

# LEICESTERSHIRE CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 7 March 2016 at 7.15 p.m.  
Memorial Hall, Stamford Street, Glenfield LE3 8DL

**Present:** Neil Beasley, Pat Beasley, Henry Cooklin, Irene Krantz, Dick Pathan, Dave Pollard, Brian Stockdale and Simon Stokes.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Dean Benton, Richard Smith, John Thompson and Steve Wright – Dave Pollard acted as chairman in Dean's absence.
2. **Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 7 December 2015:** were unanimously agreed
3. **Matters arising from the above not on this agenda:** Pat Beasley said that she had not yet advertised for a person to organise the Green Point events at Robert Northage's request.
4. **EBU matters – a) Report of the Midland Counties Working group meeting held on 21 January 2016** - Pat asked for the committee's agreement for her [to contact the Chairman of the group re members' county of allegiance to explain the Leicestershire position](#) since, as Membership Secretary, she contacts new arrivals directly. This was given. **b) Local forthcoming EBU events:** Neil Beasley has circulated the details of the Midland Regional Improvers Pairs competition. It is also on the LCBA website. In addition, Neil reported on the proposal by Derbyshire for a different format for the Three Counties event. Each county would take responsibility for organising a pairs event, a teams of 4 event or a teams of 8 event. [Neil agreed to contact tournament players and Brian Stockdale to contact league teams via the Forum so that reaction to the proposal could be gauged.](#)
5. **Treasurer's business:** Henry Cooklin had sent out a report detailing the major receipts and payments since the December meeting. The balance in hand is £8192.
6. **General Secretary's business:** a) **Proposed 2016/17 Calendar:** was accepted  
b) **2016 AGM preparation - Guest of Honour suggestions:** [Pat Beasley will follow up the suggestions made](#) - **Prospective vacancies 2016/17:** Pat read an Email to the committee from Richard Smith. He feels unable to continue as a committee member. He is, however, happy to continue his role with the LCBA website. It was agreed to make this role a committee appointment so that Richard may continue his splendid work with the website. Similarly his role as an EBU Shareholder will be reviewed. Henry Cooklin is happy to continue as Treasurer for 1 more year only. Concern was expressed at the lack of new blood on the committee. - **Officer's input to the Committee's report:** [Dean will need reports from individual members](#) please for this report. - **Life membership proposals:** it was unanimously agreed to honour John Wilcox with this award. – **Trophies:** [will be collected and engraved ready for the AGM.](#) - **c) Constitution revision:** following the review, it was [agreed to propose to the AGM that the final part of 6.2 re the election of an LCBA club representative to the now defunct Regional Club Committee is no longer required and should be recommended for deletion at the AGM.](#)

7. **Fixture Secretary's business:** Dick Pathan reported that the Dawes Team are lying in 3rd place, the Porter in 7<sup>th</sup> and the Markham in 5<sup>th</sup> with one match to play against Warwickshire. He thanked those involved for ensuring that the match results are promptly put onto the LCBA website. The possible use of Bridgemates for scoring County matches is being investigated. Leicestershire will not be represented in the President's Cup match this year as it clashes with one of the Leicestershire Green Point events. [Dick is trying to recruit a team to play in the Beck Cup](#). The issue of Master points for the matches has now been resolved and all debts settled.
8. **League Secretary's business:** Brian Stockdale reported that the League is running smoothly.
9. **Tournaments Secretary's business:** Neil Beasley had circulated a report of the current tournaments' situation prior to the meeting. The final number of pairs playing in the recent Green Points event was 30 with 4 of these being Leicestershire pairs. The circular re the proposed Teams of Four league had only resulted in 3 positive responses. Others suggested that the LCBA calendar was already full. It was agreed that [Brian Stockdale will report the findings back to the League Forum](#). An issue had arisen over the switching off the facility to view earlier results when using Bridgemates after slow play in a heat of the Stanley Trophy. It was agreed that [this decision should be reversed hopefully with immediate effect](#).
10. **Education Liaison business:** Simon Stokes reported that the dates for this year's Paul Bowyer's Lectures have been agreed and venues have been booked. Arrangements for the two student events are in hand. Simon is concerned that, due to work pressures, he has not been able to do justice to his role. He is happy for someone else to take the role on but will continue in office rather than let the role become vacant. Simon reported that the recent school boys event run in Loughborough had 24 tables playing Bridge and 5 playing mini bridge all with plenty of enthusiasm. Sadly, there will be no junior teach-in this year following problems with the EBED personnel. The Bridge for All manual is in the process of being overhauled. A donation has been made to aid the school's bridge teaching initiative. The EBU have also sent a questionnaire to clubs in respect of their teaching activities.
11. **Membership Secretary's business:** Pat Beasley reported that the overall membership number is down by just below 50 persons. The decrease reflects the reduced numbers of both Bridge for All and Dual members.
12. **Webmaster's business:** no report was received.
13. **AOB:** Pat Beasley pointed out that it will soon be 70 years since the inaugural meeting of the LCBA on 27<sup>th</sup> June 1946. She had recently asked Paul Bowyer if he would consider preparing one of his sets of hands with commentary for use in a celebratory one-off simultaneous Pairs event. He had agreed to the proposal – the LCBA will of course need to pay for his services. The committee were happy that [Pat should now proceed and organise the event to take place before the end of this year](#).

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.