

b) **Treasurer:** Peter Last

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It was noted that P2P had not been increased ever since it started in 2010 but was higher than most Counties. Being a small County the burden of costs for the County to enter National competitions falls on a smaller number of players. After discussion it was agreed that the losses need to be stemmed before the reserves are depleted much further, by either raising the County P2P (from 8p to 9 or 10p) and/or charging for the currently free County Teams Knockout. Peter L. agreed to produce figures and request a **vote on these options at the AGM.**

c) **Secretary:** Penny Riley

There are 919 County members of whom 13 are Direct members who pay £5.00 pa. instead of the p2p. and 2 are dual members who just pay p2p. (Added later; Since members remain on the database for 2 years after their last p2p game, unless they have changed County, some of the 919 may no longer be active players.)

There are 14 clubs affiliated to C & H but in many the numbers are diminishing.

Karl F. reported that this was the same in Northants., although Stamford the main club affiliated to Northants. is flourishing. (Many Peterborough players now prefer to play at Stamford rather than Peterborough.)

d) **Bookings Officer:** David Man

Reported that the venues for all the events for 2018-19 were booked and that he would check that everyone organising an event had agreed to do so before the calendar for 2019-20 was published. More volunteers were needed to run events and that it would be preferable to hold them at different venues. He will write to Club secretaries on this matter.

e) **Tournament Organiser:** Peter Grice

Fewer League entries this year so divisions now down from 3 to 2.

Fewer entries in the County KO and the County KO Plate is now running.

Cambridge B.C.2 won the Garden Cities Qualifier Heat held at Girton Pavillion on Feb. 3rd. (Six teams had entered, more than in previous years when held at Peterborough.)

The County Individual was won by Michael Clydesdale, with David Man second, at Dry Drayton yesterday Feb. 17th

f) **Tollemache Captain:** Paul Barden (not present)

Paul's team won the final of the Tollemache Cup in Coventry yesterday Feb 17th.

Cambs. and Hunts. has not won this National Intercounty Event since 1980.

The team was Paul Barden and David Kendrick, Jonathan Cooke and Jonathan Mestel, Paul Fegarty and Catherine Curtis, and Julian Wightwick and Giles Woodruff.

David Kendrick was also in the winning team in 1980.

Congratulations were offered to them all by those present on behalf of the County.

g) **ECL Captain:** Jenny Jacobsberg

County matches--Since the last Committee meeting, we have played 3 ECL matches. The results are as follows:

Norfolk - A team drew 10-10; B team lost 7-13; and C team won 15-5 – September 2018

Bedfordshire - A team won 16-4; C team won 19-1; B team drew 10-10, but with a moral victory of +2 imps – December 2018

Suffolk - A team won 20-0; B team 17-3; C team 15-5 – January 2019

The last match of the season is on 17th March 2019 against Herts, which will be the decider for first place in the first and second divisions.

Note on Home team matches

We have been in the habit of leaving the equipment out at the end of home ECL matches because they are used by the Monday morning section of CBC. Trumpington Village Hall has requested that all our equipment is put away as they sometimes have bookings after our matches and the cleaner comes in on a Sunday evening.

Dates for 2019-20 ECL matches

University – May 5th – away - A team only

Northants – 23rd June – away

Norfolk – 18th August – away

Beds – 29th September – home

Herts – 1st December – home

Suffolk – 12th January 2020 – away

Essex – 23rd February 2020 – home

Garden Cities Qualifier

On 3rd February 2019, the Garden Cities Qualifier was held at Girton Pavilion, home of North Cambridge and Cambridge Friday Bridge Clubs. Many thanks to these clubs for supplying the equipment and to North Cambridge members for setting up the room. Many thanks to Peter Grice for setting up the event on the computer (a non-trivial task), to Ken Riley for directing and to Penny Riley for scoring.

Six teams participated – representing Ely, Lines, North Cambridge, Peterborough and 2 teams from Cambridge BC. Cambridge 2 won by 2VPs, Cambridge 1 being second. Most of CBC 2 players will represent Cambridge in the Regional heat on April 27th.

h) **Website Manager:** Colin Sills (no report)

i) **Information Officer:** Carina Negreanu (no report)

6) Topics for Discussion

- a) **Rebranding Novice Pairs:** After a short discussion 5 titles were put forward. Novice Pairs (low ranked), Non-Expert, Relaxed, NGS below? and March Pairs. A vote was taken which made '**March Pairs**' the best choice. **It will be for players below 9 or 10 and start in 2020.**

- b) **Updating Permitted Systems for the Individual event** (current system attached)
Not everyone was in favour of changing the System, but it was decided that, in the light of some complaints by players, that a new System might be better suited to players nowadays. Standard English Foundation Level (which allows weak 2s, Stayman, Transfers and Blackwood) from the EBU site, was suggested by Peter G. A copy will be sent to those present for their consideration. **Only two options will be presented at the AGM for their vote.** The original System and whichever alternative Peter G. decides.

- c) **Officers' individual responsibilities** (organising events, booking venues, website)
David makes venue bookings and checks with whoever is organising each event. Jenny selects the ECL team and arranges ECL matches. Joanne books the teas. Colin updates the website but perhaps others could be trained to help. Adam will ask him.

- d) **Importance of Delegates** (to ensure club representation)
David M. will write to Club secretaries, reminding them of the importance of sending delegates to Management meetings and to seek volunteers to run and host events.

- e) **Change of the Constitution on voting rights** (for possible presentation at the AGM)
Peter L. and Penny will construct a draft that allows all Officers and Delegates present at Management meetings to vote. The current Constitution only allows Delegates to vote. **For presentation for a vote at the AGM.**

- f) **Calendar for 2019-20** (appointment of a sub-committee for planning)
Peter G. volunteered to do this alone and send out to Officers for checking.

- g) **Venue for Garden Cities Qualifier**
Agreed earlier to use Girton Pavillion again if available.

- h) **Swiss Pairs Event:-** Caterers or BYO?
Due to dwindling numbers and high cost of teas it was agreed to ask players to bring their own teas this year, 2019. Coffee, tea and squash will be provided.

7. A.O.B.

1) County successes:

a) **Nationally:** University members Jonathan Clark and Kripa Panchagnula won the Under 26 Pairs in Sept 2018, Eshan Singhai came second with Ian Robson and Liam and Jamie Fegarty were the leading under 16 pair in 9th place.

b) **Tollemache:** see 5f for team details

Cambs and Hunts won in Feb 2019 at the Coventry Final. Last win was 1980

c) **Dimmie Flemming:**

Congratulations were expressed to David Man for receiving this prestigious award from the EBU for long service to Cambs. and Hunts. C.B.A.

2) **Donation** to a research project into Benefits of Bridge by Prof. Samantha Punch of Stirling University was not agreed. It was considered to apply only to individual clubs if they chose to make one.

8. Date for next Meeting

Tuesday September 10th 7.30pm. at 31, Radegund Road, Cambridge. CB1 3RH

The meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.

P.M.Riley

28 Feb. 2019

Treasurer's Report (Feb 2019)

Cash Balances:

We currently have:

£ 852 Current Account

£ 2,630 Deposit Account

£ 3,482 Total (compared with £3,699 Sept 2018)

Income/expenses from 1 April to 18 Feb 2019:

• Income:	Subscriptions	1,591	
• Expenses:	National Tournament entries	809	note 1
•	Local Tournaments (net loss)	666	note 2
•	ECL matches	612	
•	General	340	
•	Loss for 11 months	836	

Notes:

1. National Entry Fees: Garden Cities £259, Corwen £324 and Pachabo £226 paid in this period, only Tollemache entry still outstanding (£443)
2. Local Tournaments:
 - a. Swiss Pairs 10 tables £603 entries £661 expenses overall loss £58
 - b. Insufficient entries to run Novice Teams
3. General costs relate to engraving, AGM expenses, running leagues, knockouts etc and £227 for new duplimate packs of cards.

Additional Matters:

- County Universal Membership Fee 8p per player per game plus EBU get 38p (2019: 8p/39p)
- Three free to enter tournaments lose about £175 each (£100 venue and £70 Director's fee)

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