

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 12 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT GLENFIELD MEMORIAL HALL

1. **Present:** D Benton (DB) – Chairman - D Pollard (DP), N Beasley (NB), Pat Beasley (PB), D Pathan (D Pa), S Stokes (SS), H Leigh (HL), J Wilcox (JW), B Warracker (BW).

Apologies: S Wright, D Betterley.

2. **Minutes of Executive Committee** meeting 21 May 2019 were approved.
3. **Matters arising:** Yates trophy replacement. **DP** to organise.
4. **Minutes of Executive Committee** meeting 12 June 2019 approved.
5. **Matters arising:** J Thompson agreed to remain on the League Sub-Committee and Conduct Committee. R Northage did not reply to the email asking him if he wished to remain on the Investigation committee. **NB** offered to mention this to him.
6. Minutes of the AGM 12 June 2019 were agreed.
7. **Matters arising:** we recorded our thanks to PB for all the minutes she has taken over the years.
8. B Warracker gave the background to a situation that arose at his club leading to a member being excluded from membership. DP had taken advice from the EBU about LCBA's position and read it to the meeting. The Committee agreed to uphold the right of a club to exclude a member and ban him or her from its premises if circumstances dictate and due process has been followed.
9. **Midlands Counties Working Group.** DB reported that the focus of the last meeting was a presentation by EBED on its work. There was also a debate about performance indicators for clubs, the MCWG and the EBU itself, as a means of setting targets and evaluating progress. NB queried the reference to raising the UMS. **DP/DB** to take this up at the next MCWG meeting.
10. **Treasurer's business.** RR reported he was moving to online banking as far as possible. He highlighted some large items of expenditure, in particular entry fees for national competitions. He proposed a review of prize money and entry fees to LCBA competitions. It was agreed that **RR** and **NB** would bring this back as a future discussion item.
11. **Secretary's business.** DP reported that he had taken over the archives and was getting to grips with the job. He had no items of business that required a decision.
12. **Fixtures Secretary's business.** DPa reported that Jim Mason's team had achieved 10th place in the Pachabo Cup. The Committee congratulated the Dawes squad on winning the National Inter-Counties Final. **DPa** to arrange engraving of the trophy. In the first round of the Midlands Counties League the Dawes team won 17-3, the Porter team lost 0-20 and the Markham team lost 7-13. The fixtures against Gloucs and Warwicks have been reversed for this season because these counties could not find a venue on the agreed dates, and these matches will be played at St Oswalds. This means 5 home matches this season and only 2 next season.

13. **League Secretary's business.** JW reported on the League Forum and said there would be one extra team this year, from Bradgate, so that Division 3 increases to 7 teams. The online system is ready for match 1.
14. **Tournament Sub-Committee.** NB reported that the sub-committee will meet on 19 September. It would discuss the proposal to resume qualifying heats for the Gimson Trophy, with a likely survey of clubs to see how many would be prepared to hold heats.
15. **Education Sub-Committee.** SS reported that the Bridge in a Weekend initiative had been successful. 12 potential players had entered and SS thanked RR and Brian Stockdale for their efforts with publicity. The course had gone well, the participants had been enthusiastic and some had signed up for classes. SS proposed to repeat the weekend in 2020. RR said that Bradgate were running demonstration events.
16. **Membership.** PB said there are currently 922 LCBA members in Leicestershire. Two players have recently died.
17. **Other business.** None. Meeting closed at 8.55.