

# LEICESTERSHIRE CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 7 March 2017 at 7.15 p.m.  
Memorial Hall, Stamford Street, Glenfield LE3 8DL

**Present:** Neil Beasley, Pat Beasley, Dean Benton – Chairman, Henry Cooklin, Dick Pathan, Dave Pollard and Brian Stockdale.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** were received from Simon Stokes and Steve Wright.
2. **Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 5 December 2016:** were unanimously approved.
3. **Matters arising from the above not on this agenda:** the League Forum has been moved to Thursday 4 May 2017 at the Rothley Centre.
4. **EBU matters – Report of the Midland Counties Working Group meeting held on 12 January 2017:** Dean Benton had circulated the minutes of this meeting when they were sent out by the MCWG. The dispute with the EBU involving Nicky Bainbridge has not yet been resolved.
5. **LCBA Club representation on the main committee discussion:** this item was discussed. It was suggested that all EBU/LCBA registered clubs should be required to nominate a representative to attend LCBA meetings. Pat Beasley agreed to draft a proposition that could become part of the LCBA Constitution for ratification at the AGM in June.
6. **Treasurer's business:** Henry Cooklin had circulated a report prior to the meeting. The Association currently has £8292 funds in hand. Just under £2000 of this money is allocated to educational projects.
7. **General Secretary's business:**
  - a) **Proposed 2017/18 Calendar:** the contract for the hire of the Rothley Centre for the 2017/18 events scheduled there has been signed. Greenfields now have to pay VAT meaning a 20 percentage increase on their hire charges. This means that hiring the Lounge at Rothley is now the cheaper option. The venues for the events organised by the EBU have not been included as this year the EBU has not used the venues it originally published. The calendar was accepted.
  - b) **2017 AGM preparation - Guest of Honour suggestions:** Pat Beasley agreed to invite the person unanimously chosen - **Prospective vacancies 2017/18:** Brian Stockdale will not be standing as League Secretary for personal reasons. It was agreed that Pat will advertise the vacancy on the LCBA website and via contact with all LCBA club secretaries and LCBA League team captains. – **Officer's input to the Committee's report:** please send to Dean Benton - **Life membership proposals:** none – **Trophies:** will be collected as usual. There are sufficient League trophies for this year but not for 2017/18. It was agreed that in future the League trophies will be purchased annually as there is no financial advantage in bulk orders.

- 8. Fixture Secretary's business:** Dick Pathan reported that there is just one more match to play this season. The results to date have been mixed despite there being a good pool of players available. Bridgemates were successfully used for the home match against Warwickshire. It was agreed to purchase an up-to-date rules book and Blue book for LCBA use.
- 9. League Secretary's business:** Brian Stockdale reported that the Ashby v Glenfield match appeal has now been resolved. Dean Benton has received a letter of complaint about the way in which the Ashby appeal was handled from the Chair of the club. It was agreed that Pat Beasley would respond to this letter as Dean is an Ashby BC member. Pat will draft a response to be circulated to the committee before sending a formal letter of reply to Ashby BC.
- 10. Tournaments Secretary's business:** Neil Beasley had circulated his report and the minutes of the Tournaments subcommittee meeting prior to the meeting. At this meeting it was agreed that the Josephs Bowl event rules will be revised to allow the use of 6 players. It was found impractical to use Bridgemates for the combined Josephs/Butterworth-Langley round as the Josephs people played 32 boards and the Butterworth-Langley people 24. New playing cards have been purchased for use in LCBA events. Dave Pollard is interested in becoming a qualified County TD and is awaiting the availability of course that is reasonably near to Leicester. TD refresher courses will be offered to County TDs once the new laws are published by the EBU. The Leicestershire Green Point event at Spondon attracted 32 pairs – 2 more than last year and included 4 Leicestershire pairs. 3 teams entered the Wilde cup event. 2 of whom were able to play on the day of the event. It was agreed that if less than 5 teams enter the event just one £20 prize will be awarded to the winners in future. If 5 or more teams enter the usual prize monies will be awarded albeit the event does not make any profit. It was agreed that there would be no local interest in being part of the organisation of an East Midlands Congress following an enquiry from Derbyshire.
- 11. Education Liaison business:** no report was received from Simon Stokes. Brian Stockdale organises 2/3 education events in Loughborough. He asked the committee if the LCBA would be willing to sponsor the events if not enough money is raised from the £2 fee charged to fully cover costs. It was agreed to cover any loss from the education budget.
- 12. Membership Secretary's business:** Pat Beasley gave the membership details for the season which included. 3 further new members.

**The dates** provisionally booked for the 2017/18 LCBA committee meetings were accepted.

- 13. AOB:** none raised

The meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.