

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

**Wednesday 7th June 2017 at 7.15 p.m.**

**The Rothley Centre, 12 Mountsorrel Lane, ROTHLEY, LE7 7PR**

**Present:** 33 persons

- 1. Apologies for absence:** were received from Val Ruddock, Steve Foster, Pauline Dignan, Bharat Thakrar, Jenny Grant, Garry Whiteman, Sobhag Shah, Charu Shah, Alan Lord, Linda Lord, Althea Bandy, Mary Johnson, Audrey Mount, Gary Jones, Mike Ayers, Stephen Barney, Lyn Hilton, Mike Gould, Tom Lindop, Duncan Jones, Sheila Stockdale and Kerri Happer.
- 2. Minutes of the 2016 AGM:** Tim Glover, seconded by Simon Stokes, proposed that these minutes be accepted. The proposal was unanimously agreed and the minutes were signed accordingly by the chairman Dean Benton.
- 3. Matters arising from the above which are not on this agenda:** none received prior to the meeting.
- 4. Report of the Committee for the year 2016-2017:** Dean thanked those present for attending the AGM. He was pleased to welcome back Market Harborough BC who recently re-joined the EBU. A small increase in membership was reported. Dean was pleased to report the continued support for the LCBA tournaments. The tournament directors were thanked for their handling of the events. Steve Wright was thanked for his help in enabling the Bridgemates to be used in suitable events. Those achieving success in the National Swiss teams were congratulated. Junior member Ben Norton was singled out for his impressive five wins at National level. Pat and Neil Beasley were thanked for ensuring that the LCBA trophies were prepared for presentation at the meeting. Following the 2015 meeting with all local bridge clubs, 7 clubs have taken the opportunity to purchase sets of Bridgemates sharing over £2000 discount. Steve Wright was again thanked for demonstrating how the Bridgemates work to these clubs. Dean further reported that the LCBA League, with the help of the LMS, is functioning well. Brian Stockdale was thanked for his work as League secretary over the last two years. His successor, John Wilcox, was welcomed back to the committee. Fixture secretary Dick Pathan was thanked for again organising the Midlands League teams during the season albeit it proved not to be their most successful season. The LCBA committee propose that for the 2017/18 season onwards, all EBU registered LCBA clubs will be asked to nominate a representative who may attend LCBA committee meetings and will be routinely sent agendas for and minutes of the meetings. This proposal reinstates the system in operation when the LCBA was founded. Sadly, 11 deaths have been reported to the committee during the season. Dean concluded by thanking everyone for the honour of his being LCBA chairman for the past two years and presenting General and Membership secretary Pat Beasley with a bouquet as his personal thank you for her help. Richard Smith, seconded by Henry Cooklin, proposed that the committee report be accepted. The proposal was unanimously adopted.
- 5. Presentation by the Treasurer of the Statement of Accounts for the year 2016-2017 duly certified by an independent Financial Examiner:** Henry Cooklin announced that the coming season will be his last as LCBA treasurer. Richard Rees has kindly volunteered to take on the role for the 2018/19 season. Henry reported that the LCBA have made a loss of £871 for the season largely due to the depreciation factor built in for the purchase of the LCBA Bridgemates and the purchase of new playing cards. Brian Stockdale, seconded by Ben Norton, proposed that the accounts be adopted which was unanimously accepted.

**6. Proposals from the outgoing Association Executive Committee:**

- a) That for 2018-2019, members playing at LCBA affiliated clubs, the LCBA P2P component remains at 8p
- b) That for 2018-2019, EBU direct members and others not active in P2P sessions at LCBA affiliated clubs, the LCBA Membership subscription remains at £4.00 and £1.50 for junior members
- c) That Irene Krantz be elected a Life Member of the Association

Peter Halford, seconded by Simon Stokes, proposed that the above be accepted. The vote was unanimous.

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

OFFICE	NAME	PROPOSER	SECONDER
Chairman	Dave Pollard	Pat Beasley	Neil Beasley
Vice Chairman			
Immediate Past Chairman	Dean Benton		
Treasurer	Henry Cooklin	Pat Beasley	Dean Benton
General & Minutes Sec.	Pat Beasley	Keith Preston	Greta Cole
League Secretary	John Wilcox	Steve Wright	Pat Beasley
Tournament Secretary	Neil Beasley	Keith Preston	Greta Cole
Fixture Secretary	Dick Pathan	Richard Rees	Philip Watts
Membership Secretary	Pat Beasley	Keith Preston	Greta Cole
Education Liaison Sec.			
Committee Member	Steve Wright	Ben Gibson	Angela Abbott
Committee Member	John Thompson	Brian Stockdale	Pat Beasley
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No vote required as none of the roles were contested.

**8. Appointment of an Independent Financial Examiner for 2017 – 2018:** Richard Rees, seconded by Tim Glover, proposed that James W Sibley be reappointed for this role. No-one voted against the proposal.

**9. Resolutions put forward by individual members:** none received

**10. Any other business:**

Pat Beasley pointed out the fact that the Dual fee will no longer be charged from the 2018/19 season – see Item 6.

Neil Beasley stated that the season's master points have now been sent to the EBU and should soon be credited.

**11. Presentation of Trophies by Guest of Honour Irene Krantz:** Dean introduced Irene explaining that she had held the role of General Secretary from 1987/1994 remaining on the committee for a further five years. In 2005, Irene returned to the committee and helped with organising LCBA tournaments for a further 11 years. In total 23 years of service.