



### **Anticipated Expenditure:**

- Tollemache entry (£416 last year) due in October
- The only ECL home match remaining is in January at Peterborough (home matches at Trumpington usually cost the County £75 for hall and £156 for teas - net of players £120 contribution) Total £111
- No other major expenses anticipated and no creditors outstanding.

**d) ECL Captain:** Jenny sent the following report which was read out by Adam.

### **County matches**

We started the season with 2 home matches against Herts and Essex. The results were:

May 21<sup>st</sup> v Herts – A team won 15-5; B team lost 3-17; C team lost 1-19

July 2<sup>nd</sup> v Essex – A team won 16-4; B team won 11-9; C team won 20-0

Cambs & Hunts A team won the 2016/17 Eastern Counties League Division 1 and therefore qualified to play in the National Inter-County League Finals on July 9th. They won convincingly with 54 VPs – Manchester 28; Somerset 26; Gloucestershire 12.

Congratulations to: Simon Barb and Tim Pike; Paul Barden and David Kendrick; Catherine Curtis and Paul Fegarty; Victor Milman and Nadia Stelmashenko.

Paul Barden and David Kendrick had the best XImps score.

### **Scoring with bridgemates**

I have now scored 5 home matches with Bridgemates, some using Peter Grices's setup and some using Val Mollison's. It continues to be a lot of work for me, and I am not sure it is worth it.

If I provide a spreadsheet of results, Adam can relatively easily produce the XImp results for each pair.

I don't have a good solution comparable to the neat printouts produced by other clubs, effectively showing the score cards (and Ximps on each board) for each pair. The Bridgewebs output is not very elegant. I am not sure what the next steps should be – for either home or away matches. I have not tried to use Chris Larlham's method, which I think took a while to do. Suggestions would be appreciated.

We have 5 more matches this season, 4 away and one 'home' match at Peterborough.

### **Website**

I am now authorized to update the website and will put the county match results on the news page.

- e) **Web-site manager:** Colin has photographed the trophies and will make a page of them for the website. He asked for people to upload information and especially photos from events. He will authorise officers to edit the website on request.

## 5. Topics for Discussion

### a) **Missing County Teams K.O. trophy replacement**

Penny said that nobody claims to have seen it for several years. It was agreed that she should make enquiries to Paul Bond's wife. If this proves negative she suggested that the Swiss Teams trophy, no longer in use, should be reallocated for the County Teams K.O. This will be voted on at a later meeting.

### b) **Purchase of a County K.O. Plate trophy**

Those present did not think it was necessary to have a trophy for the K.O. Plate.

### c) **EBU working group:- see attached Draft**

Discussion regarding the document included the following:-

- i) We already run annual events for Novice Pairs and Novice Teams.
- ii) There are several teaching groups within the County that feed new players into clubs such as Trumpington (non EBU) and Cambridge Monday am(EBU)
- iii) A volunteer will be needed to go to the group meetings. Penny will ask.

### d) **Updating County website (trophy photos and annual winners)**

See Colin's report

### e) **Officers responsible for adding to News/Results page on website**

See Colin's report

### f) **Annual East Anglian Bridge Weekend at Ipswich**

Penny confirmed that it will not be taking place in March 2018 but it was agreed that we should continue to be involved in future years.

## 6. A.O.B.

- I) Penny pointed out that all the current officers, apart from three, were not club delegates and therefore not entitled to vote under the constitution. She proposed that all officers apart from the Chairman should get their clubs to appoint them as one of their delegates. This was agreed.
- II) Although this new committee had held three meetings a year plus the AGM it was agreed that two was now sufficient unless an emergency occurred when a special meeting could be convened.

## 7. Date and venue for next Meeting

Tuesday February 27<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 55 Almoners Ave. CB1 8NZ at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Penny Riley

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**\*\* DRAFT \*\* English Bridge Union County Working Group – Value Proposition \*\* DRAFT \*\***

**Together, Counties can make the future of bridge for everyone in England as enjoyable, competitive and successful as it is possible to be.**

The EBU County Working Group has been set up by the English Bridge Union as a working group. The County Working Group is led by a National County Working Group made up of two representatives from each of the five Regional County Working Groups, and two Board Members, one Board Member nominated by the Board as being responsible for Counties, and one other Board Member, plus the EBU General Manager will be invited to attend.

Regional County Working Groups are made up of representatives from Counties within its catchment area, together with the Board Member responsible for Counties, or his/her representative. County representation is fundamental to the success of the County Working Group. The opportunity for each and every County to engage in this process is a key priority for the Board and to that end it is vital that we ensure Counties can engage with the County Working Group even when there is little or no impetus for a regional grouping in that area. In principle the Counties will nominate their County Working Group representatives, using a procedure determined by them. The EBU Board reserves the right to exclude a representative, but will give reasons if this right is exercised.

The Group's primary role is to focus on County development, utilising the resources of the EBU and EBED, the principal objectives of which include communications and relationships with Counties, Clubs, Members, and the teaching of bridge, in an attempt to gain new members. Key to the success of this is further developing and firmly embedding two-way communication into the ethos of the EBU. The National County Working Group will explore development opportunities with the Regional Groups, and make recommendations to the Board. It may also receive suggestions and ideas from the Board for discussion and feedback.

It has been apparent during the initial meetings of the Regional Groups that the County Working Group provides an unprecedented opportunity for Counties to be placed at the centre of bridge development in England. One of the key benefits is that those people working on the day to day management and development of the game in Counties have the opportunity to engage with others in a similar situation to share best practice and resources, thereby avoiding a perpetual reinvention of the wheel. There is also the benefit of local collaboration with neighbouring Counties which, whilst not necessarily dependent on a County Working Group structure, has an assured purpose with joint representation from across the region and from the Board.

The Terms of Reference - formulated and agreed between the various Regional Groups and the Board in 2013/14 - provide the framework for Counties to explore any and all topics they deem appropriate to the development of bridge locally, regionally, and nationally.

Since its inception the County Working Group has developed - with Counties in the Regional Groups - a Best Practice for County Associations' document. This document, by Counties for Counties, was presented at the 2015 County Chairmen's Conference. The County Working Group also supported the idea of Regional Support Officers, and a pilot scheme is presently underway in the North. There is also an initiative to focus on the value proposition for Members and Clubs leading to a new publication.

Whilst there are currently only two Regional County Working Groups in operation - representative of 17 of our 39 Counties - there are efforts underway to explore ways for Counties in other regions to engage. Regional meetings are productive and provide the perfect forum for Counties to come together and focus on local, regional and national matters that are important to the future of Bridge in England. All 39 Counties have been given the opportunity to engage with the County Working Group but some Counties have thus far not engaged for various reasons. This may be because of the lack of a Regional Working Group, or because there is no one willing to take on the role of representing the County in this way, or because of a geographical issue, or because the County feels it is not going to achieve anything. Whatever the reason, it is not insurmountable, and we must not lose sight of the importance of all 39 Counties having the opportunity to engage with the County Working Group in some way.