

# **Cambs. and Hunts. Contract Bridge Association**

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2017**

Held at the Cambridge Bridge Club, Trumpington Village Hall CB2 9HZ

on Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup> 2017 starting at 6.45 pm.

### **1. Officers present**

Adam Bowden (Chair), Peter Last (Treasurer), Penny Riley (Secretary), David Man (Competitions Organiser), Peter Grice (Tournament Director), Jenny Jacobsberg and Joanne Caldwell (ECL Captains), Paul Barden (Tollemache Captain) and Colin Sills (Web-site Officer).

**2. Adam welcomed members** especially those from other clubs and thanked the Cambridge Bridge Club for hosting this AGM.

### **3. Apologies for absence**

Chris Jagger (ex. Chair), Chris Larlham (ex. Captain), Mike Clydesdale (Dry Drayton), Barbara Lavender (Linton), Pam Stevens (Lines), Gilli Haarhoff (Cambridge BC).

### **4. Minutes from AGM 2016**

Acceptance proposed by Peter Grice and seconded by Ken Riley.  
Signed by Adam.

### **5. Matters Arising from the Minutes** (reviewed by Adam)

- a) The Management Committee (M.C.) proposed Chris Jagger as a Vice President. Proposed by Joanne Caldwell and seconded by Roger Salmon. Carried nem. con.
- b) The M.C. decided that the Garden Cities selection procedure should be a one day heat. This was successful at Peterborough in 2017 and will continue in 2018, but be held at Trumpington instead.
- c) The M.C. voted to allow clubs to choose whether to restrict entry to County Heats to their members only. This has been welcomed.
- d) The M.C. has prepared the new Calendar with a view to avoiding clashes with National events. Jenny said one clash exists with an ECL match. Peter G. said it was impossible to avoid everything. Adam said some more clashes may appear later if the EBU moves its events.

### **6. Reports from Officers**

a) **Chairman:-** Adam Bowden

He said the year had gone smoothly and thanked all on the Committee for working hard to achieve this. He thanked Penny for organising meetings etc. and Colin for running the web-site. Thanks also to those who ran events, Trevor King at Peterborough, Mike Clydesdale at Dry Drayton, Peter Rice at Steeple Morden, Penny, Peter L. and Peter G. at Trumpington.

Adam then congratulated members successful in National Competitions.

David Kendrick for his win in the Senior Trials to play in the Senior Camrose;

David Kendrick, Jon Cooke, Victor Milman, Paul Fegarty and Catherine Curtis for winning the Pachabo Cup.

Paul Fegarty and Catherine Curtis for winning the Portland Pairs.

Finally a special thanks to Catherine and Chris Jagger for writing, along with others, editing and distributing hard copies of the County Newsletter for 20+ years. Then editing the web version until it ceased in 2014. Adam then presented Catherine and Chris with a gift of appreciation of two bottles of wine.

b) **Secretary:-** Penny Riley

As a new committee we have had four meetings during the year which started by electing the new officers and everyone has worked hard to fulfil their roles.

I have been passing on information from the EBU and County to Clubs and putting information on the web-site. The web-site is a very useful tool for presenting our events and all clubs are encouraged to enter items of interest. Colin will advise.

c) **Membership Secretary:-** Penny Riley

We have 827 registered members, 531 full members and 14 affiliated clubs.

d) **Treasurer:-** Peter Last

He thanked Peter Grice for auditing the accounts.

Having distributed copies of the accounts, see addenda, he explained that the *County has two primary sources of income: P2P and the EABW.*

P2P brought in £1932

EABW received £705 for two lots in 2016/17. One was not received in time for 2015/16 accounts. There will be none next year since the event will not be held, due to a clash with other local events.

*Expenses:*

Subsidising County events. Entry may now be free, but venue hire/directors' fees, P2P etc. still need to be paid.

Subsidising County in home EC League matches.

Entries for County in National competitions

Sundry others e.g. engraving, duplicated boards,

*Surplus:* £119 (cf. last year deficit £218 and deficit £156 in 2014/15)

*Bank Account:* £ 5,288 after settling debtors and creditors.

No change to P2P subscription of 8p. proposed.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Anne How and seconded by Fred Langford. The vote was carried nem. con.

e) **Competitions Organiser:-** David Man

All the regular competitions and events were run during the year. Thanks to the various organizers and particularly to Peter Grice who both organizes and directs many of our events. Noteworthy this year was a new competition for Novice Teams, run at a new venue, Steeple Morden with a new organizer, Peter Rice.

f) **Tournament Director:-** Peter Grice

County events have run quite smoothly this year and Peter hoped players and clubs will look forward to next season's events. The County calendar for 2017-18 is now published and is available here tonight or on the web-site. Many people work behind the scenes to make events happen, not just the director on the day. More volunteers are needed and club directors who may be interested in training to be a County director should contact Peter. County events are not difficult to run but do need a methodical approach.

g) **County ECL Captain:-** Jenny Jacobsberg

## **Results of County participation in various competitions, leagues and events**

### **County Pairs Final**

1<sup>st</sup> - Julian Wightwick & John Liebeschuetz.

2<sup>nd</sup> - Graham Hazel & Jon Bonsor-Matthews

3<sup>rd</sup> - Catherine Curtis & Paul Fegarty

5<sup>th</sup> - Malcolm Anderson & Stephen Goodwin

The latter three pairs will represent Cambs & Hunts in the Corwen Trophy.

**County Knockout and Plate** The County Knockout was won by Catherine Curtis, Paul Fegarty, Jon Cooke and David Kendrick. Victor Milman and Adam Bowden from the losing finalists will join Jon Cooke and David Kendrick to represent Cambs & Hunts in the Pachabo Trophy.

The County Knockout Plate was won by Jon Bonsor-Matthews, Graham Dolan, Ben Tarlow, Jake Dunn and Graham Hazel.

### **Cambs & Hunts Bridge League**

Division 1 was won by University 1; Michael Alishaw, Adam Bowden, Jonathan Clark, Kyle Lam, Kripa Panchagnula and Alan Shillitoe.

Division 2 still has one match outstanding to determine podium positions. Cambridge 4, Huntingdon 3 and Peterborough 2 will fill the top 3 places, with Peterborough 2 in 1st or 2nd place.

Division 3 has been won by Ely 3 even though there is one match outstanding.

### **Garden Cities Qualifier**

This Teams of 8 club event was won by the Cambridge Bridge Club team of Julian Wightwick, John Liebeschuetz, David Kendrick, Alan Shillitoe, Paul Barden, Jonathan Mestel, Victor Milman and Adam Bowden.

This team (with Jon Cooke playing instead of Alan Shillitoe) won the Regional Final and will play in the National Final in late June.

## **Eastern Counties League**

It has been an excellent season for the County A team, who won all their matches and are top of the Eastern Counties League, Division 1. They have a place in the National Inter County League final in July.

The B team were 4<sup>th</sup> out of 7 teams and the C team 6<sup>th</sup> out of 7 teams. Essex won Division 2 and Hertfordshire Division 3.

## **Tollemache Cup**

The County failed to qualify for the Tollemache Cup, finishing third out of nine in the qualifying event.

## **Trophy Display and presentation**

When Jenny announced the winners of the County events, Penny held up the appropriate trophy. (Not all events currently have trophies and one is missing). There were six trophies on display which were taken away afterwards by Penny for engraving.

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

The web-site is now fully operational but more articles and news items are needed. Photos of events, not just the winners would be welcome.

### **i) Shareholder:- Peter Grice**

Adam Bowden and Peter are (County) Shareholders and can take issues of concern from Clubs and County to the EBU. Peter attended both the EBU AGM in November 2016 and the Shareholder meeting in May 2017. No issues were raised and the Minutes of these meetings can be viewed on the EBU web-site. Please contact Peter or Adam if you need more information or have concerns you would like to discuss.

## **7. Subscriptions for 2017-18**

See 6d

## **8. Appointment of Auditor**

Peter Grice was proposed by Ken Riley and seconded by Verity Joubert.  
Carried nem. con.

## **9. Topics for Discussion**

a) **Calendar** distributed earlier in the meeting. No questions followed.

### **b) Proposed new County venue:- Roger Salmon**

He said that Grosvenor Estates had not yet obtained planning permission to develop the proposed site at Trumpington Meadows. So we do not know yet whether a Bridge Centre on the site will become a possibility.

## **10. Any Other Business** Nothing was raised. (The next County AGM will be held at the Cambridge Friday B.C. at Girton Pavillion on Friday 18.05.2018).

Adam closed the AGM at 7.20pm.

*P. M. Riley* 25.05.17