

# Cambs. and Hunts. Contract Bridge Association

## Management Committee Meeting

Date:- Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> 2017 Time:- 7.30pm.

Venue:- 40 Greystoke Road, Cambridge CB1 8DS

### 1. Officers present:-

Adam Bowden (Chairman), Penny Riley (Secretary and Membership),  
Jenny Jacobsberg (ECL Captain), Peter Grice (Tournament Director),  
David Man (Competitions Organiser).

### Delegates present:-

Peter Grice (Cambridge), David Man and Gladys Gittins (Thursday),  
Alison Lloyd (North Cambridge), Peter Rice (Morden Ruffians).

### 2. Apologies:-

Trevor King and Brian Hope (Peterborough), Ian Hill (Huntingdon),  
Michael Clydesdale (Dry Drayton), Colin Sills (Website manager),  
Roger Salmon and Terry Otterman (Cambridge), Peter Last (North Cambridge),  
Carina Negreanu (English Bridge News), Joanne Caldwell (ECL).

### 3. Previous Minutes 9.09.2016

Accepted unanimously and signed by the Chairman, Adam.

### 4. Matters Arising (Action List from 9.09.16)

#### a) Calendar:-

David to complete calendar and book venues for events. **Done.**

Peter G. to publish calendar for 2016-17 on the County website. **Done.**

#### b) Website:-

Colin to show people how to upload items onto the website. **Ongoing.**

Colin to clarify the rule regarding 'open' or 'closed' for competition heats on the website. **Ongoing.**

Colin to update Competition Rules. **Ongoing**

#### c) ECL:-

Jenny to introduce Bridgemate scoring for home ECL matches. **Done, but still needs small refinements. Results need to be uploaded to County website.**

#### d) New Clubs:

Peter R. to contact non-affiliated clubs and teaching groups with a view to encouraging them to join the EBU. **Ongoing.**

#### e) Organising Events:-

Trevor to run the Garden Cities heat at Peterborough. **Arranged and ongoing.**

Penny and Peter L. to organise the County Swiss Pairs on Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017. **Ongoing.**

Peter G. to direct and score the County Swiss Pairs and to set up the County teams KO. **Arranged and ongoing.**

Peter G. to clarify the County Teams League rules regarding team members. **Ongoing.**

Terry to run the Novice Pairs at Trumpington. **Arranged and ongoing.**

Peter R. to organise Novice Teams at Morden Ruffians venue. **Done. Results to be sent to website.**

**f) English Bridge News:**

Carina to send County information to English Bridge six times a year. **Ongoing.** Logo and items in last two magazines.

**g) Other Items:**

Yvonne Palfrey to ask whether Huntingdon will consider occasionally hosting County events. **Done but not possible at present time.**

Penny to research County History for the EBU website. **Ongoing.**

Penny to locate the missing Margaret Hyde Trophy for the Novice Teams. **Ongoing.**

## **5 Reports from Officers**

**a) Chairman:- Adam**

Everything seems to be going according to plan and it is encouraging to hear that there are 5 entries for the Garden Cities Qualifier in February.

(added later by Penny. Adam and ex-Chairman, Chris Jagger, successfully nominated Chris Larlham for a Dimmie Flemming award.)

**b) Secretary:- Penny**

Circulated messages regarding events to club secretaries and entry forms placed on the County website.

Arranged for the Dimmie Flemming award to be presented to Chris Larlham at the Cambridge Bridge Club on November 15<sup>th</sup> 2016

**c) Membership Secretary:- Penny**

There are 14 EBU clubs affiliated to C & H. Currently there are 809 EBU members registered through C & H. Of these 506 are Full members, having played 12 times since April 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. (In January 2015 the corresponding figures were 808 and 496, which are very similar.)

**d) Treasurer:- report from Peter L.**

We have a healthy balance of £5231 of which £4104 is on deposit. We get £250-£350 from EBU P2P every 2 months. We have plenty in hand for booking venues and entry fees.

**e) Competitions Organiser:- David**

Everything is going to plan. All the venues are booked but organisers should check with him for exact times.

**i) Novice Teams:- Peter R.**

This was held at Steeple Morden 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016. It was a successful event. 9 teams entered and results will be on the County website soon.

**ii) Individual:- report from Michael**

This is all organised for Sunday February 19th at Dry Drayton

iii) **Novice Pairs:-** report from Terry

The hall and caterers are booked for 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Entry form has been sent to Gladys for review and will be issued soon.

f) **Tournament Director:-** Peter G.

Both County KO and Leagues are up and running and results can be added by captains on the EBU site. Penny asked whether it was easier in the KO for the overall draws to be set at the start. Peter said that was an alternative option which sometimes discouraged players if they knew whom they would meet in the next round.

g) **ECL Captain:-** Jenny

#### ***Results of matches***

18<sup>th</sup> Sep 2016 v. Suffolk: A team won 18-2 B team won 20-0 C team won 17-3

4<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016 v. Northants: A team won 12-8 B team lost 6-14 C team drew 10-10

15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017 v. Norfolk: A team won 16-4 B team lost 9-11 C team lost 7-13

Two more away matches remaining this season. The A team could win the league. Will start next year with 2 home matches; a third one to be held at Peterborough in Dec/ Jan 2018.

**Scoring** Use of Bridgemates is getting better. Should Jenny investigate Northants way of presenting results? **No, because those present thought it would be a lot of work. Jenny will put the results on a spreadsheet and send them to Adam who will calculate the Ximps. (See note at end of meeting)**

#### ***Website***

Posting results on County website – who should do it? How much info? Just the VPs is all that people reading the website require. **Adam volunteered to do this.**

#### ***Miscellaneous requests***

a) Jim Deacon from Norfolk has asked whether more should be charged for home matches. **The view was not to do so (even though teas now cost £5.50 each).**

b) *TD course at Wymondham* – can we advertise it on the County website – and CBC? **Yes.**

c) *Hall hire and dealing boards.* **Hall hire at actual cost.**

**Boards to be dealt on C & H duplimate.**

#### ***Dates for next year***

Now in process of fixing dates for next season – trying to avoid clashes which will make assembling a team difficult. **Peter G and Jenny agreed to liaise.**

h) **Shareholder's Report** from EBU AGM:- Peter G.

He attended the EBU AGM in London in November 2016. Dimmie Flemming awards were presented. (Chris Larham did not attend but had received his award a week earlier at Cambridge Bridge Club). Discussion revolved around imminent changes to EBU Committees. Nothing affected C & H.

i) **Web-site:-** Colin

County website is stable and working well with links to several Club websites. Approx. 300 hits per month. Penny and Adam have uploaded documents and competition details but more news, especially from clubs, would be welcome. The

old site archived to Dropbox will need to be moved to a different host due to change in services. This will be done soon. Those present thought few people used the old site anymore so it would not be a problem.

j) **EBU County News:-** Carina

Adam reported that Carina had taken this on and entered County successes in recent issues. Penny commented that it was good to see our logo in the magazine.

## 6 Topics for Discussion

a) Garden Cities Qualifier 2017 (Entries and Refreshments):- Report from Trevor.

There are 5 teams so far. 2 from Peterborough and 3 from Cambridge BC.

Jon Cooke has written to Clubs to encourage them to enter. Alison said North Cambridge would probably enter a team if the event was held in Cambridge.

Those present thought this was something for consideration another year.

Peterborough agreed at the last meeting to provide free tea and coffee but David felt that this was too generous of them and proposed that the County made a donation of £20 towards tea and coffee. **This was carried by 4/5.**

b) East Anglia Bridge Weekend 2018:- Peter G.

Jeff Orton from Suffolk has warned that the EABW may be cancelled in 2018 because Easter will be early next year the Norfolk Congress will be held on the second WE in March, the WE after EABW. This will probably affect attendance at both events. Peter G. recommended that EABW 2018 should be cancelled but that we should leave it to Suffolk to decide. **This was agreed.** (Note. C & H donate spare 2 green points annually for this event and receive about £300 from the profits so this will affect C & H finances a bit.)

c) Booking clashes between County events and ECL matches;- Jenny

This current year the County Pairs Final clashes with an ECL match. This reduces the number of top players available for the ECL match, so reducing the chances of a win for the A Team. She asked that ECL matches, which are arranged a year in advance, should be given priority when arranging County events.

**Peter G agreed to liaise with her when finalising the calendar for 2018-19.**

d) New clubs joining the EBU:- Peter R.

He plans to be approach smaller clubs ( list from Gladys), not yet affiliated to the EBU, to tell them of the advantages of membership and encourage them to join.

e) Margaret Hyde Trophy:- Penny - see 4g

## 7 A.O.B.

### Venue and date for County AGM

Peter G. proposed Cambridge BC on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
(Penny will write to CBC Chairman for confirmation).

## 8 Date for next Meeting

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April at Jenny's house: 9 Field Way, Cambridge CB1 8RW

Meeting ended at 9pm.

P.M.Riley (Hon Sec)

(Note re Bridgemate scoring for ECL matches. Essex are also trialling them and Val Mollison from Essex has recently sent detailed instructions which Beds plans to use in the match v Cambs and Hunts on March 26<sup>th</sup> 2017. Results may be useful for us).