

# LEICESTERSHIRE CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 10 May 2016 at 7.15 p.m.

Memorial Hall, Stamford Street, Glenfield LE3 8DL

**Present:** Pat Beasley, Neil Beasley, Dean Benton – Chairman, Henry Cooklin, Dave Pollard, Brian Stockdale, Simon Stokes and John Thompson

1. **Apologies for absence:** Irene Krantz, Dick Pathan and Steve Wright
2. **Minutes of the Executive committee Meeting of 7 March 2016:** were approved and signed by the Chairman
3. **Matters arising from the above which are not on this agenda:** with respect to Item 4, it was agreed that [Dean will tell Derbyshire that there is no local interest in the proposed new format for the 3 Counties event.](#)
4. **EBU Matters:** the Junior teaching awards nomination invitation was circulated.
5. **Treasurer's business:** Henry had circulated a report prior to the meeting. The LCBA currently has £7888 in hand. There will be a loss of around £200 for the 2015/16 year.
6. **General Secretary's business including:**
  - i) AGM Preparation:
    - a) AGM agenda – it was agreed that the subscriptions for 2017/18 will be unchanged.
    - b) Nominations and vacancies for the Executive Officers and Committee – Irene has tendered her resignation from the committee after 23 years of service including 7 years as General Secretary. It was agreed that [Pat will send a letter of thanks to Irene.](#) There remain vacancies for a Vice Chairman and 4 committee members. It was agreed that [an active recruitment programme is necessary](#) particularly in view of the fact that several officers have now completed 20 or more years of service.
    - c) Notification of Prize winners and their invitations to attend the AGM – is in hand
    - d) Gift for the Guest of Honour – [Pat agreed to purchase a book token for £25](#)
    - e) Preparation of the room at Greenfields, Loughborough – in hand
    - f) Officers input to the Committee report – in hand
    - g) Trophy Engraving – in hand
  - ii) LCBA 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Simultaneous Pairs event – Neil had kindly prepared an estimate of the costs involved. It was agreed that the LCBA will cover these costs and those of the prizes so that all profit may be donated to Charity. A discussion ensued of the problems the proposed event seems to be causing clubs who already hold their own charity events. Multi club membership may also cause difficulties.

- 7. Fixtures Secretary's business:** none
- 8. League Secretary's business:** Brian had circulated the minutes of the League Forum, his report to the committee, a discussion document re the rules of late arrival at League matches and a copy of a letter he had received prior to the meeting. A sub-committee has been set up to review the current rules re late arrival for matches following recent incidents. The problem raised in the letter was discussed. With regard to this problem, it was recommended that it would be wise for committee members to ensure that any direct reference that may identify persons or clubs involved in any incident is avoided. Brian advised the committee that it seems that the 2016/17 League structure will need to be 7-7-6-6 as 1 team plans not to enter the League. The committee agreed that Ken Moore's proposal to organise a League team made up of players from more than 1 club should go ahead.
- 9. Tournament Secretary's business:** Neil had submitted a report summarising event results prior to the meeting. He told the committee that congratulations are in order for Dick and Lucy Pathan on winning the Midlands Flich. Bradgate and Glenfield BCs are also considering buying sets of Bridgemates. The possibility of using Bridgemates for the Josephs Bowl and Leicestershire Cup events to allow results to go to NGS is under investigation. The Yates Cup event is, hopefully, to be moved to a Tuesday. John Wilcox outlined a problem with slow play encountered when he directed a recent Pairs League evening. Possible solutions were discussed.
- 10. Education Secretary's business:** Simon reported that the Yates Cup event had not been played this year as only 4 pairs entered. He requested that the [event be moved to a Tuesday](#) – the usual teaching night – to encourage more entries in 2017. Regrettably, the EBU's Junior Teach-in normally held at Loughborough University will not take place this year following organisational problems at the EBU. Simon concluded his report expressing his regret that no meeting of his sub-committee had taken place. He hopes to arrange one soon.
- 11. Membership Secretary business:** Pat reported that the final LCBA membership for 2016/17 is 902 including 7 dual members following 1 extra renewal.
- 12. AOB:** none raised
- 13. Dates of further meetings already agreed:**
  - Wednesday 8 June 2016 – LCBA AGM and the Presentation of Prizes at Greenfields, Loughborough followed by the Special meeting to select sub-committees and make appointments for 2016/17
  - Thursday 15 September 2016 – Committee meeting at Glenfield Memorial Hall
  - Monday 5 December 2016 – Committee meeting at Glenfield Memorial Hall
  - Tuesday 7 March 2017 – Committee meeting at Glenfield Memorial Hall
  - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – Committee meeting at Glenfield Memorial HallThe meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.