

Cambs. and Hunts. Contract Bridge Association

Management Committee Meeting

Date:- Tuesday 27th February 2018

Time:- 7.30pm.

Venue:- 55 Almoners Avenue, Cambridge C1 8NZ

1. Officers and Delegates present

Adam Bowden (Chair), Peter Last (Treasurer and North Cambridge del.), Penny Riley (Secretary and Membership sec.), David Man (Bookings and Thursday del.), Gladys Gittins (Thursday del.), Jenny Jacobsberg (ECL Captain), Joanne Caldwell (ECL assistant Captain) Alison Lloyd (North Cambridge del.), Peter Rice (Morden Ruffians del.).

2. Apologies

Peter Grice (Tournament Director and CBC del.), Karl Farquhar (Peterborough del.), Michael Clydesdale (Dry Drayton del.), Carina Negreanu (English Bridge Officer).

3. Previous Minutes 13.09.2017

(see County website www.cambsbridge.org) to be approved.

Peter L. made a correction to the Treasurer's report in 4c (Total anticipated expenditure is £231 and not £111). This was agreed by all before Adam corrected and signed the minutes.

Proposer: Joanne Caldwell

Seconder: David Man

4. Matters Arising Actions following the Committee Meeting on Sept 13th 2017

1. Colin Sills will make a trophy page for the web-site. (Ongoing).
2. Penny has recovered the County Teams KO trophy from Marion Bond and had it engraved up to date after 8 years. (Done).
3. Penny has updated the trophy winners lists on the web-site. (Done).
4. Penny asked clubs if there is anyone prepared to represent the County at the meetings of the EBU County working groups. (Done, but no response).
5. County Officers should ask their clubs if they can be appointed as their Club delegate to allow them to have voting rights at committee meetings. (Penny has not replaced a delegate at CBC but has permission to vote in their place if one is absent).
6. Peter Rice was organising the Novice Teams tournament at Steeple Morden on Nov 25th 2017 (this did not happen, but Peter R. has made enquiries for 2018).
7. Jenny Jacobsberg organised the Garden Cities Qualifier at Trumpington on February 4th 2018. (Done).
8. Mike Clydesdale organised the County Individual competition at Dry Drayton on Feb 18th 2018. (Done).

5.Reports from Officers

Chairman: Adam

Nothing new to report. He did receive information regarding funding for junior national players, see later report 6b.

Secretary and Membership: Penny

We now have 875 members. The database now has to be downloaded each time and can no longer be updated on my PC. It is however updated daily by the EBU.

Apart from actions listed under 'Matters Arising' I have arranged for a Club Directors' Course to be held at Trumpington Village Hall, starting in May if a trainer is available.

Peter L. and I are now advertising the Swiss Pairs for April 29th.

I received the 'Strategic Plan' from the EBU and copies are available for discussion at a later date.

Treasurer: Peter Last

Cash Balances:

We currently have:

£ 596 Current Account

£3,614 Deposit Account

£4,210 Total

Anticipated Result 2017/18:

- Income: Subscriptions 1,604
- Expenses: National Tournament entries 1,409 note 1
- Expenses: Local Tournaments (net loss) 231 note 2
- Expenses ECL matches 826
- Expenses: General 468 note 3
- Expenses EBU (league/knockout) 146

- Anticipated loss for year: 1,476

• Notes on loss:

1. ECL A team reached the final in 2017 requiring entry fee £180
2. Directors' fees for local tournaments increased from £30 to £70 effective September 2016. (Novice Pairs and Teams figures awaited, but both competitions close to breakeven last year)
3. Increased engraving costs following location of trophies
4. No East Anglian Bridge Weekend in 2017/18 (usually circa £350)
5. Loss has reduced bank balances from £5,606 (1 April 2017) to £4,210

Additional Matters:

- County Universal Membership Fee 8p per player per game (EBU 38p)
- No Club Subscription Membership fee (3 counties charge £5-7)

• Matters Arising:

1. No increase in subscriptions proposed for 2018/19
2. Propose no charges for most competitions (as per 2017/18)

In the following discussion Peter L. emphasised that the same loss would not happen next year because there would be some income from the EABW (which had been cancelled this year) and trophy engraving was now up to date. He did suggest an option would be to increase tables charges to 9p. but this was dismissed on the grounds that there were sufficient funds to cover a small loss. Peter Rice suggested that Morden Ruffians might leave Cambs and Hunts if the table money increased on the grounds that M.R. did not get any benefit from their membership of C.& H. Gladys asked what he would like to receive from the County and he suggested more fun and charity events and possible teaching seminars for improvers. (Peter R. was given a poster for an event for Alzheimers being held at Stapleford on March 9th) Peter R. said Herts only charged 4p table money. Penny replied that they were a much larger county, with 2,300 members, but only had similar annual costs to C & H. (Added later:- Charity events could be advertised on the website)

Tournament Organiser: Peter Grice

Not present. (See notes added after meeting)

Bookings Officer: David Man

Bookings for forthcoming events are up to date.

ECL Captain: Jenny Jacobsberg

County matches

Since the last Committee meeting, we have played 5 ECL matches. The results are:-

Northants – A team lost 6-14; B team lost 4-16; C team won 11-9

Norfolk – A team won 14-6; B team won 12-8; C team won 18-2

Bedfordshire – A team lost 7-13; B team lost 7-13; C team won 20-0

University – A team won 15-5

Suffolk A team lost 5-15; B team won 12-8; C team lost 5-15

The A team finished the season 3rd equal with Bedfordshire, behind Northants and Herts, who has one match to play.

The B team are 6th out of 7 teams, with either Herts or Essex as winners.

The C Team are currently leading division 3, but Herts could overtake them with their last match of the season – to be played on March 4th.

Scoring ECL matches

Jenny has now abandoned scoring with Bridgemates since it creates extra work afterwards and the output is not ideal. Suffolk is probably the only county using them.

She has received 2 different spreadsheets with suitable embedded formulae – from Northants, and from Karl Farquhar, which work much better for her. Giles Woodruff has volunteered to tailor one for her, which will work for 1, 2 or 3 teams. He asked a number of questions:

(a) Butler or X-IMPs? *All agreed X-IMPS*

(b) If Butler, what is the Datum based on if there are one or three teams playing?

(c) If X-IMPs, should all comparisons be given equal weight?

Giles's tentative initial thought is X-IMPs with weightings of 3/2/1 for A/B/C team comparisons. If the committee has no preferences, she will leave it to Giles to come up with a proposal.

Adam was adamant that it would be too complicated to do this calculation and that it should remain as 'all comparisons being given equal weight'. Everyone agreed.

Website

Since the last Committee meeting, Jenny has put the results of each county match on the news page of the website.

6. Topics for Discussion (Club delegates to vote on a.b.c.e.f.h.)

a) Competition qualification rules (letter from Michael Clydesdale)

Michael has organised the County Individual Final for some years and would like the qualification rules to be made clearer since people play in several heats and do not declare if they are playing without standing. Those present thought the current rules were clear and did not need to be altered. **A player's score for their first heat is used irrespective of whether they qualified unless they told the director before the event that they were playing without standing.** All agreed. The organiser of the Final needs to get a result list from each heat to see whether players had played in several heats and see their standing. (Penny to ask Peter Grice to check competition rules on the website).

b) Fundraising for Junior Internationals (letter from Ian Payn)

Adam proposed that since C&H has several juniors (under 26) that are possible candidates for the National Junior team, we should attempt to raise funds to enable them to travel to competitions abroad e.g. China. Alison L. said N.C. would run a 'play with the experts' evening and other suggestions included having a collection at County events such as the Swiss Pairs in April. Peter L. and Penny agreed to do this and all agreed we should provide some financial support for the Junior team.

c) Venue for ECL home matches (report from Jenny Jacobsberg)

For the coming season, she would like to play all the home matches at Trumpington Village Hall. Her reasons are as follows:

- There are only 6 Peterborough players in the county squad of 80 or 90 players, and only 4 play regularly in the teams. (Other good Peterborough players are in the Northants team.) She does not think we should expect 20 players to make the hour plus trip to Peterborough for a home match.
- The venue was cold for the last match played at Peterborough.
- Trumpington is a little cheaper.

Voting 6/0 for using Trumpington Village Hall for home matches.

d) County Calendar 2018-19 (Peter G. and Jenny J.)

Agreed by all except Peter R. who said Steeple Morden Hall was not available for Novice Teams on the date suggested but it was available a week earlier or later. **Saturday 17th Nov. was agreed.** Peter R. agreed to make the booking, host the event and provide teas. (Since then, Peter G. has agreed to direct etc., or find another to do so, Gladys has agreed to advertise but **someone to take the entries is also needed.**)

e) Venue for AGM May 2019

Balsham has agreed to host this AGM. Monday May 13th 2019 to be confirmed.

Voting 6/0 to use this venue.

f) County Club subscription and County portion of P2P money for 2019-20.

Currently Club County subscription £0.00 and P2P is 8p. (Peter L. recommended no change) **Voting 6/0 in agreement.**

g) Novice Teams: Date, Venue and Directors etc. (Peter Rice to advise)

See 6d.

h) Club Directors' Course (Penny R.)

David M. has booked TVH and Penny has contacted Richard Banbury at the EBU who would organise a trainer for the course at Trumpington V.H. on the following dates:- **Saturdays May 12th, May 26th, June 9th and July 7th.**

Once the trainer is confirmed both Penny and the EBU would advertise it locally and to surrounding counties. **All agreed for this to go ahead.**

i) Data Protection Act update (Colin Sills will report at a later date)

This relates to the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) coming into force on May 25th 2018.

It affects those who collect details from people. Clubs will have to get permission annually to publish each of their member's details. Each member will have to opt in rather than opting out. The County will get a database of members who opt in from the EBU but must keep it secure. In effect it is not stored by the membership secretary but downloaded to view when needed.

Colin was not present but it was **agreed to await instructions from the EBU.**

7. A.O.B.

University matches. Peterborough would like the University to be listed to play at home if away team is out of Cambridge. (request from Karl Farquhar).

After a short discussion it was considered sensible, and often already done in practice. All agreed that future League and KO matches should be arranged as 'home' matches for the University when the opposition is out of Cambridge City and 'away' matches within the City. (Peter Grice to organise this)

Match behaviour. Some teams playing against the University would like more courtesy, such as greeting the opposition and introducing themselves. Those present agreed that polite behaviour by everyone should be encouraged at the table.

8. Date for next meeting

Wednesday September 12th 2018 Venue t. b. a.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm.

P. Riley

Notes added later from Peter Grice.

- 1) Year's events going well but numbers in County Pairs lower than expected.
- 2) He would like those clubs running heats for the County Individual and the County Pairs to let the respective organisers know of the dates and send the results to them immediately.
- 3) If there is anyone interested in directing county events, please contact Peter.
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