

LEICESTERSHIRE CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND PRESENTATIONS

Wednesday 8th June 2016 at 7.15 p.m.

Greenfield Sports and Social Club, Loughborough LE11 3HZ

Present: 30 LCBA members

- 1. Apologies for absence:** were received from Doreen Arnold, John Arnold, Mike Ayers, Eddie Blount, Beryl Cooklin, Colin Dean, Colin Dobson, Gary Duddle, Marjorie Gilbertson, Jenny Grant, Peter Halford, Duncan Happer, Kerri Happer, Ian Hubbard, Judy Hulland, Ruth Johnson, Ken Moore, John Nolan, Richard Rees, Linda Stone, Bharat Thakrar, Ian Thomson, Ian Walkerdine and Steve Wright.
- 2. Minutes of the 2015 AGM:** were unanimously accepted as a true record of the meeting - proposed by Dave Pollard and seconded by Tim Glover.
- 3. Matters arising from the above which are not on this agenda:** none raised
- 4. Report of the Committee for the year 2015-2016:** the chairman, Dean Benton, welcomed those present to the meeting. He expressed his thanks to Irene Krantz who is leaving the LCBA committee after a total of 23 years of service. Pat Beasley was thanked for her work as General Secretary and Richard Smith for his sterling work with the LCBA website. A slight drop in LCBA membership numbers was reported. Dean next outlined the very successful tournaments season despite a slightly lower attendance at the LCBA events. The tournaments directors were thanked for their continued support. The success of junior England player Ben Norton was highlighted. The LCBA league had functioned well with the EBU's League Management System successfully in operation. A survey had shown that there was no support for the introduction of an LCBA league for teams of 4. The three Leicestershire county teams had finished 3rd, 7th and 5th respectively in the Midland Counties League. Members were encouraged to attend this year's Paul Bowyer seminars which will run this summer. Dean also commented on the successful Leicestershire LCBA and non-LCBA clubs meeting held last November. As a result, several clubs had or were in the process of purchasing sets of Bridgemates. Steve Wright was thanked for his hard work demonstrating the use of Bridgemates to several clubs. A teacher training course was held at the County BC resulting in more teaching. During the season, sadly, 5 LCBA members had died. Dean concluded his report with a plea for more members of the association to volunteer their help with the work of the committee. A new treasurer will be needed for the 2017/18 season.
- 5. Presentation by the Treasurer of the Statement of Accounts for the year 2015-2016 duly certified by an independent Financial Examiner:** Henry Cooklin presented the accounts to the meeting. A loss of £178 for the year was reported. John Thompson proposed the acceptance of the accounts, seconded by Susan Bowyer which was unanimously agreed.
- 6. Proposals from the outgoing Association Executive Committee:**
 - a) That for 2017-2018, members playing at LCBA affiliated clubs, the LCBA P2P component remains at 8p which was unanimously agreed as proposed by Henry Cooklin and seconded by Tim Glover.
 - b) That for 2017-2018, EBU direct members, dual members and others not active in P2P sessions at LCBA affiliated clubs, the LCBA Membership subscription remain at £4.00 and £1.50 for junior members which was agreed as above.

c) That – re Item 6.2 of the LCBA Constitution – the final words ‘*and the announcement of the result of the election by affiliated Clubs of the LCBA Representative to serve on the Regional Club Committee*’ be removed as the Regional Club Committee has been replaced by the Midlands Working Group – no election required which was agreed as above.

d) That John Wilcox be elected a Life Member of the Association. The chairman gave the details of John’s valued contribution to the work of the LCBA committee and as a highly regarded TD. Susan Bowyer proposed acceptance of the proposal, seconded by Dave Pollard and agreed by all present.

e) That the roles of the General and Minutes Secretary should be recombined and that the role of Webmaster should be a committee appointment. This was unanimously agreed as proposed by Henry Cooklin and seconded by Irene Krantz

7. Election of Officers and other Association Executive Committee members:

OFFICE	NAME	PROPOSER	SECONDER
Chairman	Dean Benton	Pat Beasley	Neil Beasley
Vice Chairman	No nomination		
Immediate Past Chairman	David Pollard	Neil Beasley	Brian Stockdale
Treasurer	Henry Cooklin	Pat Beasley	Dean Benton
General & Minutes Sec.	Pat Beasley	Keith Preston	Greta Cole
League Secretary	Brian Stockdale	David Pollard	Neil Beasley
Tournament Secretary	Neil Beasley	Keith Preston	Greta Cole
Fixture Secretary	Dick Pathan	Jim Mason	Ben Norton
Membership Secretary	Pat Beasley	Keith Preston	Greta Cole
Education Liaison Sec.	Simon Stokes	David Pollard	John Thompson
Committee Member	Steve Wright	Ben Gibson	Angela Abbott
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As there is only one nomination for each role, no election was required.

8. Appointment of an Independent Financial Examiner for 2016 – 2017: Henry Cooklin proposed that James Sibley be reappointed. Neil Beasley seconded the proposal which was unanimously carried.

9. Resolutions put forward by individual members: none proposed

10. Any other business: none raised

11. Presentation of Trophies by Guest of Honour John Wilcox