

# **KENT CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**

## **COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held at the Hilton Hotel, Maidstone, at 10 a.m. on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2013

### **Present**

Geoff Smith (Chairman)  
David Anning  
Keith Ashcroft  
Anita Asparo  
Brian Crack  
Colin Crouch  
Phil Jones  
Mike Rafferty  
Malcolm Lewis (Secretary)

### **ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Diane Rogers and Jeremy Willans.

### **ITEM 2 –MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman

### **ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING**

GS and KA requested that Item 4g Education be added to the list of Officers Reports for future Agendas.

Item 7 p 4. BC suggested that, as long as we are using imported TDs for Kent events, we do not need our own monitor.

Item 8 p 4. BC asked if the Corbett cup should be run in exactly the same way as the Garden Cities for which the Corbett winners qualified. This was felt to be sensible. It was also felt that, where a change of team members was necessary from one week-end to the next, team line-ups should change as little as possible.

## **ITEM 4 – REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

### **a. Chairman**

GS had received correspondence about parking at TWBC. There was a suggestion that closed events should start 15 or 30 minutes later to save those parking in the municipal car park a little money. It was agreed that delaying meal times and creating late finish times for directors clearly outweighed the change of time.

GS said that he would be attending the EBU Chairmen's Meeting where he would be particularly interested in education ideas. He once again stressed the need for all clubs to have an up-to-date constitution and disciplinary procedure in their own interest.

The Chairman suggested that the County Referee List was very out of date and should be updated by the incoming Committee in September.

### **b. Secretary**

ML reported that membership had reached a peak of 2517 but now stood at 2496. The deaths of Richard Pinfield, Fred Heine and Ron Barnes were noted with regret.

Bill Gardner had agreed to become the Kent RCC representative, but this must be ratified at the AGM.

ML recommended that all Committee members should read the EBU's new 5-year plan and their assessment of their success in fulfilling the previous one.

### **c. Treasurer**

DA introduced the accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013, which had been audited. He noted that quite a large bill would come in at the end of the year for TD training costs. It was not known at present what this would be, but it was estimated that 10 at a cost of £170 each could be anticipated. One or two amendments to the accounts were requested by BC and KA which were agreed to. BC then proposed their adoption, seconded by CC and agreed by all.

BC suggested the Corbett is heavily undercharged. It was agreed that next year the entry fees should be £120 for the Cup (to reflect the entry to the Garden Cities), £90 for the Plate and £60 or £90 for the Salver depending on the number of sessions needed.

Associate and Dual membership fees will be left as is.

ML asked for a sub-committee to be formed to consider upgrading the fees paid to local members serving as directors etc at County events, which are currently not in line with national scales. ML, KA and PJ will serve and report back.

### **d. Competition Secretary**

DA produced the Corwen trophy which was won for the first time ever by a Kent pair – Doug Andrews and Marten Wortel – to whom congratulations were expressed.

MR gave dates for the coming year which are broadly the same as this year. It was stressed that the Larsky final ought to be held by the end of March if possible. BC asked that the date for the Brook Shield be fixed.

AA asked about the Pearson Cup which is being played this year for the SW League, organised by Jim Garlinge. MR promised to pass on the winners' names to AA. AA requested that the trophies be presented as part of the AGM and not after the Phillimore Cup when many people had left. Alison Burt will be asked to take the winners' photographs.

#### **e. County Captain by Report**

JW confirmed that Kent would as usual be sending four teams to the Metropolitan Cup (A, B, 2×C) which this year is being held in East Grinstead. He would appreciate being informed of any pairs (particularly new ones) who could be considered for selection. Following last year's win, a C Team of 8 is going to the National Final in Solihull on 7<sup>th</sup> July comprising Dorothy Holland/Pat McBain, Jill Skinner/Gwyneth Davies, Paul Gibbons/Sharon Bayne and Lynn and Graham Foreman. The winning captain, DA, is unfortunately able to go.

#### **f. Archivist**

PJ reported good progress so far, although some items still needed verification. He had contacted Jeremy Dhondy to get information held by EBU. Peter Hasensen, who had produced a book of results (to be passed over by ML), would also be approached. He wanted to investigate the history behind trophies and to collate the contributions of both former Committee members and the general membership. He also needs any outstanding club contributions forwarded to him. He thanked Gerald Soper for the hard work he had put in.

### **ITEM 5 – AGM INCLUDING RESOLUTIONS**

ML would be publishing an Agenda for the AGM after asking for additional items on the website. Any resolution to be presented needed to be on the Agenda.

### **ITEM 6 – GP EVENT AND CONGRESS**

GS reported that the May GP event went well, with most players happy with the hall, parking, lighting etc. The only complaints were about the chairs. It was suggested that the cost of hiring 200 chairs should be investigated. Even if this is not practicable, the venue should be retained so the Chairman was instructed to book the venue for both the March and May GP events of 2014.

ML had received an email from a member complaining about the way he was dealt with by one of the TDs. He was instructed to follow this up with the parties concerned.

GS reported that Eddie Williams had advised us that he could not direct at the Congress as he was directing in Spain. Monica Aitken had managed to secure the services of Martin Lee, to be assisted by Claire Robinson on the Saturday and by Jonathan Lillicrop

on the Sunday with another director and a caddy being added for the latter if the anticipated 44 teams enter.

#### **ITEM 7 – FUNDING FOR TD AND TEACHER TRAINING**

GS was pleased at the take up of TD training places. It was hoped to arrange a similar set of courses for 2014.

It was hoped that DR would be able to suggest a similar initiative to promote teacher attachment to clubs throughout the County at the next meeting.

#### **ITEM 8 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at the Hilton Hotel, Maidstone was agreed already booked.

#### **ITEM 8 – AOB**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1.10 p.m.

J. M. Lewis (Secretary)