

LEICESTERSHIRE CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 15 September 2016

**Glenfield Memorial Hall,
Stamford Street, Glenfield,
Leicester LE3 8DL**

at 7.15 p.m.

Present – Neil Beasley, Pat Beasley, Dean Benton (chairman), Dick Pathan, Simon Stokes and Steve Wright.

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Henry Cooklin, Dave Pollard, John Thompson and Brian Stockdale
- 2. Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of 10 May 2016** – were approved 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 8 June 2016** – were approved and signed by the chairman.
- 5. Confirmation of the LCBA sub committees as detailed on the above and any other arising matters** – Tony Odams had confirmed that he no longer wished to be part of any subcommittee.
- 6. Minutes of the AGM held on 8 June 2016** – these were accepted by the committee subject to approval at the 2017 AGM.
- 7. Matters arising from the AGM not covered elsewhere on this agenda** -
- 8. EBU matters** – non received requiring committee action.
- 9. Midland Counties Working Group** – Dean Benton had attended the recent meeting of the group. He reported that Nicky Bainbridge – the chairman – was involved in a dispute with the EBU connected with her NGS grading. As a result of this, she was banned from continuing as the chairman of the Working Group. The members of the Working Group, despite being unhappy with this situation, have agreed to continue with their work. The Working Group is considering whether it would be feasible to institute an award for clubs similar to the Dimmie Fleming award for EBU members.
- 10. Treasurer's business** – the committee went through the report provided by Henry in his absence. Four clubs have now been sent their share of the Bridgemates rebate sent to the LCBA following their purchases of sets of Bridgemates. Following the mislaying of a prize of £40, which was taken away from the AGM by a person who volunteered to give it to Peter Halford, it was agreed to send a cheque to Peter with the proviso that the missing cash is returned should the original cash prize be found.

11. General secretary's business to include:

a) 2018 Green Point events booking – the dates offered by the EBU are Saturday 3 March and Saturday 21 June both for Pairs events which are now booked

b) 2018 AGM date – 6/13 June – it was agreed that the AGM date will always be the second Wednesday in June – i.e. 13 June for 2018

12. Fixture secretary's business – Dick Pathan reported some disappointment with the first MBL match results. He is encouraged by the pool of persons willing to represent the county in the matches. He hopes to include many of the new volunteers in the Markham team during the season and to find a suitable partner for Ben Norton. He recorded his thanks to Richard Smith for putting match results on to the LCBA website so promptly. He enquired whether the current home match fee is sufficient. Pat Beasley said that she had enquired whether Greenfields wished to increase the catering costs and the answer was that no increase was necessary.

13. League secretary's business – Brian Stockdale had circulated the minutes of the League Forum and the proposed amendment to the League rule covering procedure when a team member is late arriving for a match or fails to arrive. This was unanimously accepted. In addition, John Thompson had proposed a further amendment which was discussed. To cover this, Steve Wright made the following proposal 'At the start of any match – where either team is incomplete – the non-offending captain – or both captains if both teams are incomplete – must agree to either play the match as a team of 4 match or abandon the match if the team/s remain incomplete after the first 6 boards of the match. In the case of both teams being incomplete, if no agreement is reached between the captains, the team of 4 option will apply with both captains rotating their pairs.'

Neil Beasley seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed subject to the League rules subcommittee's agreement.

14. Tournaments secretary's business – Neil Beasley had sent his report to the committee. Dick Pathan requested a review of the Josephs Bowl rules governing the use of 5 or 6 players nominated for a team. Neil will follow this matter up.

15. Education Liaison business – Simon Stokes reported that 30/35 persons had attended Paul Bowyer's Seminars which were about 'Defence' this year. Simon pointed out that the seminars were excellent value as Paul could command a far greater fee for his services. The costs were just covered by the fees paid. The BfA Book 1 has now been revised by the EBU. Book 2 is 'work in progress' and the teachers' guide will follow. Simon plans to organise an education subcommittee meeting in the near future.

16. Membership secretary's business - none

17. AOB – none raised