

## MINUTES OF THE LCBA AGM HELD VIA ZOOM ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

1. Present: D Benton (Chairman), D Pollard (minutes), S Wright, I Krantz, J Hill, B Stockdale, S Stockdale, N Beasley, P Beasley, R Rees, P Bowyer, L Pathan, D Pathan, R Smith, J Wilcox, J Mason, S Gilbert, C Gurr, R Killip, Bharat, I Walkerdine, B Barclay, A Wright.

Apologies: S Stokes, L Hilton.

2. Minutes of 2019 AGM were accepted as accurate.
3. Matters arising: none.
4. Chairman's report. Dean Benton welcomed members to the meeting and ascertained that it was quorate. He reported that the League season had to be curtailed because of the lockdown with 1 team promoted and relegated. It had been agreed to award certificates to the division winners rather than trophies and that the entry fee would have to be increased. There had been increased participation in some competitions, notably the Pairs League and Stanley, but other had to be cancelled because of the pandemic. Bill Barclay was co-opted to the Executive Committee and Tournament Sub-committee and online sub-committee. LCBA ran a Saturday morning pairs event which was not well supported but is now running an online Stanley and Swiss teams. The Midlands Counties League positions will only be finalised when face to face bridge resumes; in the meantime this competition is running on line and LCBA will enter teams. LCBA ran a successful Bridge in a Weekend event in September 2019 but this year's, and Paul Bowyer's seminars, had to be cancelled because of the pandemic. Dean reported that Ben Norton was joint EBU young player of the year for the second year in succession and was selected for the England open team. He recalled those members who died during the year, Finally he was pleased to announce that the EBU had agreed to make a Dimmie Fleming award to Neil and Pat Beasley to recognise their many years of service to the LCBA; they will be standing down from the Executive committee in 2021. Neil replied that they were very pleased and honoured. He first played league bridge as a student in 1956-7 season. He had been on the committee for 40 years and Pat for 25, and both had done various jobs and gained much enjoyment from their involvement.
5. Accounts for 2019-20. Richard Rees presented the accounts and said they had been little affected by the pandemic. LCBA spends its money on running 3 Midlands Counties League teams, sending Leicestershire teams to national competitions, supporting education, subsidising LCBA competitions, running costs and depreciation. In 2019-20 this totalled £4227. It gained income from P2P, Green Points events and the league, totalling £3215, a deficit of just over £1000. It was not sustainable to continue to make a deficit of that size. Reserves are currently £6800. Dean thanked Richard for his comprehensive report. The accounts were accepted.
6. Proposals from outgoing Executive Committee:
  - a) that the LCBA pay to play component should remain at 8p: agreed unanimously.

- b) that the subscription for EBU direct members remain at £4 with no charge for juniors: agreed unanimously.
- c) that the LCBA grants honorary life membership to Steve Wright. Lucy Pathan, whose proposal it was, spoke of Steve's contribution as a TD, including workshops, as the manager of the LCBA'S equipment, including the work he has done to familiarise clubs with bridgemates, his teaching commitments, work on internet bridge and general troubleshooting of members' problems. This was agreed unanimously.
- d) that the AGM be moved to September from June. This was agreed unanimously.
- e) that the year end for the accounts be moved to 31 July. This was agreed unanimously.

7. Election of officers and committee. The following were elected:

<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PROPOSER</b>	<b>SECONDER</b>
Chairman	Dean Benton		
Vice Chairman	Vacant		
Immediate Past Chairman	Dave Pollard		
Treasurer	Richard Rees		
General & Minutes Sec.	Dave Pollard		
League Secretary	John Wilcox		
Tournament Secretary	Neil Beasley		
Fixture Secretary	Dick Pathan		
Membership Secretary	Pat Beasley		
Education Liaison Sec.	Simon Stokes		
Committee Member	David Betterley		
Committee Member	Steve Wright		
Committee Member	Bill Barclay	Neil Beasley	Dave Pollard
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- 8. Appointment of independent financial examiner. Richard Rees proposed Michael Jones, who is a chartered accountant and bridge player. Agreed unanimously.
- 9. Resolutions put forward by individual members : none.
- 10. Other business. Dean Benton expressed his thanks to Steve Wright for organising the AGM via Zoom and to Richard Smith for his work on this and as webmaster through the year.