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Dear Club Secretary,

Please find enclosed the ECBA Summer Programme of Events, notification of the Herts/Essex Green Pointed Weekend in July and this letter giving you notice of the AGM in May and the Club Pairs Competition in June. These are for your notice board. I also will be sending you electronic copies and I would be grateful if you could circulate these to all of your members for whom you have email addresses. If any of your members do not have email and would like printed copies please send me their names and addresses.

The AGM

The AGM of the ECBA will be at Barleylands on Saturday, 16th May 2015 starting at 5 pm. As usual it will begin with the meeting and prize giving, which will be followed by a cheese and wine buffet and finish with a friendly teams of four game of bridge. Teams can be made up on the day and there will be several Committee members who will be available to help form the teams of four. Please encourage your members to come along.

The Agenda (Provisional)

1. Welcome by the Chairman
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the last AGM
4. Matters arising
5. Report by the Hon. General Secretary
6. Report by the Hon Treasurer
7. Appointment of the Hon Examiner for 2015 - 2016
8. Report by the Hon. Tournament Secretary
9. Report by the Hon. League Secretary
10. Alterations to the Constitution
11. Election of Officers and Committee members for 2015 – 2016
12. Any other business

Alterations to the Constitution

The Constitution alterations are shown below.

The first, in part, is a response to a suggestion from the floor at the last AGM. The Committee are proposing to combine the two posts of Hon Schools' Liaison Officer and Hon Teachers' Liaison Officer into a single post of Hon Education Officer with responsibility for liaising with EBED the EBU's Educational Charity and also to liaise with all bridge teachers in Essex.

3. MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

3.1 The management of the Association shall be vested in the following:

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| a. Hon Chairman (who acts as the chairman of the committee) | |
| b. Hon Secretary | f. Hon League Secretary |
| c. Hon Treasurer | g. Hon Education Officer |
| d. Hon Tournament Secretary | h. Hon Web-Master |
| e. Hon Membership Secretary | j. Two elected members |

The second alteration to the Constitution is to repair an omission when this Constitution was first drafted in 2010. Since the early days of the ECBA there has been a President and a Vice-President elected by the Committee for long term service to bridge in Essex. I think we should alter the existing wording of paragraph 5. LIFE MEMBERS, to include provision for a President and Vice-President:

5. PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT AND LIFE MEMBERS

The Committee of the Association may honour long standing members for their services to the Association by electing them as the President, Vice-President or as a Life Member of the Association. The President and Vice-President may attend Committee Meetings but have no voting rights. A Life Member of the Association shall be given a sum each year, equal to the direct membership of the EBU enabling the member to join the EBU as a full member by this method, if necessary. These apply only to those members continuing with full membership of the Association.

If any member of the Association wishes to propose an item to be included in the agenda of the AGM they must send it in writing to the Hon General Secretary at least four weeks prior to the date of the AGM and it must be supported in writing by at least two other members of the Association. (Email is acceptable.)

Election of Officers

We invite any Essex member who would be interested in taking on any of the Committee roles to send their nomination to the Hon General Secretary. The nomination should be signed by a proposer, seconder and the nominee showing a willingness to stand. All nominations must be sent to the Hon General Secretary at least three weeks before date of the AGM. A sample nomination form is at the bottom of this letter.

Officers seeking re-election are:

Hon Treasurer – Linda Fleet,	Hon Membership Secretary – Nigel Bardsley,
Hon League Secretary – Bernie Hunt,	Hon Committee member – Dennis Valtisariis

Several Officers have resigned during the year or are not seeking re-election. We have already received nominations for some of these posts and the full list of positions and nominations received are shown below:

Hon Chairman – Paul Mollison (Co-opted in June)	Hon General Secretary – Val Mollison (Co-opted in June)
Hon Tournament Secretary – Sue Taylor	Hon Website Manager – Theo Todman (Co-opted in Jan.)
Hon Education officer –	Hon Committee Member –

The above information complies with the Constitution's requirement that notice of the AGM shall be published at least 4 weeks before the date of the AGM.

The finalised agenda will be published on the website and emailed to Club Secretaries.

Club Pairs Competition

The Club Pairs Competition will be held at Barleylands
on Sunday, 21st June 2015
starting at 1 pm and finishing at approximately 5.30 pm.
Entry fee is £10 per pair

All clubs are invited to enter up to four pairs to represent their Club. Players must not be present or past members of the Essex Squad. They will play about 32 boards with a short break in the middle. The first two pairs will be invited to represent Essex as in the C team in the Metropolitan Cup 11/10/2015 with the 3rd pair as reserve. There will also be a cup and a prize of a set of 24 packs of EBU cards for the club whose top two pairs have the highest combined score.

Audrey Hartley
Hon General Secretary

Nomination form for election to the Essex Contract Bridge Association Committee for 2015 – 2016.

I, wish to nominate

to the position of

Proposer..... Date

Secunder..... Date.....

I am willing to stand for election to the position named above.

Signed by the nomineeDate