

# LEICESTERSHIRE CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday 5 December 2017 at 7.15 p.m.  
Glenfield Memorial Hall, Stamford Street, Glenfield LE3 8DL**

**Present:** Neil Beasley, Pat Beasley, Henry Cooklin, Dick Pathan, Dave Pollard and John Wilcox.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Dean Benton, John Thompson, Steve Wright, Kate Boulter for the County BC and Val Ruddock for Market Harborough BC.
- 2. Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of 18 September 2017:** were accepted and signed as a true record of the meeting.
- 3. Matters arising from the above not on this agenda:** Re Item 14 – the question was raised as to the situation regarding a replacement for Robert Northage as Green Point organiser. Neither a volunteer for the task nor a job description has yet emerged. It was agreed that Robert should be asked to add the request for his replacement when circulating the entry form for the March Green point event.
- 4. EBU Matters:**
  - a) Report of the EBU Shareholders Meeting held on 22 November 2017:**  
Dave Pollard had circulated his report of this meeting. This was discussed. Dave had formed the opinion that the EBU are anxious to increase membership and so increase income.
  - b) Report of Midland Counties Working Group meeting held on 9 November 2017:**  
Dave Pollard had circulated his report of this meeting which was mainly a long ranging discussion of the EBU's Task Team report of the issues identified.
- 5. Treasurer's business:** Henry Cooklin had circulated his report prior to this meeting. He emphasised the fact that the LCBA's share of the income from the Green point events is now considerably reduced.
- 6. General Secretary's business to include:**
  - a) Draft 2018/19 Calendar:** the draft League programme for next season was unanimously approved.
  - b) Paul Bowyer Seminars 2018:** it was agreed that Pat Beasley should contact Paul Bowyer to ask him if he would like to run a series of his seminars during the summer months of 2018
  - c) re Enquiry from Market Harborough BC:** Pat Beasley had received an enquiry from Val Ruddock of Market Harborough BC re training for their club TDs. Pat had replied saying that she would raise the matter at this meeting and find out if local or nearby EBU courses are available or planned. Following this, Val had contacted the EBU which she had found very helpful. It was agreed that Pat would contact Steve Wright re the possibility of his running a course for the club.
  - d) re LCBA Officer job descriptions:** Pat gave copies of job descriptions for the various roles to those officers for whom they exist. Most date back to the 1995/6. It was agreed that the way forward should be for every officer to prepare a job description encompassing how their role is personally seen. Each role may then be shared and discussed at Committee level in due course.

- 7. Fixtures Secretary's business:** Dick Pathan reported that, currently, the Dawes team is in joint second position in the MBL, Porter team are last and the Markham team are 7<sup>th</sup>. He raised his concerns about the loss incurred by the LCBA as the home team fee charged does not cover the costs of hiring the venue and paying for the much appreciated full teas. Next season there will be 4 home matches which will mean an even greater loss to the LCBA. It was agreed that no increase to the match fee is appropriate. Dick also reported that half of the counties are now using Bridgemates for scoring matches. Steve Wright is happy to use the LCBA's bridgemates in which case he wishes not to be selected to play. Alternatively another person may be able to set up the Bridgemates ready for use. Dick expressed his disappointment with the result of the Tollemache competition.
- 8. League Secretary's business:** John Wilcox reported that the only outstanding matches are 3 in Division 1. Overall he is pleased with the way the League is operating this season.
- 9. Tournaments Secretary's business:** Neil Beasley had circulated his report prior to the meeting. He updated the committee on the event results since his report was prepared. A discussion was held re the table charges for LCBA's Stanley event at Glenfield. No action is proposed at this stage. Glenfield had kindly agreed to host the larger Leicestershire Cup at the venue as the usual Rothley venue was unavailable. This was not popular. Happily the Rothley venue is available and booked for next season.
- 10. Education Liaison business:** none
- 11. Membership Secretary's business:** Pat Beasley reported that the overall LCBA membership is currently 973 according to the EBU. She further reported the sad deaths of Pat Dunham of Ashby and Loughborough BCs and Ken Vernon of the County BC. Pat reminded the committee that, when the Data Protection Act came into force, she was given overall responsibility for ensuring that the LCBA met its demands. Due to changes in the way the EBU Membership records are now accessed, she stated she can no longer accept the role as solely hers. It was agreed that the committee as a whole should in future assume the role. John Wilcox volunteered to examine what the EBU says about the issue.
- 12. AOB:** John Wilcox told the committee that Loughborough BC now has a dealing machine lodged at John Storer House. The club is happy for this machine to be used as a backup if there is a problem with the machine which is currently used by the LCBA.

**Dates of further Meetings:** the following dates were agreed for the 2018/19 season:

Tuesday 11 September 2018

Thursday 29 November 2018

Monday 11 March 2019

Tuesday 21 May 2019

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.