

LEICESTERSHIRE CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND PRESENTATIONS

Wednesday 13th June 2018 at 7.15 p.m.

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

Present: 43 LCBA/EBU members separately listed

- 1. Apologies for absence:** were received from 15 LCBA/EBU members separately listed.
- 2. Minutes of the 2017 AGM:** Dean Benton proposed with Tim Glover seconding that these minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Approval was unanimous.
- 3. Matters arising from the above which are not on this agenda:** none raised
- 4. Report of the Committee for the year 2017-2018:** the chairperson - Dave Pollard - delivered this report. He expressed thanks to all his fellow committee members and to the TDs who had ensured the smooth running of the season's events. He listed the names of the nine members who had sadly passed away during the season (separately listed). He singled out some of the achievements of Ben Norton during the season. Ben was nominated as the Young Player of the year by the EBU. He has been selected to travel to China as part of the Under 26 squad. He was a member of the winning team in the National Swiss Teams Congress. Dave went on to outline the results for the County teams in the Midlands League. The Dawes team finished in third place – their best result for a while. The Porter and Markham teams finished in seventh and sixth places respectively. He congratulated John Wilcox on his success with his new role as League secretary. The other tournaments had attracted similar numbers of entrants as for last season which was pleasing. Happily, entries for the students' events were higher. Special thanks were expressed to Mike Ayers who is standing down from his role as organiser of the Pairs League. Sadly, the March Green Point event had to be cancelled due to lack of support. Entries to the June Green Point currently stand at 14 tables which is encouraging. All the Master Points due to members have now been sent to the EBU and should now be added to members' totals. Dave was pleased to report that the Education subcommittee are hoping to arrange for some local Teacher Seminars and are planning to hold a Forum to give clubs the opportunity to say what other educational projects would be welcomed. A subcommittee was convened to develop the LCBA General Data Protection Privacy Policy in the light of the new Act that has now come into force. It will be published on the LCBA website when approved by the LCBA Committee. He concluded his report with a plea for further members to join the committee. Several of the existing committee members have now given twenty plus years of service. This report was unanimously accepted.
- 5. Presentation by the Treasurer of the Statement of Accounts for the year 2017-2018 duly certified by an independent Financial Examiner:** Henry Cooklin presented the LCBA Revenue account for the year. Despite having already completed 30 years of service on the committee, Henry announced that he plans to remain on the committee for one more year to complete his thirty years as the treasurer. Thanks were expressed to Richard Rees who has agreed to take on the role at next year's AGM. He went on to explain the significance to the LCBA financial situation in respect of the Green Point events. The LCBA receive annual income from not only the LCBA events but also the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire events. If no one offers to take on the responsibility for organising future LCBA Green Point events, that income will all be lost which will significantly affect all three counties. He went on to say how pleased he would be if the LCBA were again represented in the final of the EBU's Tollemache event sometime in the future. He then went on to thank those people who had helped in his task during his years as treasurer.

Richard Rees proposed that the Revenue Account for the year ended 31 March 2018 be accepted. Brian Stockdale seconded the proposal which was unanimously accepted.

6. Proposals from the outgoing Association Executive Committee:

a) That for 2019-2020, members playing at LCBA affiliated clubs, the LCBA P2P component remains at 8p

b) That for 2019-2020, EBU direct members and others not active in P2P sessions at LCBA affiliated clubs, the LCBA Membership subscription remains at £4.00 and there will be no charge for Juniors

Henry Cooklin proposed the above charges for the 2019/20 season. Sue Bowyer seconded the proposal which was unanimously accepted.

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

OFFICE	NAME	PROPOSER	SECONDER
Chairman	Dave Pollard	Currently in office	
Vice Chairman	Vacant		
Immediate Past Chairman	Dean Benton	Currently in office	
Treasurer	Henry Cooklin	Currently in office	
General & Minutes Sec.	Pat Beasley	Currently in office	
League Secretary	John Wilcox	Currently in office	
Tournament Secretary	Neil Beasley	Currently in office	
Fixture Secretary	Dick Pathan	Currently in office	
Membership Secretary	Pat Beasley	Currently in office	
Education Liaison Sec.	Simon Stokes	Currently in office	
Committee Member	Steve Wright	Currently in office	
Committee Member	John Thompson	Currently in office	
Committee Member	Richard Rees	Henry Cooklin	John Wilcox
Committee Member	David Betterley	Dave Pollard	Pat Beasley
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No vote required

8. Appointment of an Independent Financial Examiner for 2018 – 2019: it was agreed to appoint Mayfield & Co. – this is the company that has now incorporated the previous financial examiner.

9. Resolutions put forward by individual members: none received

10. Any other business: Anne Wright expressed thanks to the committee for all their hard work during the season.

11. Presentation of Trophies by Guest of Honour Henry Cooklin: Dave Pollard welcomed Henry who had kindly accepted to act as the Guest of Honour to celebrate his 30 years of service as a member of the LCBA committee, 29 years of which were as Treasurer of the Association. Happily, Henry's wife Beryl agreed to accompany him to mark the occasion. The presentations ended with the presentation of gifts to Henry and Beryl to say 'Thank you' on behalf of the LCBA committee and membership.