

## MINUTES OF LCBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ON ZOOM 29/7/21

1. Present: Dean Benton (chair), Richard Rees, Anne Wright, Steve Wright, Neil Beasley, Pat Beasley, John Wilcox, Bill Barclay, Dave Pollard (notes).  
Apologies: Dick Pathan, Simon Stokes.
2. Minutes of last meeting accepted as accurate.
3. Matters arising: none.
4. Midlands Counties Working Group. Dean Benton reported on the Zoom meeting on 8 July 2021, attended by 9 counties with 3 apologies. The restricted NGS competitions will continue. There was discussion on the resumption of face to face bridge and it was suggested that clubs should hold a social get together first. The proposals for the Midlands Counties League for 2021-2 season were acceptable.
5. Treasurer's business. Richard Rees had circulated a report showing that LCBA had made a surplus of around £1300 in 2020-1. LCBA assets are all fully depreciated and he expected to be able to pass the accounts to the financial examiner early in August.
6. General Secretary's business. A) AGM. County BC have agreed we can hold it there but the committee agreed that we should use Zoom again this year. Dave Pollard has collected most of the trophies and will get them engraved. We discussed ways they can be delivered/collected by the winners. The current office holders are willing to continue but there is a need for more committee members. Dean Benton asked for input from the committee for his report. Dave Pollard to send out notice of the AGM and contact sub-committee members who are not on the Executive Committee to check their willingness to continue. B) Future programme of meetings. We agreed to continue to hold meetings on Zoom for the time being on a bi-monthly basis. Dave Pollard to draw up a list and circulate.
7. Fixtures Secretary's business. Dick Pathan circulated a detailed report. In The Midlands Counties League the 1<sup>st</sup> team finished 5<sup>th</sup>, the 2<sup>nd</sup> team 7<sup>th</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> team 4<sup>th</sup>. He reported on the outcome of the Pachabo Cup. Dean thanked Dick for his work in getting out teams and others, including match arrangers, for their support.
8. League Secretary's business. It was agreed to abandon the September League Forum. John Wilcox to contact clubs to inform them of this and get a feeling re resumption of the league. He is also designing a certificate for division winners.
9. Tournament Secretary's business. Steve Wright reported on the recent TSC meeting. The club championship pairs was successful but the qualification rules will be revised to make it clearer and attract entries from more clubs. The Mercury and Yates will be referred to the education sub-committee for action. Bill Barclay has agreed to be competition controller for Green Point events, with Steve Wright and John Wilcox running the event, which will be face to face. TSC has decided not to run the Leicestershire Cup this year and to run the Stanley as a hybrid (initially online, then face to face). There will be an autumn club based Swiss teams

event as a stepping stone between the online events we have run and the teams of 8 league. The draft programme of events was accepted with an amendment to the timetable for the Josephs/Butterworth. Steve agreed to investigate the possibility of running cashless events using County BC's system. We discussed whether to award prize money and Richard Rees and Neil Beasley agreed to put a paper together to get feedback from the AGM.

10. Education Secretary's business: none.
11. Membership Secretary's business. Pat Beasley presented a written report. We have 991 members, an increase probably caused by bridge teachers registering their students as P2P players rather than students.
12. Any other business. Neil and Pat Beasley, at their final meeting, thanked the committee for its support and wished LCBA luck for the future.
13. Next meeting: AGM on 15 September 2021, followed by a special executive meeting.