

LEICESTERSHIRE CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Monday 15 September 2014, Glenfield Memorial Hall,
Stamford Street, Glenfield, Leicester LE3 8DL at 7.15 p.m.**

Present: Neil Beasley, Pat Beasley, Dean Benton, Henry Cooklin, Dick Pathan, Dave Pollard, Richard Smith, Brian Stockdale, Simon Stokes and John Wilcox.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Irene Krantz, Robert Northage, John Thompson and Steve Wright. Ken Vernon was absent as, unfortunately, the Email address held for him was inaccurate.
2. **Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of 15 May 2014:** were accepted as a true record of the meeting.
3. **Matters arising from the above meeting not covered elsewhere on this agenda:** Dave Pollard confirmed that he had written to Paul Bowyer. A method of paying for the hire and provision of teas for County matches at Greenfields has been arranged.
4. **Minutes of the Special Executive Committee meeting of 11 June 2014:** were approved with the correction that Simon Stokes was incorrectly included as a member of the Tournaments subcommittee. The Conduct Committee had been confirmed.
5. **Minutes of the AGM held on 11 June 2014:** were considered to be accurate.
6. **Matters arising from the AGM not covered elsewhere on this agenda:** Dean Benton offered to be the Vice Chairman for the 2014/15 year. He was duly elected to the office with the committee's thanks.
7. **EBU matters to include:** a) **Report of the county Chairmen's meeting held in July 2014:** Dean Benton was pleased to have been invited to attend this meeting due to the chairman's unavailability. He reported on the format of the meeting and on the excellent lunch provided. He also reported that it had come to his attention that Derbyshire has said that they are unhappy that Leicestershire gives very little support to their session of the triple Green Point events held at Spondon. As a result, Derbyshire are considering terminating the current sharing of the proceeds for the events. Committee members commented that Derbyshire has the prime date each year as there is no date rotation. [Dave Pollard agreed to contact the County chairmen of both Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire to discuss the matter.](#) b) **Work in progress with the National Counties Working Group:** Pat Beasley alerted the committee to the work in hand c) **Changes to the English Bridge magazine:** Neil Beasley briefly outlined the changes proposed including those to future County news reports which are to be split into 3 sections with only the local national successes published. John Wilcox reported is that he is unable to attend the November EBU Shareholders meeting. Richard Smith will go in his place with Robert Northage. [Pat Beasley will forward the meeting details to Richard in due course.](#) Pat also reported that the EBU are running an afternoon 'Really Easy Congress' for learners of bridge the details of which have been passed on to Simon Stokes as Education Liaison representative.
8. **Treasurer's business:** Henry Cooklin reported on the healthy current funds of £10,435. The summer months are quiet time financially. An invoice is awaited from the EBU for P2P on team events for £650. Nottinghamshire have contributed £200 as the share due from their Green Point event.

9. **General secretary's business to include:** a) **discussion of the letter of complaint from Grantham BC – copy and initial response attached:** The committee were very happy with the response to Grantham Bridge Club. They wished to add their personal regrets to those already expressed. [Pat Beasley agreed to advise Grantham accordingly.](#) She was thanked for her approach to the matter. b) **Preliminary discussion of the LCBA's archives – paper attached:** Pat briefly commented on the content of the archives and asked that [the committee give some thoughts as to what will be an appropriate method of retaining future records for further archives.](#)
10. **Fixture secretary's business:** Dick Pathan thanked Neil Beasley and Robert Northage for their contributions on his subcommittee and welcomed Pat Beasley and Paul Bowyer. He reported the most recent County match results and explained that, as Lincolnshire had withdrawn for this year and there was a bye, there is a gap until the next scheduled match. Dick is anxious to ensure that the results and analysis of all matches are published on the website. [He will be contacting John Thompson about this.](#) Robert Northage is planning to resolve the Midland Bridge League master point problem.
11. **League secretary's business:** Richard Smith and his subcommittee have held extensive discussions following a request at the April League Forum for a change to the penalty for inadvertently playing a person in a league match who had already played for another league team from a different club. After discussion the recommended changes to Rules 4.7(1) and 4.7(2) were unanimously adopted. Similarly, following guidance from the August League forum, the proposed system card tick box on League match score sheets and the League subcommittee's amended system cards were accepted. The subcommittee plan further review before the 2015/16 season.
12. **Tournaments secretary's business:** Neil Beasley had circulated the minutes of the recent Tournaments subcommittee meeting prior to the meeting. He was able to announce that Grantham B2 have won the Samani Plate for the second year running. Entries are being received for the Pairs League. The proposal to change the format for and the method of scoring the Stanley Trophy provoked considerable discussion. There was concern that scoring over performance in all seven heats rather than in the best four totally changed the nature of the competition. This proposal to change the format of the Stanley was defeated. The revised scoring system to be used will be the average Bimps per board in the pairs' best four heats. [Neil will modify the rules and notify entrants of the changes.](#)
13. **Education Liaison business:** Simon Stokes said that he plans holding a subcommittee meeting with the aim of defining the 'job' he has. His aim is to increase the amount of teaching within the county.
14. **Membership secretary's business:** Pat Beasley updated the committee on the current membership which totals 943.
15. **Webmaster's business:** John Thompson sent a message to say [that he is aiming to get the website completely up to date on his return from holiday.](#)
16. **Dates of further meetings:** The following was agreed - Tuesday 2 December 2014 at Glenfield - a Thursday in early March 2015 to be booked at Rothley as there will be a choir practice at Glenfield - Monday 18 May 2015 at Glenfield
17. **AOB:** Simon Stokes pointed out that he was the only person to enter a team in the Three Counties event.
- The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.