

# LEICESTERSHIRE CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 18 September 2017, Glenfield Memorial Hall,

Stamford Street, Glenfield, Leicester LE3 8DL

**Present:** Neil Beasley, Pat Beasley, Dean Benton, Henry Cooklin, Dick Pathan, Dave Pollard – chairman and John Thompson.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Simon Stokes, John Wilcox, Steve Wright, Kate Boulter for County BC, Irene Pacey for Grantham BC and Val Ruddock for Market Harborough BC.
2. **Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of 18 May 2017:** were approved unanimously as a true record of the meeting.
3. **Matters arising from the above meeting not covered elsewhere on this agenda:** none.
4. **Minutes of the Special Executive Committee meeting of 7 June 2017:** were approved unanimously as a true record of the meeting.
5. **Confirmation of the LCBA sub committees as detailed on the above and any other arising matters:** all the members of the sub committees are happy to serve. Richard Smith has contacted the committee to say he is unhappy with the manner in which he had been replaced as an EBU Shareholder.
6. **Minutes of the AGM held on 7 June 2017:** were agreed unanimously by the committee.
7. **Matters arising from the AGM not covered elsewhere on this agenda:** none.
8. **EBU matters:**
  - a) **Chairman's meeting report:** Dave Pollard had attended the meeting. He told the committee of the EBU's proposal to set up a task force to consider questions arising from the replies to their pre-meeting survey. He considers that these issues are adequately covered through the work of the Midlands Working Group. Graham Smith has now replaced Darren Evetts as the EBU board representative for the Group. The committee then discussed the way in which the EBU seems to operate via a 'top down' approach.
  - b) **Young Player of the Year award:** Ben Norton is the winner of this award. It was agreed that a letter of congratulations should be sent to him by the committee. Pat Beasley agreed to prepare the letter.
  - c) **EBED Newsletter July 2017:** Simon Stokes is aware of this newsletter.
9. **Midland Counties Working Group:**
  - a) **2017 Midland Improvers event:** In August, Clare Batten of Nottinghamshire CBA, asked the LCBA to publicise this event. No details of the date etc. were given. She has been asked and agreed to

provide these details so that the LCBA is in a position to respond to the request. The date is expected to be Saturday 25 November.

- b) Report of July meeting:** Dean Benton stated that there was little to report as no significant progress had been made. The EBU are preparing new terms of reference for County Working Groups which was the main focus of the meeting.

**10. Treasurer's business:** Henry Cooklin circulated a financial report prior to the meeting. His main concern is that many of the League teams have not yet paid entry fees - £545 is outstanding. He proposes to email the clubs involved prior to first League match. He requested that, in future, all League Clubs are asked to pay the fee with their League entry.

**11. General Secretary's business to include:**

**a) 2019 Green Point events booking:** the dates booked are Saturdays 2<sup>nd</sup> March and 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019.

**b) Letter from Irene Krantz:** to thank the committee for asking her to be the Guest of Honour at the AGM and also inviting her husband Tony too.

**c) Tea/coffee charges at Greenfields venue:** in future, LCBA members are to be charged £1.20 per cup of tea/coffee. MBL matches are unaffected.

**12. Fixture secretary's business:** Dick Pathan was pleased to be able to say that the Dawes team won the first MBL match 19-1. The Porter and Markham teams both lost 2-18. Availability is a problem for the early season matches. Thanks to Richard Smith for promptly publishing the results of the matches. The use of Bridgemates for scoring has proved impractical.

**13. League secretary's business:** John Wilcox asked the committee to refer to the League Forum minutes for a progress report. The updated League rules have now been published and distributed.

**14. Tournaments secretary's business:** Neil Beasley had submitted his report prior to the meeting. As the March 2018 Green Point event will be the last one to be organised by Robert Northage, a discussion was held as to who may take on the role. Every effort will be made to find a volunteer to work alongside Robert in March. Robert will be asked to prepare a job description for circulation. Neil announced that the Samani Salver was won by Glenfield A and the Samani Plate event by Bradgate C (Red).

**15. Education Liaison business:** Simon Stokes is in the process of setting up an Education subcommittee meeting.

**16. Membership secretary's business:** Pat Beasley reported that the total membership is currently 947. There are 33 new members 24 of whom are Market Harborough BC members. She further reported the deaths of Lucy Gale formerly of Loughborough University BC and Basil Thomas of Glenfield and Westcotes BCs.

**17. AOB:** following a discussion during the meeting, Pat Beasley agreed to look out the job descriptions currently existing for LCBA officers.