

# Cambs. and Hunts. C.B.A. Annual General Meeting 2019

Held at the Balsham Bridge Club on Monday May 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 starting at 7.00pm.

## 1. Welcome to members (35 present)

Chairman Adam Bowden: Welcomed everybody and thanked Balsham Bridge Club for hosting the AGM.

## 2. Officers Present

Adam Bowden (Chair), Penny Riley (Secretary and Membership), Peter Last (Treasurer), David Man (Events Co-ordinator), Paul Barden (Tollemache captain), Jenny Jacobsberg and Joanne Caldwell (ECL captains).

## 3. Apologies for absence

Gordon Scott (Lines BC)	Peter Grice (Cambridge BC and Tournament Director)
Chris Jagger (Vice President)	Tony Oram (Vice President and Cambridge BC)
Pam Stevens (Lines BC)	Colin Sills (Web-site Manager)

## 4. Minutes from AGM 2018 (See website)

Proposer: Sue Wilcox    Seconder: Ken Riley    **Accepted nem. con.**

## 5. Matters Arising from the AGM Minutes 2018

(This item was taken as read by those present)

- a) For the Management Committee to reconsider using the Peterborough venue for some ECL matches at its next meeting (Wed. Sept 12<sup>th</sup>2018)

(This issue was discussed at length and the M.C. **voted by 6 for to 1 abstention to hold all ECL matches in Cambridge** closest to where the majority of the team were located.)

- b) To ensure that personal data is kept secure. (Membership Secretary).

**(Access to EBU members' data on my PC is secured with a password.)**

- c) To encourage members to read the privacy notice on the website. (Management Committee)

- d) Organisers of County events should send results and reports to the Website Officer. **(Most, if not all, County events have been reported shortly after the event in question.)**

- e) To seek volunteers to help run County events. (All Officers)

**(See letter from Adam Bowden to Club secretaries, attached, that has been sent to secretaries of all affiliated clubs.)**

- f) To remove personal emails and phone numbers from the calendar and replace them with a County contact number. **(Colin has done this)**

## 6. Reports from Officers

### a) **Chairman:-** Adam Bowden

He said that the year had gone by without too many problems apart from finances which the Treasurer will talk about later.

He then reported that, although we are a small county, many of our members had been successful in national competitions; that four of our juniors had represented Britain in the world championships in China; and that David Man, our County Events Co-ordinator, had received a **Dimmie Flemming award** from the EBU for over 20 years of service to the County.

**Tollemache teams of eight:-** Cup on display. Winning team reported later in 5g.

**National Pairs:-** In second place were Sue and Rod Oakford.

**Crockford teams of four:-** Winners were Julian Wightwick, Jon Cooke, Ian Pagan and Paul Barden. (Chris Jagger and Jonathan Mestel played in earlier rounds).

**Junior World Championships in China:-** Kripa Panchangnula, Kyle Lam, Liam and Jamie Fegarty. (Paul Barden had accompanied the juniors and thanked everyone who had helped to raise money to send them to China)

**U26 Pairs:** Winners were Kripa Panchangnula and Jonathan Clark

**b) Secretary:-** Penny Riley reported that secretarial duties mostly involved keeping clubs informed of County events, both by email to secretaries and delegates, and through the web-site.

**c) Membership Secretary:-** Penny then reported that there were 903 EBU members registered with Cambs. and Hunts. County Association. These belong to 14 EBU affiliated clubs. Two have fewer than 30 members and twelve have more; the largest being the University with 230 members. She then said that all these clubs were entitled to send one or two delegates to the County Management Meetings which are held twice a year. Delegates are important links between Club and County and more delegates are needed at meetings. Officers may be drawn from delegates.

**d) Treasurer:-** Peter Last (Accounts attached) Reported that the County assets amounted to £3,359 which, at £1,103 lower than last year, is due to expenses that we cannot avoid, e.g. entries to National events such as the Tollemache, Pachebo, Corwen and Garden Cities Regional Heats. We are a relatively small County but still pay the same entry fees to competitions as larger counties. Our income is from subscriptions which do not cover our costs. See 'Proposal to Increase County Revenue' (para I2)

Proposer: Ken Riley

Secunder: Victor Milman

Accepted nem. con.

**e) County Events Co-Ordinator:-** David Man thanked everyone who had organised or helped with running County Events such as the Individual Final (Mike Clydesdale), County Pairs Final (Peter Grice), Swiss Pairs (Peter Last, Ken and Penny Riley), County KO teams, County Leagues and Garden Cities heats (Jenny Jacobsberg and Joanne Caldwell plus several members of North Cambridge B.C.). He also thanked those who had stepped in to help when Peter Grice was unavailable, namely Roger Salmon, Vic Morris, Ken and Penny Riley. David then emphasised that more volunteers are needed to help with planning and running these events.

**f) Tournament Director:-** Peter Grice (sent a report). This was essentially the same as that from David Man (5e) and asked for more helpers.

**g) County Tollemache Captain:-** Paul Barden

The Tollemache is an inter-county teams of eight competition consisting of 4 rounds. Winners this year were Cambs. & Hunts. The team in the final round were Paul Barden (Captain), Jon Cooke, Jonathan Mestel, David Kendrick, Julian Wightwick, Giles Woodruff, Catherine Curtis and Paul Fegarty. (Catherine Jagger, Graham Hazel and Victor Milman played in earlier rounds).

(Paul Barden brought the Tollemache Cup for display; Cambs. & Hunts. had won it almost 30 years ago, and David Kendrick was also a member of that winning team).

**h) ECL Captain:-** Jenny Jacobsberg announced the results of the County's participation in various competitions, leagues and events.

#### **County Pairs Final (Trophy)**

Congratulations to Jonathan Mestel and Alan Shillitoe who won the County Pairs Final.  
2<sup>nd</sup>. - Malcolm Anderson and Stephen Goodwin      3<sup>rd</sup>. - Jon Cooke and Paul Barden  
These three pairs are eligible to represent Cambs & Hunts in the Corwen Trophy in June.

#### **County Individual Final (Trophy)**

1<sup>st</sup> – Mike Clydesdale      2<sup>nd</sup> – David Man      3<sup>rd</sup> – Paul Crawford

#### **Jubilee Swiss Pairs (Trophy)**

Congratulations to the winners, Nadia Stelmashenko and Victor Milman.  
Tied in second place - Jamie and Paul Fegarty; Simon Barb and Rod Oakford.

#### **County Teams Knockout (Trophy)**

The County Teams Knockout was won by Carina Negreanu's team, including Adam Bowden, Nadia Stelmashenko and Victor Milman.  
They will represent Cambs & Hunts in the Pachabo Cup on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June.

**The County Knockout Plate** was won by Ben Tarlow's team, including Jake Dunn, Graham Dolan, Jon Bonsor-Matthews.

### **Cambs & Hunts League (Trophy)**

This year there were only two Divisions in the league with 7 teams in each Division.

Tied in first place in Division 1 were Cambridge 2 (Jenny Jacobsberg, Eric Campbell, Peter Morgan, Joanne Caldwell, Clive Stops and Alan Sparkes) and Lines 3 (Matthew May, Niel Pimblett, Ross Midgley and Chris Waites), both with 63%. Peterborough 1 were only 2% behind.

However, Cambridge 2 beat Lines 3 in the head-to-head, and so received the trophy.

Top of Division 2 was University 2 (Nathan Galpin, Jack Lawrence, Dominic Cooke, William Clennell and Theo Gillis) with 72%.

### **Garden Cities Qualifier**

The Teams of 8 club event was won by the Cambridge Club team of Jenny Jacobsberg, Joanne Caldwell, Ben Tarlow, Alan Shillitoe, John Liebeschuetz, Graham Dolan and Colin Campbell. This team (with Jon Bonsor-Matthews playing instead of Colin Campbell) were second in the Regional Final and will play in the National Final on 15<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Eastern Counties League**

Many congratulations to the A team who were top of Division 1 for the 2018-19 season, 24 VPs ahead of Herts. The team won 6 matches and drew 1.

The C team were second in Division 3, behind Herts. The B team were fifth equal in Division 2.

### **Tollemache Cup (National Trophy)**

Cambs & Hunts won the Tollemache Cup - the inter-county teams of eight championship - claiming the trophy for the second time (the first in 1980). (Reported by Paul Barden 5g)

### **East Anglia Bridge Weekend**

The Green Pointed EABW run jointly by Cambs & Hunts, Suffolk and Norfolk in Elmswell, was a great success.

There were 48 entries in the Swiss Pairs on Saturday where Jamie and Paul Fegarty came 3rd.

There were 21 entries in the Swiss Teams on Sunday where the Fegarty family, Jamie, Liam, Catherine and Paul came 3rd.

Joint 4th in the Swiss Teams were Roger Timmins, Mike Bradley, Matt May and Niel Pimblett. Congratulations to them all.

Adam presented all the County trophies apart from the Individual (already presented at the event), and the Novice Pairs event which did not take place this year.

#### **i) Web-site Officer:- Colin Sills**

(update on the new General Data Protection Regulations GDPR)

No report presented, since there were no new updates.

#### **j) Shareholders:- Peter Grice and Adam Bowden**

Adam said that both he and Peter Grice were the County Representatives to the EBU. There are two shareholders meetings a year in May and November to which one of them will go. Let them know of any issues you wish them to raise.

## k) Appointment of Auditor for 2020

Peter Grice was reappointed as auditor for 2020.

Proposer: Joanne Caldwell Seconder: David Man **Accepted nem. con.**

## l) Topics for Discussion

### 1) Calendar (Peter Grice and David Man)

The Calendar is still being assembled so no draft was available.

### 2) County Subscriptions and P2P (Peter Last)

Peter referred to the document he distributed 'Increasing County Revenue', outlining that our County revenue is derived mainly from P2P charges (currently 8p) and competition entry fees. Expenditure is primarily entry fees to national competitions, ECL match expenditure, and costs of holding competitions such as venue hire and directors' fees. As a small county we do not collect as much P2P as larger counties but still pay the same amount to enter our players into national events. He recommended that the County P2P should increase from 8p to 10p starting in April 2020. This will increase income by £456 pa.

Peter then proposed that the additional shortfall of about £650 could be collected from members who played in finals of County competitions. He suggested £5.00 per person, as in ECL matches. This would take effect immediately and raise £510 in this current year, and together with the P2P increase will be £966 from 2020.

**A vote was taken and the proposals were accepted nem. con.**

### 3) Constitutional Change to allow Officers who are not delegates to vote at Committee meetings. (Penny Riley and Peter last)

Penny referred to the document she had distributed 'Proposal to change Paragraph 7 of the Constitution', explaining that delegates were not attending County Management meetings and that they were the only members who had a vote. (Just 5 attended the last meeting and that is only just a quorum). Any fewer than this means no actions can be taken. She proposed that Officers should also have a vote which would increase the votes to about 12.

To do this Paragraph 7 of the Constitution will need to be changed by the agreement of two thirds of those voting at this AGM. (according to Para 12 of the Constitution).

Paragraph 7 para 3 of the revised Constitution will read ....The Managing Committee is empowered to appoint a Chairman, a Secretary, a Membership Secretary, a Treasurer, a Tournament Organiser, a Captain and any other officers drawn from their members, or to fill any, or all such positions from within the Association. **Such Officers shall be entitled to attend meetings of Committee and have a vote unless they are also a delegate.** The Managing Committee may appoint sub-committees for any specific purpose.....

**A vote was taken and the proposal carried nem.con.**

- 4) Revision of rules for the Individual competition (Peter Grice)  
Not presented.

**m) A O B**

Jenny Cant (Huntingdon) asked whether the County had a development officer. She said that other counties like Oxford had a program for young players and ran a Sunday club for them. Penny responded that we do not have a development officer but do have a few teachers that start new clubs which feed members into our (EBU) clubs. Paul Barden teaches bridge at the Perse school and the University has its own club. Jenny asked how one finds out about County information and meetings. Penny replied that she regularly sent information to all the Club secretaries and that minutes of committee meetings could be viewed on the County website. (She later invited Jenny Cant to attend the next Management meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>.)

**The meeting ended at 7.30pm** and was followed by 7 ½ tables of bridge.

Penny Riley

18.05.2019