

# LEICESTERSHIRE CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 21 May 2018 at 7.15 p.m.

Memorial Hall, Stamford Street, Glenfield LE3 8DL

**Present:** Neil Beasley, Pat Beasley, Dean Benton, Henry Cooklin, Dick Pathan, Dave Pollard – Chair, Simon Stokes and John Wilcox

1. **Apologies for absence:** John Thompson, Steve Wright and Irene Pacey of Grantham BC
2. **Minutes of the executive committee meeting of 8 March 2018:** Were approved unanimously as a true record of the meeting.
3. **Matters arising from the above which are not on this agenda:** Pat reported that the Paul Bowyer series of 4 seminars on 'Defence' have been set up and venue bookings made. The cost will be £500 + any printing costs. Simon Stokes will organise the events.
4. **EBU Matters:**  
**Report of the EBU Shareholders Meeting held on Wednesday 16 May 2018:** Dave Pollard had circulated his report of the meeting prior to this meeting. He brought to the meeting samples of the new 'Welcome' pack now being sent to all new members of the EBU/LCBA. The EBU have now allocated £20,000 for the development of the Membership Project.
5. **Treasurer's business:** Henry Cooklin had circulated his report prior to the meeting. He reported around £500 loss for the year taking into account depreciation of £602 on the LCBA's Bridgemates. He further reported that he has decided to remain the LCBA treasurer for one more season to complete his 30 years in the office.
6. **General Secretary's business including:**  
**Report of the subcommittee meeting re the General Data Protection Act:** the subcommittee set up to develop the LCBA's response to the new GDPR Act has met. John Wilcox had circulated a report of the meeting prior to the meeting. Steve Wright will produce a Privacy Notice for the LCBA website. It was agreed that the role of Data Protection officer should be part of the Membership Secretary's responsibility.  
**AGM Preparation:**  
a) **AGM agenda:** Pat Beasley had circulated the proposed AGM agenda prior to the meeting. This was agreed with the necessary adjustment in view of Henry's decision to continue in office for a further year. It was agreed that there is a need to encourage further members to join the committee at the AGM.

- b) Nominations and vacancies for the Executive Officers and Committee:** Richard Rees of Bradgate BC has offered his services to the committee as the future treasurer.
- c) Notification of Prize winners and their invitations to attend the AGM:** Neil Beasley is in the process of preparing these invitations.
- d) Gift for the Guest of Honour:** Pat Beasley has this in hand.
- e) Officers input to the Committee report:** please send these to Dave asap.
- f) Trophy Engraving:** Pat Beasley has this in hand. It was agreed that she should arrange the purchase of extra plinth space for the Stanley trophy.
- 7. Fixtures Secretary's business:** Dick Pathan reported that the Dawes team has finished in third place this season. The Porter has team finished seventh and the Markham sixth. He had circulated his proposed job description prior to the meeting. It was agreed that data privacy protection needed to be also included as part of the role.
- 8. League Secretary's business:** John Wilcox reported that, so far, all but two teams had indicated that the plan was to again enter the League for the 2018/19 season. He hopes to soon have replies from these two teams. He hopes to at least be able to retain the status quo.
- 9. Tournament Secretary's business:** Neil Beasley had circulated both the minutes of the recent Tournaments subcommittee meeting and the final Tournaments results prior to the meeting. He updated the results further to reflect the final events of the season. He announced that Mike Ayers has decided to retire as the Pairs League controller. Neil had written thanking him for his hard work and success in the role.
- 10. Education Secretary's business:** Simon Stokes had circulated the minutes of the recent Education subcommittee meeting prior to the meeting. He reported that the entry for the Yates event attracted 10 tables and yielded some useful teacher contacts. He hopes to similarly attract a viable entry for the Mercury event in 2019. Simon has also been in contact with EBED and hopes that a course of Teachers Seminars will be organised with the County Club premises as the venue possibly in November 2018. A Junior Teach-in has been organised at Kings Langley in late August. The cost tends to prohibit any Leicestershire involvement. It was therefore agreed to investigate the possibility of organising a similar local event. An exploratory Leicestershire club forum will be set up on a Friday afternoon in September 2018.
- 11. Membership Secretary business:** Pat Beasley reported that she has prepared a description of the Membership secretary's role. She further reported the sad deaths of John Stovin – Westcotes BC, Kath Stevenson – Bradgate BC and Ken Forsyth – formerly of Clarendon BC.
- 12. AOB:** None raised.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.