

Cambs. and Hunts. Contract Bridge Association

Management Committee Meeting

Date:- Wednesday September 12th 2018

Time:- 7.30 pm.

Venue:- 9 Field Way, Cambridge CB1 8RW

1. Officers and Delegates present

Adam Bowden (Chair),

Penny Riley (Secretary, Membership and Cambridge B.C. sub. delegate),

Peter Last (Treasurer and North Cambridge B.C. delegate),

Fred Jacobsberg (Blinco B.C. delegate), Joanne Caldwell (Thursday B.C. delegate),

Jenny Jacobsberg (ECL captain and Cambridge B.C. sub. delegate),

David Man (Venue Bookings and Thursday B.C. delegate)

Colin Sills (Website Officer)

2. Apologies

Michael Clydesdale (Dry Drayton B.C.), Alison Lloyd (North Cambridge B.C.),

Mike Bradley/Barry Lowe (Ely B.C.), Gordon Scott (Lines B.C.),

Karl Farquhar (Peterborough B.C.), Peter Grice and Paul Barden (Cambridge B.C.),

Carina Negreanu (Website News).

3. Previous Minutes from 27.02.2018

(see County website www.cambsbridge.org)

Proposed by Peter

Seconded by Joanne

Vote to accept the Minutes was carried nem. con. and signed by Adam

4. Matters Arising from 27.02.2018

1. Peter L. and Penny organised the Swiss Pairs on April 29th2018 and had a collection for Junior National Team events abroad. They collected £25.00

2. Penny printed the calendar for AGM at Girton on Friday May 18th2018. Colin later amended it to remove personal contact details. See the website

3. Terry Otterman (not present) organised the Novice Pairs on March 17th2018

4. Novice Teams to be hosted by Peter Rice at Steeple Morden on Saturday Nov 17th 2018. Peter L will check this. **Ongoing**

5. Heats and League rules. Peter Grice to revise and publish them on the County website. **Ongoing.**

6. Peter G. to arrange for University League matches to be played at home when opponents are outside of Cambridge City. **Ongoing**

7. AGM 2019. Penny has confirmed Monday May 13th with Balsham BC.

8. Colin to upload trophy photos onto County website. **Ongoing**

5. Reports from Officers

a) Chairman - Adam Bowden

Nothing much has happened within the County since the AGM in May. However several members have achieved National successes.

Julian Wightwick, Jon Cooke, Paul Barden, Chris Jagger and Jonathan Mestel together with Ian Pagan from Berks won **the Crockfords Cup**. Victor Milman, David Kendrick, Graham Hazel and Giles Woodruff were in the team that came second in the plate.

b) Treasurer - Peter Last

Cash Balances:

We currently have: £ 1,085 Current Account: £ 2,614 Deposit Account: **£ 3,699 Total**

Income/expenses from 1 April to 31 August 2018:

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| • Income: | Subscriptions | 913 | |
| | Donations to EBED | 25 | |
| • Expenses: | National Tournament entries | 809 | note 1 |
| • | Local Tournaments (net loss) | 276 | note 2 |
| • | ECL matches | 197 | |
| • | General | 89 | |
| • | Donation to EBED | 25 | |
| • | Anticipated loss for first 5 months 2018: | 458 | |

Notes:

1. National Entry Fees: Garden Cities £259, Corwen £324 and Pachabo £226 paid in this period, only Tollemache entry is paid later in year (which was £430 in 2017)
2. Local Tournaments:
 - a. Swiss Pairs 10 tables £603 entries £661 expenses overall loss £58
 - b. Late receipt of invoice for Novice Pairs 2017 competition
 - c. Other costs relate to engraving and payments to EBU for running leagues, knockouts

Additional Matters:

- County Universal Membership Fee 8p per player per game (plus EBU get 38p)
- No Club Subscription Membership fee (3 counties charge £5-7)
- Three free to enter tournaments lose about £175 each (£100 venue and £70 Director's fee)

Summary:

1. Small loss of £458 for first 5 months but well covered by reserves.
2. Predict £1,460 income from EBU P2P from remaining 8 months
3. EABW income will be received in second half of year (our share £349 last time organised)
4. Free to enter tournament costs circa £510, other tournaments aim for break-even
5. Only Tollemache entry fee outstanding (circa £430).

Above would result in close to breakeven for full year

c) Secretary and Membership - Penny Riley

We have 862 EBU members registered through Cambs and Hunts which is 10 fewer **than** in May. Some have died and others moved away from the area.

She hosted a club director's course at her house since there were only 4 candidates, (2 from out of County). It took place for 8 hours on four Saturdays during May-July. The EBU charged £54.00 p.p. per session which many clubs considered expensive. The trainers were John Pyner and Nicole Barclay, and all passed.

d) Tournament Director - Peter Grice

No report.

e) Venue Bookings Officer – David Man

David said all the venues had been booked apart from a hall for Garden Cities Heat on Sunday Feb 3rd2019. Trumpington V.H. is not available. A discussion followed as to whether to change the date or find a different venue. Joanne said Fulbourn was available at £20.00 per hour. (TVH is only £13.00) Peter offered to ask about availability of the Girton Pavilion. Jenny was keen to try another Cambridge venue since last year had attracted more entries and more clubs than the years when the heat was played in Peterborough.

ECL Captain - Jenny Jacobsberg

County matches

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

Essex – A team won 15-5; B team lost 4-16; C team lost 5-15 in April 2018

University – A team won 20-0 in May 2018

Northants – A team won 14-6; B team lost 9-11; C team lost 8-12 in July 2018.

The C Team ended up second in Division 3 for the 2017-18 season, with Herts 10 points ahead.

Scoring ECL matches

Many thanks to Giles Woodruff who has provided a splendid spreadsheet for scoring the matches after the event. Jenny finds this easy and efficient to use, and endeavours to have the X-imp results on the CBC website within 24 hours of the match.

f) Website Officer - Colin Sills

Data Protection is not a concern for members of bridge clubs providing that the details of members are restricted to a few officers and not published.

Contact details on the County calendar and website have been changed to remove the organisers' identities but to allow contact through the website.

Fred said that Blinco B.C. was very concerned by the EBU's 'terms of affiliation'. Colin assured him that they were being reviewed since most clubs had refused to accept them. (The EBU 'terms of affiliation' wanted to put the responsibility for a data breach onto individual clubs whereas the EBU holds data for all its members).

g) Website News updates – Carina Negreanu

No report.

h) Shareholders – Adam Bowden and Peter Grice

Neither has attended meetings recently. Important decisions are sent to Counties.

6. Topics for Discussion

I. ECL and Garden Cities heat venues. Vote

John Crane, Chairman of Peterborough B.C., has sent two emails to Penny outlining his reasons for requesting that one ECL match per year (and/or the Garden Cities Heat) be played at the Peterborough Bridge Club. These emails were read out.

Jenny then explained that she had not changed her views on the venue for all our ECL home matches and the Garden Cities heat and provided more information on the players in the squad and their distance to Trumpington Village Hall versus York Street, Peterborough. Below are her reasons for playing home matches in the Cambridge area and responses to particular points raised in John's emails.

1. There are 3 home matches per year.
2. The suggestion that we have 1 in Cambridge, 1 in Peterborough and 1 in Saffron Walden is not reasonable when the Cambridge based players are 66% of the county 'pool'. Peterborough is 8% and Lines is 9%.
3. Huntingdon is 12% of the pool and is 2 minutes closer to TVH than Peterborough BC. Ely is 3% - travelling time to TVH is 34 mins, and to PBC 52 mins. (The other 2% are Giles Woodruff from Herts and 1 from Dry Drayton, much closer to TVH).
4. Of the 6 PBC players, 2 are playing less often and 2 have never complained about travelling.
5. Northants may have a more equal spread of players from the 3 main centres, we do not know.
6. Putting away tables and chairs is not a problem as they are left out at TVH for the Monday morning session.
7. Historically there were more PBC players in the county 'pool'. Some have now moved elsewhere and some PBC players continue to play in the ECL for Northants.

8. In a telephone conversation with Jenny, Chris Jagger said he was not fully aware of the current situation when he proposed 1 county match at PBC every 2 years.

The vote 'to hold all County matches and the Garden Cities Heat in Cambridge' was carried by 6 for and 1 abstention.

9. NGS Scores for County matches. Vote

Ross Midgley asked Gordon Rainsford of the EBU why ECL matches do not contribute to NGS rankings. The reply was that they could do so if results were submitted as P2P files as Cross IMPs.

Jenny asked Suffolk captain, Jill Tattersfield, if they had also considered this and her response was that Suffolk was not interested but would not object if other counties did this in matches against themselves.

In the following discussion it was agreed that ideally Bridgemates would be necessary to collect the scores from all three sections, A, B and C, and collate them. Currently we do not use Bridgemates since there is no program available to easily cope with the movement from three sections. Scoring is done manually on a spreadsheet devised by Giles Woodruff, which produces the X-IMP's for each player across the whole field.

If somebody is prepared to transfer the raw scores from each match to a scoring program, such as EBU score, then the X-IMP's could be produced for P2P. This will involve quite a bit of time for somebody after each match.

The vote 'that Cambs. and Hunts. should not attempt to submit P2P files for NGS ratings to the EBU' was carried nem. con.

10. EBU Membership Campaign. Vote

Karen Durell from the EBU has invited Counties to join the EBU Membership Campaign. Adam explained that it is a new project to encourage non-affiliated clubs to join the EBU and hence increase membership. He said he was not in favour since our County has few members who would wish to get involved. The local unaffiliated clubs always resist joining the EBU, even though some of their members do join the EBU by also playing at affiliated clubs.

The vote 'not to join the EBU Membership Campaign' was carried nem.com.

11.Fundraisers for Junior Teams going to China and their results.

Cambridge B.C. raised £1,011 from running three teach-ins for the junior teams visit to the world championships in China. Thanks was expressed to the club and to those who gave their time for free:- Paul Barden, Alan Shilitoe, David Kendrick, Paul Fegarty and Catherine Curtis. The three mixed teams did well to end up in the middle of their field, but junior girls were last. Five local players were among the teams. Kyle Lam, Jonathan Clark, Kripa Panchagnula, Liam and Jamie Fegarty.

12.A.O.B.

Penny said that some people at CBC had questioned the use of stop cards since some other countries, e.g. the USA, do not use them. The reason for the card is to allow for 10 secs. thinking time and a pause is still required when not used. Lack of the pause after a jump bid may give unauthorised information to one's partner. It was decided to take no action, but to advise members concerned to contact the EBU directly.

13.Date of next Meeting: Mon. Feb. 18th2019 at 7,30pm.
at 2 Pettit's Close, Fulbourn, Cambridge CB21 5BJ

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

P.M.Riley
19th Sept. 2018