

LEICESTERSHIRE CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 11 September 2018

Glenfield Memorial Hall,

Stamford Street, Glenfield,

Leicester LE3 8DL

at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Neil Beasley, Pat Beasley, Dean Benton, David Betterley, Henry Cooklin, Dick Pathan, Dave Pollard, John Thompson, John Wilcox and Steve Wright.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Richard Rees and Simon Stokes
- 2. Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of 21 May 2018:** were accepted by all as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chairman.
- 3. Matters arising from the above meeting not covered elsewhere on this agenda:** none.
- 4. Minutes of the Special Executive Committee meeting of 13 June 2018:** unanimously accepted and signed by the chairman.
- 5. Confirmation of the LCBA sub committees as detailed on the above and any other arising matters:** all the subcommittee members are happy with their nominations.
- 6. Minutes of the AGM held on 13 June 2018:** unanimously agreed.
- 7. Matters arising from the AGM not covered elsewhere on this agenda:** none.
- 8. EBU matters: EBU Membership Campaign:** a wide ranging discussion took place as to the feasibility of the LCBA offering to become a part of the planned further development of this membership recruiting initiative. No volunteer to lead such an initiative was found, so it was agreed not to become part of campaign at this stage.
- 9. Midland Counties Working Group:** Dean Benton and Dave Pollard had both attended a meeting some while back. Dave gave a brief outline of the discussions that took place. Another meeting will take place shortly and more detail will be provided after this second meeting.
- 10. Treasurer's business:** Henry Cooklin had circulated the current financial state of the LCBA at this point in time - £7621 in hand. He expressed his concern that he has not yet received the Samani or League fees. John Wilcox explained that an invoice has now been sent to either the club treasurer – where known – or other representative requesting payment within 5 days. Henry thanked John and said he will now allow a suitable period of time for payment before taking any action himself. Henry further reported that the Paul Bowyer seminars had made the expected loss which was seen as expenditure from the Education budget. It was also announced that Nottinghamshire CBA had cancelled their recent Green Point Teams event due to lack of support. Their Pairs event went ahead with a similar turnout to that for the LCBA June event. This means that less money will be due to the LCBA.

11. General secretary's business to include:

- a) **Letters from Beryl and Henry Cooklin:** Pat Beasley had the 'Thank you' letters received from both Henry and Beryl for the gifts presented to them at the AGM.
- b) **Draft Data Protection Privacy Statement:** this draft statement was analysed in depth. It was agreed to add 'For some data, such as that relating to financial matters, the basis for its collection and retention is to comply with our legal obligations.' to that section of the statement. The committee then unanimously accepted the statement which will now become part of LCBA website information.

12. Fixture secretary's business: Dick Pathan reported that the Dawes team had won their first match of the season, the Porter team drew and the Markham team lost. The proposed dates for the 2019/20 matches are now available – no local problem with them is foreseen. He updated the committee on the scoring and analysis procedures which remain unchanged. The MBL now state that the away team is expected to contribute to costs if a match is unexpectedly cancelled.

13. League secretary's business: John Wilcox had sent a report to the committee in advance of the meeting. The proposed change to League rule 3.1 was unanimously approved. The committee also supported the League Forum's decision not to accept the Grantham club's request to the move to their match venue from Waltham to Barrowby.

14. Tournaments secretary's business: Neil Beasley had circulated the minutes of the recent Tournaments subcommittee meeting prior to this meeting. He highlighted the proposal to move the Gimson final from Greenfields to the County BC. He plans to contact the County BC asap. Dick Pathan agreed to TD the Pairs League when John Wilcox was not available. The fee to TDs will be increased to be in line with the EBU rate. Neil also reported that of the 14 replies received re the possibility of making the later rounds of the Josephs event 'home play', 9 prefer 'home play'. This means that the dates agreed for these rounds will become 'play by' dates. This proposal was agreed unanimously. A discussion was then held re the EBU's proposal to end the use of the 'Stop' card. It was agreed that no response to the EBU would be made at this stage.

15. Education Liaison business: Dave Pollard reported that Paul Bowyer has asked if he may be invited to attend an Education subcommittee meeting to present the bridge teaching materials he has developed.

16. Membership secretary's business: Pat Beasley reported that the total EBU/LCBA membership is currently 926. She reported that 4 new members have joined – 2 the Grantham BC, 1 the Westcotes BC and 1 12 year old Direct Junior member. A committee member was also aware of a further member who was not on the list as downloaded on the day of the meeting.

17. AOB: Dave Pollard reminded the committee that, currently, there is no LCBA Vice Chairman. He urged one of the committee members to consider taking on the role. In addition, the committee unanimously accepted the 'LCBA League Secretary – Role Description' prepared by John Wilcox.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.