

## MINUTES OF THE LCBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF 28/1/2021 VIA ZOOM

1. Present: Dean Benton (chair), Bill Barclay, Neil Beasley, Pat Beasley, Dick Pathan, Richard Rees, John Wilcox, Steve Wright, Dave Pollard (minutes). There were no apologies.
2. Minutes of last meeting accepted as correct subject to one minor amendment.
3. Matters arising: Dave Pollard reported that Leicestershire is entering three teams for the Midland Online Cross County Teams event on 30 January 2021.
4. Midlands Counties Working Group. Dean Benton reported that the Midlands Counties Online League is considering moving to RealBridge. The Spondon bridge centre is struggling financially. He added that the group had not achieved much lately.
5. Treasurer's business. Richard Rees presented a report showing that although income is low this year, expenditure is lower in spite of the doubling of the P2P cost for counties. The online model is cost effective but we are not paying prizes or TD's fees. He is waiting for a bill for the MCOL. It was agreed to offer online TDs a fee of £20 for each event they direct.
6. General Secretary's business:
  - A) Dave Pollard outlined the programme of online bridge between now and June. 20 pairs have entered for the Mixed Pairs on 3 February. The March Green Point event has been cancelled but we plan to run a county Swiss Pairs event in late March to gain experience. Bill Barclay explained the club championship pairs competition. Dean Benton raised the question of the profit sharing agreement with Derbyshire and Notts and whether we should continue with this in future now we are no longer using Spondon. He agreed to speak to Robert Northage about this and a decision would be deferred at the next meeting.
  - B) Dave Pollard raised the question of succession planning, given that Neil and Pat Beasley will be standing down from the committee and Dean Benton is in his second year as chairman. Steve Wright expressed willingness to take over the Master Points role and Richard Rees and Pat Beasley will discuss what the membership role involves.
7. Fixtures Secretary's business. Dick Pathan reported on two rounds of Midlands Counties Online League matches. Our division 1 team is currently 2<sup>nd</sup>, in division 2 we are 5<sup>th</sup> and in division 3 we are 4<sup>th</sup>. A couple of players are not keen on the mooted transfer of these matches to RealBridge, otherwise there are no objections. It was pointed out that RealBridge run 8 board taster sessions to enable familiarisation.
8. League Secretary's business: none.
9. Tournament Secretary's Business: none.
10. Education Secretary's business: none, though bridge teaching is continuing online.

11. Membership Secretary's business: Pat Beasley reported that membership has increased to 972. There had been two deaths.
12. Any other business. Dave Pollard asked whether anyone had a copy of the LCBA privacy policy. Pat Beasley has subsequently emailed a copy, which needs to go on the website.
13. Date of next meeting: Thursday 25 March 2021.