

KCBA SECRETARY'S REPORT

[Apologies for absence from Lindsey Clark, Phil Jones, Chris Lohan, and Jeremy Willans.]

Firstly can I welcome Malcolm to his new role as Chairman.

Secondly to new members to the Committee Anton Mauve as Youth Officer and congratulations to Anton and his wife Jessica for being awarded the Tom Bradley Award at the Summer Meeting which is given to non-school teachers who have made a significant contribution to youth bridge.

Welcome also to Lindsey Clark as the Area Secretary for North West Kent, and Gerald Soper who in addition to assisting the Archivist Phil is now joining us as Trophy Officer.

For my part I am pleased to be taking over the role of Secretary from Malcolm who will be a hard act to follow but I will do my best.

The only items I have been involved with since the last meeting are an invitation from Sussex County Bridge Association for a pair to play in the Sussex CCBA County Contract Bridge Associations Chairmans Cup on the 11th November which Jeremy has in hand and will no doubt speak further on in his report.

I have received notification from EBU of one change in primary county to Kent for Roy Moore formerly with Sussex. I have also received notification of four members who have now moved away from Kent.

Membership is now (I will hopefully have this figure on Sunday)

Nick Doe from the EBU did make contact regarding future timing of the Garden Cities Trophy but in the end concluded that it would be too disruptive to make a complete change to the timing of the event and therefore was sticking to the dates in the Calendar for the Regional Finals in 2018 and 2019 namely 21 April 2018 and 27 April 2019.

Contact was made by Gary Conrad of Herts Essex regarding the Herts Essex Bridge Congress Weekend and the request for a consent to change their dates to September 15/16 for 2018/19 and having consulted Malcolm and Mike this did not affect Kent and therefore consent was given.