

Management Committee Meeting
Cambs. and Hunts. Contract Bridge Association

on June 6th at 7.30 pm.

at 55 Almoners' Avenue, Cambridge CB1 8NZ

Corrected Minutes (2)

Apologies: Chris Larlham (retiring County Captain), Gladys Gittins (Thursday), Barbara Lavender (Linton), Ian Hill (Huntingdon), Brian Copping and Mike Clydesdale (Dry Drayton) and Lydia Stow (Blinco).

Present: Chris Jagger (Cambridge and retiring Chairman), Paul Bond (Cambridge and retiring Secretary), David Man*(Thursday and retiring Treasurer), Penny Riley (Cambridge and Minutes and Membership Secretary), Adam Bowden (Cambridge and University), Peter Last *(North Cambridge), Joanne Caldwell (Thursday), Roger Salmon* and Peter Grice* (Cambridge), Peter Rice* (Morden Ruffians), Trevor King* (Peterborough) and, after the elections, Jenny Jacobsberg* (Cambridge). (* is a club delegate entitled to vote).

1 Minutes of previous Committee meeting on 20th April 2015

Paul Bond said that neither digital nor hard copies were available.

2 Matters arising (not on this Agenda)

Peter Grice. County Pairs. Competitions funding. See later.

3 Reports from Current Officers

Secretary: Paul Bond

i) East Anglian Bridge Weekend (EABW) held in March 2016 went ahead in Ipswich but there were few entries from Cambs. & Hunts.

ii) C & H has 2 shareholders and donated their 2 green-point allocation, which, along with 2 each from Norfolk and Suffolk, enabled the two-day event to be run. Suffolk have run it for a few years in Ipswich and each County gets 1/3 of the profits. This year our share was £356. C & H hoped to organise the event within our County but we lacked both a venue and, crucially, volunteers. Next year it will be run by Suffolk in Ipswich again.

Treasurer: David Man

The situation is as reported at the AGM on 16.04.2016, but plus £356 from EABW and less a payment for competition entries of £612, leaving a current balance of £5025. Trevor King asked if the P2P should be reduced from 8p to 7p. CJ said we are a small County with the same overheads, e.g. venue and competition entry prices, as larger Counties. Any surplus is being returned to clubs by cancelling the annual subscription fee of £5.00 and to members by reducing heat entry prices.

County Captain: Chris Larlham

Cambs and Hunts teams have not performed well this year.

The Tollemache, Garden Cities, and ECL results were previously reported at the recent AGM in May. In the Teams League: Peterborough 1 won Div 1, Peterborough 3 won Div 2, and finally CBC 3 and Uni 2 are promoted from Div 3 to Div 2.

Membership Secretary: Penny Riley

Saffron Walden has closed, and so we now have 14 Clubs. 816 EBU members registered through C & H, 493 full members (played 12+ in year), and 25 joint (paying £3.00 p.a. to play in our closed events). Trevor King did not approve of dual members playing in the ECL for the County unless they were also members of a C & H club. PR agreed but it seems to be allowed in the ECL rules.

Chairman: Chris Jagger

CJ gave an account of his 25 years in office. He said that the first 10 years went well and that the Committee, had done a great job. The next 14 were OK but less spectacular but in the final year they had lost some of their initial enthusiasm. He said that from the overall view of these years, the Committee were good at improving the finances and being non-controversial, but poor at continuing to run events, raising the profile of Bridge and motivating the young.

He said that the new Committee would still have stability from the past with DM, PR, PL, TK and PG, but that a young chairman could bring fresh ideas to be implemented.

4 The Retiring Officers are: Chris Jagger (Chair), Paul Bond (Secretary),

Chris Larlham (County Captain) and David Man (Treasurer)

5 Election of Officers for new Committee (5 delegates needed for a quorum)

CJ gave a brief resume of each nominee and asked each of them in turn to say a few words about themselves prior to the vote. Nominees left the room in turn for the voting by 5 or 6 delegates.

The nominations are:

Chairman: Adam Bowden (Votes 6/0)

He is 25 yrs old and relatively new to Bridge but has become an expert player, having been included in the Tollemache team. He is a member of the Cambridge and University Clubs.

Secretary: No candidate

Treasurer: Peter Last (Votes 5/0)

He is an accountant and works for charities abroad. He has helped David Man on several occasions in the past. He is a member of the Cambridge Club and is a delegate for North Cambridge.

Minutes Secretary: Penny Riley (Votes 6/0)

Volunteered for this post and to organise meetings (but not for Secretary).

Membership Secretary: Penny Riley (Votes 6/0)

She has been M. Sec and was a delegate for the Cambridge Club for 16 yrs.

Competitions Organiser: David Man (Votes 6/0)

Recent Club Treasurer with excellent knowledge of competitions and venue bookings.

He emphasised the need for volunteers to run the events.

Teams League and County Teams KO Organiser: Peter Grice (Votes 5/0)

He has plenty of experience and has run many County events for both C & H and Hertfordshire.

Peter asked the treasurer to reconsider the payment made to competition directors and scorers.

(C & H pays £30.00 each but Herts pays £110.00) **(Action P.L.)**

Tollemache Chairman: Chairs a committee of three to choose the team of 8: Paul Barden recommended by CJ and not contested.

ECL Joint Captains: Jenny Jacobsberg and Joanne Caldwell (Votes6/0)

Jenny is an experienced player often playing for the ECL team. She has been an outstanding Club Chairman for the past three years and would be good at organising the County team. Joanne is her regular bridge partner and happy to assist Jenny, especially at home events. (Votes 6/0)

Youth Officer: No nominations. (Peter Beavan wishes to retire from the post)

Website Manager (Maintenance): Colin Sills (not present but happy to continue) (Votes6/0).

English Bridge News and County Newsletter: No nominations. (Catherine Jagger resigned).

6 Farewell to Retiring Officers

Trevor King thanked Chris Jagger and Paul Bond for all their hard work during the past 25 and 9 years respectively.

At this point CJ and PB departed and Adam Bowden took over the role of Chairman.

7 Appointment of Two Shareholders

The new Committee agreed that Adam Bowden and Peter Grice should be the two shareholders.

8 Committee Actions arising from the AGM

i) **Selection of Teams of Eight** for the Garden Cities KO

A one day event was approved at the AGM. Date and venue TBA

Trevor King favours a one day event. David Man favours home matches. The majority decided to have a one day event, possibly held at Huntingdon. David Man and Peter Grice will ask the Huntingdon committee if they can provide the venue. **(Action D.M.)**

ii) **Rules re County Heats** to be clarified. Are heats 'open' or can they be 'closed'?

Peter Last repeated his request from the AGM that it should be clear on the County web-site as to whether County heats were open or closed. It was decided that Clubs should be allowed to make their own rules for entry and that rules would be posted once the calendar was available.

(Action P.G.)

David Man raised the question of the cost of entering County Heats. At present it is £1.00 per entry and one has to announce if you are playing without standing. Qualifiers pay £2.50. Since the P2P has produced a profit this could all be made free as a service to Clubs, costing the County about 300.00 p.a. This was agreed.

Peter Grice will circulate information re League and County KO using a template provided by Francis Hinden. **(Action P.G.)**

iii) **Avoiding date clashes** with EBU events.

The Calendar sub-committee will take this into consideration.

9 **Calendar for 2016-17:** Formation of sub-committee.

Peter Grice, David Man and Peter Rice will produce this and endeavour to avoid clashes with National Events **(Action P.G.)**

10 **Constitution:** rules for voting by mail or proxy

Roger Salmon said that the point of meeting together was to have a discussion. This was agreed and mail or proxy was ruled out.

However there is the possibility that a delegate can represent two or more clubs, of which he must be a member, and have the appropriate number of votes. Peter Last and others considered this to be a good plan but it needs to be announced to Clubs. This topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

11 **AOB**

i) Bidding Boxes. Jenny Jacobsberg asked whether the County has any old bidding boxes for sale to Fred Peirce for his U3A classes. The County itself has none, having given the old stock from ECL matches to the Cambridge Club in exchange for the use of the said Club's boxes for home matches. However Trevor King offered several very old ones from Peterborough.

ii) Nomination for Chris Jagger to become a Vice President. Proposed by David Man and seconded by Joanne Caldwell. The vote will take place at the next AGM.

iii) Trevor King requested that ECL home matches versus Northants be held at Peterborough which will be on Dec. 4th this year. This was agreed. (Later clarification by TK on 7 July:- In alternate years, when C and H are away to Northants, one of the matches against Herts. or Beds. should be held at Peterborough. This had been agreed by Chris Larham and the previous Management committee).

iv) David Man asked what should be done with the Margaret Hyde Trophy, originally used for the County Swiss Teams but now that this does not take place it could be used for a different event. Suggestions included a second trophy for top non-expert pair in the Swiss Pairs. No decision taken.

v) Jenny Jacobsberg asked for a contact list for Clubs to ask them for suitable ECL players. Peter Rice suggested she looked at the EBU site. **(Action J.J)**

vi) Roger Salmon relayed a request from member Simon Barb to create events for average players. Discussion about creating events for improvers and/or intermediate players took place after the meeting.

12 **Venue and date for next meeting**

Friday September 9th 2016 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.50p.m.

at 55 Almoners Avenue Cambridge CB1 8NZ

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