the book, and the team of Master Point Press. Ray Lee from MPP tells us that MPP is ongoing and going upwards. He will retire in the future but MPP has increasing resources and market share.

The Alan Truscott Memorial Award was won by **Tom Reynolds** and **Jan van den Hoek**. According to Barry Rigal, they have both played a significant part in us being able to enjoy expert online tournaments during the last nine months, when face-to-face bridge was impossible. Jan joined our AGM for a short while to receive his award. He feels honoured and has many plans for future tournaments.

11. Any Other competent business

Samantha Punch gave us information about an upcoming BAMSAs Conference, the Bridging Academia, Policy and Practice Conference. It will be a virtual BAMSAs event with the keynote address on well-being by psychologist Marty Seligman and panel discussions including Jan Kamras (EBL President) and Boye Brogeland.

Monday, 28 June 2021 – Bridge as a Mind Sport

Tuesday, 29 June 2021 – The New Bridge Normal: Opportunities and Challenges

Wednesday, 30 June 2021 – Gender, Age and Intergenerationality within the Bridge Community

Thursday, 1 July 2021 – Learning, Education and Development in Bridge

If you are interested, email bamsa@stir.ac.uk

Also, the BAMSAs paper, published yesterday, is *Playing Your Life: Developing Strategies and Managing Impressions in the Game of Bridge* <https://doi.org/10.1177/1360780420973043>

And our recent BAMSAs paper: **(Per)forming identity in the mindsport bridge: Self, partnership and community**. It is available at <https://doi.org/10.1177/1012690220959648>

Marek Wojcicki mentioned an upcoming Senior Championship starting January 18, co-sponsored by the Polish and Canadian Federations. Jan Kamras is interested in our experience with a combined Press and Bulletin Room. According to David Stern, it depends on the size of the room. In Wuhan we had an enormous room so there was no problem. There is a discussion on the question if we should open the Press Room only to members because there might be some disturbance if teams use the Press Room as a space to compare results or view the matches on BBO. Jan Swaan stated that welcoming a great variety

of people leads to more knowledge of the IBPA and to new members. In Wuhan he initiated 15 new members. Most people agree on making the Press Room an inviting place.

Peter Cox, who is no expert player he explains, is interested in other aspects of bridge to be published in the Bulletin, not just difficult hands. According to John Carruthers he publishes every article that is presented to him. So he invites the journalist to write about these other aspects.

John Carruthers brings up the fact that we have different categories of Memberships, for instance associate membership. He would like to get rid of that. According to Per Jannersten this is a heritage of Patrick Jourdain. Per mentions the danger that an Organization can be overrun by 1000's of members who then take over the Organization. He will discuss this problem with David Stern to see how we can prevent this danger. He will also propose a change in the Constitution to include Online Meetings as a legal format.

Several participants expressed their thanks to David Stern for organising the online AGM David did a terrific job and in the future we could maybe combine a live AGM with online possibilities for people who are not able to be present.

List of attendees to the AGM:

Kaj Backas, Nikolas Bausback, David Bird, John Carruthers, Simon Cochemé, Peter Cox, Dilip Gidwani, Nicolas Hammond, David Harris, Mark Horton, Per Jannersten, Bob Jones, Jan Kamras, Laurie Kelso, Slawek Latala, Bridzs Lativija, Ray Lee, Fernando Lema, Joe Lenz, Eitan Levy, Jerry Li, Samantha Punch, Barry Rigal, David Stern, Suzi Subeck, Jan Swaan, Katie Thorpe, Elisabeth van Ettinger, Jian Jian Wang, Marek Wojcicki, Tadashi Yoshida, Malgorzata Maruszkin, Jan van den Hoek

Proxies:

Hans Christer Andersson, David Berkowitz, Francesca Canali, Jan van Cleeff, Allan Falk, Patrice Foulon, Dilip Gidwani, Nicolas Hammond, Peter Hasenson, Maureen Hiron, Per Jannersten, Jean-Francois Jourdain, Liam Milne, David Robert Pitts, George Retek, Ana Roth, Karlis Rubins, Wlodzimierz Starkowski, Peter Ventura, Artur Wasiak, Margaret Maruszkin



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INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 December 2019

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Approval

The financial statements which appear on pages 4 to 5

were approved by the President and Treasurer on and are signed by:

PRESIDENT

TREASURER



The International Bridge Press Association

Financial Statements

Treasurer's Report to AGM by Zoom, Sunday, December 12th, 2020 From Richard Solomon

I have never been able to attend an AGM of this organisation in person. Thus, the holding of an AGM by Zoom offered for me a unique opportunity to attend an AGM for the first time. Unfortunately, the timing of this meeting, 3:00 a.m. New Zealand time, makes this very unlikely: hence this report.

Presented to you are the actual accounts for the year ended 31st December 2019, a projected Income statement for the year to 31st December 2020 and a budgeted income statement for the year to 31st December 2021.

Actual Excess Income for the last financial year was US\$10,157 with current year Projected Income \$8,400 and Budgeted Income for 2021 US\$4,300, the variance coming mainly from the amount of income received from "Fun Bridge".

Overall, the Association is in a very strong position financially. Subscription income is relatively static allowing for the fact that many members now fall into the Honorary/Sponsored Membership categories, the cost of which is shown as an expense.

Award Sponsors includes \$11,000 granted by Hainan Bridge Federation in relation to the Awards ceremony. Receipts from Fun Bridge are shown only in respect of what has been received.

Expenses remain/will remain very level over the three related years.

The Association has more than enough cash funds in reserve and is in very sound financial footing.

Therefore, I make the following recommendations:

I move acceptance of the Audited Financial Accounts of the Association for the year ended 31st December, 2019 and adoption of the projected Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 31st December, 2020 and budgeted Income Statement for the year ended 31st December, 2021.

I also move that membership subscriptions for the year to 31st December be kept at the same rates as for the current financial year.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the help given by the honorary auditor, Richard Fleet in respect of the audit of the financial accounts for the year ended 31st December, 2019.

Richard Solomon
Treasurer, International Bridge Press Association
23rd November 2020

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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I have audited the accompanying balance sheet of the International Bridge Press Association ("the Association") as of December 31, 2019 and the related statements of income, retained earnings, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

Scope

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United Kingdom. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

Qualification

In common with similar organisations, it is not feasible for the association to institute accounting controls over cash collection from donations, subscriptions and fund raising prior to initial entry of the collections in the accounting records. Accordingly, it was impracticable for me to extend my examination beyond the receipts actually recorded.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the matter referred to in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at December 31, 2019, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.



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18 October 2020

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATION

INCOME STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 December 2019

2018		2019	2019	2020
Actual Income		Actual	Budget	Projection
8152 Subscriptions	Email	9466	8000	9500
483 Subscriptions	Printing	288	500	300
2500	WBF Grant	2500	2500	2500
10500	Award Sponsors	15500	15500	15,500
0	"Fun Bridge"	6000	6000	0
0	Gain on Exchange	0	0	0
21635	Total Income	33754	32500	27800
Expenditure				
12300	Bulletin Editor's Fee	13200	13,200	13,200
1050	Bulletin Editor's Allowance	0	0	0
0	Bulletin Editor's Travel	0	300	0
1000	Bulletin Hands Columnist	1000	1000	1,000
792	Bulletin Printing and Postage	504	500	500
478	Computer Costs	0	0	0
1161	Honorary and Sponsored Members	2580	1200	2800
0	President's Expenses	95	0	0
0	President's Travel	0	0	0
500	Treasurer's Allowance	500	500	500
1150	Travel and Accommodation- Hainan	1000	1200	1200
0	Member Advertising	0	0	0
500	Membership Secretary Allowance	500	500	500
1800	IBPA Award Prizes	2950	1800	3000
0	IBPA Award Costs	300	200	300
156	Credit Card Charges	143	200	200
54	Bank Charges	73	100	100
215	Miscellaneous Costs	50	200	100
1843	Loss on Exchange	702	0	0
22999	Total Expenses	23597	20900	23400
-1364	Excess Income (Expenditure)for the year.	10157	11600	4400

Note Subscriptions

6991	Subscriptions due	6886		
483	Subscriptions due (printing)	288		
0	Subs. Paid in advance	0	see note 1	
0	Subs paid in advance (printing)	0	see note 1	
1161	Honorary and Sponsored Members	2580		
8635	Total	9754		
8152	Subscriptions	288		
483	Subscriptions	9466		
8635	Total	9754		

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET
as at 31ST December 2019

	2018	2019
	\$	\$
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	71,933	84,034
Trade Debtors	1,550	0
Total Assets	73,483	84,034
Current Liabilities		
Award money in advance	0	2,000
Subscriptions Received in Advance	860	2,397
Trade and other payables	3,143	0
WBF Grant in advance		0
Total Current Liabilities	4,003	4,397
Net Assets	69,480	79,637
Reserves		
Retained profit brought forward	65,371	64,007
Profit and Loss Account	-1,364	10,157
Jourdain Bequest	5,473	5,473
Total Reserves	69,480	79,637

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATION

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

for the year ended 31st December 2019

	\$	
Cash Funds as at 1st January 2019	84,590	71,933
Net Inflow(Outflow) of Cash during the year	-10,814	12,803
Exchange Gain / (-Loss) in Euro account	-1,843	-702
Cash Funds as at 31st December 2019	71,933	84,034

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31st December 2019

1 Subscriptions paid in advance

Subscriptions received relating to the actual year are recorded as Income and Subscriptions received for the following year are shown as Prepayment in the Balance Sheet.

2 Assets

Computers, printers and fax machines are all written off to Nil in the year of purchase.

3 Cash Funds 31st December 2019

	US\$	US\$
Paypal	4,018	4,018
Handelsbanken US\$	33,538	44,808
Handelsbanken Euro Account	34,203	32,888
US Stripe Account	174	2,320
Per Balance Sheet	71,933	84,034

4 Jourdain Bequest

As at 31st December 2018	6,328	5,473
Printing, Packing and Postage of handbooks	-855	0
As at 31st December 2019	5,473	5,473

**INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATION
BUDGET INCOME STATEMENT
For the year ended 31 December 2021**

2019		2020	2021
Actual	Income	Projection	Budget
	9 466 Subscriptions Email	9 500	9 000
	288 Subscriptions Printing	300	300
	2 500 WBF Grant	2 500	2 500
	15 500 Award Sponsors	16 500	16 500
	6000 "Fun Bridge"	3 000	0
	33754 Total Income	31800	28300
	Expenditure		
	13 200 Bulletin Editor's Fee	13 200	13 200
	1 000 Bulletin Hands Columnist	1 000	1 000
	504 Bulletin Printing and Postage	500	500
	2 580 Honorary and Sponsored Members	2 800	3 200
	95 President's Expenses	0	0
	500 Treasurer's Fee	500	600
	1 000 Travel and Accommodation- Hainan	1 200	1 200
	500 Membership Secretary's Fee	500	600
	2 950 IBPA Award Prizes	3 000	3 000
	300 IBPA Award Costs	300	300
	143 Credit Card Charges	200	200
	73 Bank Charges	100	100
	50 Miscellaneous Costs	100	100
	702 Loss on exchange	0	0
	23597 Total Expenses	23400	24000
	10157 Excess Income (Expenditure) for the year.	8400	4300

Note Subscriptions

6886 Subscriptions due
 288 Subscriptions due (printing)
 0 Subs. Paid in advance
 0 Subs paid in advance (printing)
 2580 Honorary and Sponsored Members
9754 Total



Richard Solomon
 Treasurer
 23rd November 2020