

Cambs. and Hunts. Contract Bridge Association

Management Committee Meeting

Date:- Thursday January 30th 2020 Time: 7.30pm

Venue:- Skype (Link up between 7.15 and 7.30)

1. Officers and Delegates present

Adam Bowden: Chair; Penny Riley: Secretary;

Peter Last: Treasurer and North Cambridge BC delegate;

Jenny Jacobsberg: ECL Officer; Fred Jacobsberg: Blinco BC delegate;

Karl Farquhar: Peterborough BC delegate;

2. Apologies

Joanne Caldwell: ECL Officer and Thursday BC delegate;

Peter Rice: Morden Ruffians BC delegate; David Man: Thursday BC delegate;

Alison Lloyd: North Cambridge BC delegate; Peter Grice: Cambridge BC delegate;

Bill Briscoombe Lines BC delegate; Jon Cooke: Cambridge BC delegate;

Jenny Cant: Huntingdon BC delegate;

3. Approval of previous Minutes from 11.09.2019

(see County website www.cambsbridge.org)

Proposed by: Peter Last Seconded by: Jenny Jacobsberg Vote 5/5

To be signed by Adam at a later date.

4. Actions following the previous meeting

a) Colin S. to upload the Calendar for 2019-2020 (done)

“ the Change to Constitution wording (done)

“ **the trophy photos (ongoing)**

b) Peter G. to check that revised League and County KO rules have been uploaded to the website. (done)

c) Penny R. to send a copy of the calendar to Colin (done)

i) To send the wording change in the Constitution to Colin (done)

ii) To send a copy of the calendar to Club Secretaries. (done)

iii) To send a copy of the approved Individual Final system, three weak twos, to Club Secretaries (done)

iv) To contact Jenny Cant with names of people who will help with her survey. (Not done)

v) To send details of forthcoming trial Skype Meeting to Club Secretaries. (done)

d) Jenny C. to coordinate a survey of Clubs' Bridge development within the County. (Not done because no helpers available yet)

e) Jon C. To contact Graham Hazel to provide a flier for the County KO entries and to send it to Penny for distribution to Club Secretaries. (done)

f) Jenny J. to prepare a check list for Organisers' of County Events. (done)

g) Adam B. and Jon C. to set up the Skype meeting on Jan 30th2020. (done)

5. Reports from Officers

Chairman: Adam Bowden

Adam said that everything in his report would be covered in the meeting.

Secretary: Penny Riley

There are 14 affiliated clubs and 851 EBU members (903 last May) registered with Cambs and Hunts as their primary county. 203 Of these are students who have left Cambridge and play elsewhere. Anybody who plays at a C & H club pays the county portion of P2P to C and H. Any C & H member who plays in another county pays the county portion of P2P to that county. Our income from P2P is far less than would be expected from our numbers.

Treasurer: Peter Last (See attached **Treasurer's Report Jan 2020**)

Peter reported that C. & H. currently has reserves of £3,392. Income for the year to date was £1,600 and expenses so far, as outlined in the attached document, result in a very small excess. However, a small loss was anticipated for the full year (despite small changes introduced for competitions), which would be well covered by current reserves, and a breakeven situation anticipated after the P2P increase to 10p from April 2020.

Tournament Officer: Peter Grice (**Calendar for 2020-2021**) (Penny reported)

(Draft was circulated) **Organisers and venues still need to be confirmed.**

EABW is likely to be moved into May or June 2021.

The new Relaxed Pairs was popular and will be repeated.

The calendar for 2020-2021 will be ready for distribution at the AGM.

Competitions Officer: David Man (Penny reported)

(Booking arrangements) TVH has produced booking forms and is only prepared to deal with one person. David will do this. Sundays at TVH are no longer available.

Some events will need to change day or venue.

(Cambs League) 17 clubs entered this year and were divided into 3 divisions with the usual promotion of 2 up and demotion of 2 down creating divisions of 6/6/5. The captain of Cambridge 4 was unhappy with relegation from 2 to 3 since they had tied with Lines for one above bottom place in div 2 but had beaten them in the head to head. However, the captain did not register a complaint immediately. **The committee agreed with David that it was too late to make changes to the divisions. Adam will convey the Committee's decision to David Man and to the captain of Cambridge 4.**

It was then agreed that changes need to be made to the league rules to cover ties in divisions for top or bottom places to give the advantage to the winner of their head to head. Adam said to toss a coin in the event of a draw. (Peter G. will be asked to do this)

ECL Captain: Jenny Jacobsberg (County Match results)

Results for 2019-20 season

Beds - 29th September – A and C teams won 19-1 and 16-4 respectively; B team lost 4-16.

Herts – 1st December – B team won 14-6; A and C teams both lost 7-13.

Suffolk – 12th January 2020 – A and C teams won 12-8 and 11-9 respectively; B team lost 3-17.

The final match of the season is against Essex on 23rd February 2020.

The A team have had an excellent season – they are currently top of Division 1 – everything hinges on the final matches of the season.

2010-21 season

The dates for the 2020-21 season are as follows:

Northants – 19 April - H

Norfolk - 7 June - H

Beds – 5 July - A

Suffolk – 20 Sep – H

Herts – 15 Nov - A

Essex – 24 Jan - A

University – 14 Feb – A

Trumpington Village Hall now has a regular booking on Sundays, so is not available for ECL matches. For the 2020-21 season, home matches will be played in the Pavilion, Girton, home of the North Cambridge and Cambridge Friday Bridge Clubs.

Garden Cities Qualifier

The Cambs & Hunts Qualifying event for the Garden Cities Trophy will be held on Sunday 2nd February at the Pavilion, Girton. Six teams of 8 from Cambridge (2 teams), Peterborough, North Cambridge, Ely and Lines have entered.

Website Officer: Colin Sills (Not present)

6. Topics for Discussion

1) Bridge teaching to juniors. Penny's report from Stamford B.C. Trials in C & H.

Penny and Chris Jagger went to the Malcolm Sargent school at Stamford to observe and help with teaching basic card play to three classes of 10 yr. olds. The lessons were run by Liz Dale from Stamford BC with six helpers known as 'buddies' and had an enthusiastic response from the pupils. They enjoyed the competition and were keen to learn more. Penny will attempt to get into a few primary schools in Cambridge area to do the same with a view to starting a junior bridge club somewhere. Chris already runs a club, with his wife Catherine, before school, where the pupils play a variety of card games. Penny has 7 volunteers to be 'buddies' who are currently applying for DBS certificates to allow them to teach young children.

2) Calendar and bookings

Dealt with under reports from Peter Grice and David Man.

3) Skype debriefing

- Poor sound quality. Difficult to hear comments, especially from Jenny.
- Some comments were not heard at all.
- Video recording made by Penny was good with clearer sound than the meeting.
- Fred later suggested we should run another practice session with more people and have a system for speaking without interruptions.

7. A.O.B.

Death of Brian Copping (attached is a report from Michael Clydesdale which will appear in the next copy of the EBU magazine)

Penny reported that Brian had been a regular member of several clubs, including the Cambridge and Thursday clubs, for many years, as well as starting the Dry Drayton Duplicate and Teaching club over 30 years ago. He encouraged bridge at every level within the county.

(Added later; Penny and David Man will attend Brian's funeral on Feb 5th)

8. Date for next Committee Meeting

Monday June 15th2020 by Skype

Meeting ended at 8.15pm

Penny Riley

Secretary

02.02.2020 (a palindrome)