

Cambs. and Hunts. Contract Bridge Association

Management Committee Meeting

Date:- Monday April 10th 2017

Time:- 7.30pm

Venue:- 9 Field Way, Cambridge CB1 8RW

1. Officers present:-

Penny Riley (Secretary and Membership), Peter Last (Treasurer), David Man (Competitions Organiser), Colin Sills (Web-site Officer), Jenny Jacobsberg and Joanne Caldwell (ECL Captain and Organiser).

Delegates present:- David Man and Gladys Gittins (Thursday), Peter Last (North Cambridge).

2. Apologies:-

Adam Bowden (Chairman), Peter Grice (Tournament Director and Cambridge), Karl Farquhar (Peterborough), Yvonne Palfrey and Ian Hill (Huntingdon), Michael Clydesdale (Dry Drayton), Alison Lloyd (North Cambridge), Roger Salmon (Cambridge), Gordon Scott (Lines), Peter Rice (Morden Ruffians).

3. Previous Minutes from 17.01.17

Accepted unanimously and signed later by the Chairman, Adam.

4. Matters Arising (see Action list from 17.01.17)

- a) All the events on the 2016-17 calendar **Done**, apart from Swiss Pairs **Ongoing**.
- b) Jenny has arranged the ECL matches for the coming year **Done**, and Peter G. has drawn up a draft calendar for 2017-18 which will be discussed later (see item 6). **Ongoing**.
- c) Report from Peter R. re new clubs was not presented. **Ongoing**.
- d) Results from the Novice Teams (played in November) still need to be uploaded by Peter R. to the web-site. **Ongoing**.
- e) Colin has been keeping the web-site competitions up to date, but would find (unprompted) information from organisers helpful. **Ongoing**.
- f) Penny has located and collected the Margaret Hyde trophy, which was on display at the meeting. **Done**. It was originally given for Multiple Teams and later Swiss Teams, and the winners were entered by this County into the Daily Telegraph Bridge Competition. The earliest award was made in 1976 and the last in 2014. The trophy will be allocated to another County event, yet to be decided.

- g) Jenny has been developing a method for ECL match scoring using Bridgemates using advice from Val Mollison, the Essex captain. **Ongoing.**

5. Reports from Officers and Delegates

a) Chairman:- Adam

Adam was unable to be present due to illness. Those present expressed concern and hoped he would soon recover.

b) Secretary:- Penny

Continued to circulate messages to County Secretaries and advertise events on the web-site.

c) Membership Secretary:- Penny

Currently there are 827 members of whom 531 are full members have played 12+ times. There are 14 EBU affiliated Clubs within the County.

d) Treasurer:- Peter L.

He presented the attached Balance sheet which will be audited before the A.G.M. It shows a Bank balance of £5606 compared to £5119 last year. The difference is due to two payments from EABW being received during the current year and none the year before. Some of the profits from Universal Membership Subscriptions (P2P) are being used to subsidise County Events.

e) Events Co-ordinator:- David

He will do the bookings for next year when the calendar, that is currently being drawn up, is finalised.

f) Tournament Organisers:- various

Appreciation was expressed; to Peter R. for organising and running the Novice Teams at Steeple Morden; to Mike Clydesdale for organising, with Peter G. as director, the Individual at Dry Drayton; to Terry Otterman for organising and running the Novice Pairs at Trumpington; to Trevor King for organising and running the Garden Cities qualifier at Peterborough; and to Peter G. for organising and running the County Pairs Final at Trumpington.

g) Web-site Officer:- Colin

He is constantly updating competition pages and would like people to send him postings. He would also like photos and details of the County trophies. (Penny will try to find them for cataloguing). He will put an ad on Facebook for the Swiss Pairs.

h) Teaching groups:- Gladys Gittins

She is still teaching and will be starting a new beginners' course on Wednesday evenings in September. She also reported that the Fulbourn Club is a good starting place for new players. Mike Lang plans to start a new group there on Monday afternoons. They also meet on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Friday evenings.

i) Proposed new venue:- Roger

Roger was unable to be present and no report was presented.

j) E.C.L. :- Jenny

Bridgemate scoring for county matches

Val Mollison of Essex has provided detailed instructions for setting up scoring for county matches using Bridgemates, including dummy names so that cross-imps are available as soon as the match is over.

I was going to use it for our away match in March but the Trumpington computer was needed for the County pairs final. The template is now installed on the Chesterton computer and I plan to install it on another old CBC computer I have. I plan to use it to score the first home match of the new season, on May 21st.

County match results

It has been an excellent season for the County A team, who won all their matches and are top of the Eastern Counties League. The B team were 4th out of 7 teams and the C team 6th out of 7 teams. The Committee congratulated the A team.

The results of the last two matches are:

University – A won 14-6

Beds – A won 18-2; B won 17-3; C lost 2-18

6. Topics for Discussion

a) AGM details

Tuesday May 16th at Cambridge BC Trumpington starting at 6.45pm.

Permission has been granted by CBC Chairman, Roger Salmon.

b) Trophies, their whereabouts, engraving and presentation at the AGM.

Trophies are normally presented at each event and then engraving is arranged either by the winners or the organiser and paid for by the County. Penny will attempt to collect each trophy for cataloguing and photographing during the coming year. Colin will put the photos with details onto the web-site. Penny was thanked for locating and cleaning the oldest Teams trophy.

c) EABW rescheduling

Suffolk has decided that the date scheduled for 2018 is too close to the Norfolk Congress (which has been moved to avoid Easter) and would not attract many entries, and so should be cancelled rather than rescheduled to another date.

d) New Vice-President

Chris Jagger was proposed by David Man, seconded by Gladys Gittins and agreed by all present.

e) County Newsletter

This was edited by Catherine Jagger and about 400 copies were distributed three times a year for many years to EBU members in each C.&H. affiliated club. Now that UMS has taken over, all club members automatically belong to the EBU and receive English Bridge six times a year and local news can be read on the County web-site. Both of these provide players with plenty of information thus making a local newsletter no longer necessary. The Committee would like to thank Catherine for all her efforts during the years that the County Newsletter was published.

f) Director training

This has started at Wymondham in Norfolk and two C.&H. members have enrolled, Michael Bond and Jean Thomas.

g) Draft Calendar

Peter G. sent a draft calendar for 2017-18 to be discussed. Some changes were suggested and David said he would make provisional bookings at TVH. The Individual is already booked at Dry Drayton. A discussion regarding the venue for the Garden Cities Qualifying heat took place and it was decided that all the clubs should be asked if they would enter a team of 8 if the event was held at TVH, since only two clubs entered teams this year. The intention is to get more clubs to enter a team. Jenny offered to make enquiries.

7. A.O.B.

Simon Barb has suggested that it may be a good idea for an expert player, such as Chris Jagger, to provide some coaching for ECL B and C team players. A decision would be made after Jon Cooke's teaching session for CBC members on May 18th.

8. Date for next Meeting

Tuesday September 12th at Penny's house.
55 Almoners' Avenue, Cambridge CB1 8NZ at 7.30pm.

Meeting ended at 9.10pm.

Penny Riley

Further Notes (added after the meeting)

- a) Apart from apologies and a draft calendar for 2017-18, Peter Grice included a list of current standings in the League and KO events. These were not recorded since final results for the year will be presented at the AGM.
- b) Karl Farquhar (Peterborough) had asked for details of County Pairs Final (which was in the current draft that Peter sent to the meeting) and said that Trevor King was happy to run the Garden Cities Qualifier at Peterborough again. Both items were discussed, see 6g.

P.M.R