

MINUTES OF LCBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 25 MAY 2021 VIA ZOOM

1. Present: Dean Benton (chair), Neil Beasley, Pat Beasley, Dick Pathan, John Wilcox, Richard Rees, Steve Wright, Anne Wright, Dave Pollard (notes).

Apologies: Bill Barclay.

2. Minutes of last meeting accepted as accurate.
3. Matters arising: Dean Benton thanked the committee for agreeing to rearrange the meeting and reported that he had presented Dimmie Fleming awards to Neil and Pat Beasley. Photos will be available for the website.
4. Midlands Counties Working Group. Dean Benton reported that other counties were considering how and when to resume face to face bridge. It was likely that this would initially be clubs with their own premises.
5. Treasurer's business. Richard Rees reported that the financial position is healthy. Monthly income is between £250 and £400 against P2P of around £100. The position is unlikely to change before the end of the financial year on 31 July.
6. General Secretary's business.

A) Co-option of Anne Wright as Vice-Chair proposed by Dean Benton, seconded by Dave Pollard and agreed unanimously. Anne said she would be particularly interested in work with clubs.

B) AGM preparations. We were concerned that trophies from 2019-20 need to be awarded and in some cases completed. Neil Beasley will send a list of trophy winners to Dave Pollard to arrange collection and engraving. If a face to face AGM is possible it might be possible for some people to attend by Zoom. The only likely venue would be County BC. Dave Pollard to contact CBC to find out whether this is going to be possible.

C) Pachabo Cup: we have a team, Dave Pollard to send in the entry (now done).

D) EBU matters: there have been several communications from the Laws and Ethics Committee re players suspended for online cheating. The EBU is also concerned about how non-active clubs will start up again. We agreed that we would tackle this in the first instance but wait until after 21 June to see what restrictions remain in place.

7. Fixture Secretary's business. One further match in the Midlands Counties Online League has been played; the division 1 team won but the other two teams lost. With one match to play Leicestershire is 5th in division 1, 7th in division 2 and 3rd in division 3. It is not yet clear what kind of competition will be held in 2021-22. There will be a Midlands NGS 6 high teams of 4 competition in June. Dick Pathan was thanked for his work on this.

8. League Secretary's business. John Wilcox reported that he contacted the league sub-committee over the way forward but had little response. Venue availability may be a problem and turnout is hard to predict. We agreed to leave this until the next meeting. John to send the responses to Dave for circulation to the committee.

9. Tournament Secretary's business. It was proposed by Richard Rees and seconded by Dave Pollard that Steve Wright should become Tournament Secretary with immediate effect and agreed unanimously. Neil Beasley has passed over his files and is willing to stay on TSC as a consultant. TSC meetings will be on Zoom and the first task will be to put together a programme of online events for September to December 2021. Steve to contact potential TSC members, following which Dave will write to current members to let them know of the decision.

10. Education Secretary's business: none.

11. Membership Secretary's business. There has been little change to membership numbers and one death to report.

12. Any other business: none.

13. Date of next meeting: Thursday 29 July.