

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LCBA EXECUTIVE COOMMITTEE

21 NOVEMBER 2022 VIA ZOOM

1. Present: Anne Wright (chair), Dean Benton, Richard Rees, Anthea Byrne, John Wilcox, Dave Pollard (minutes)
Apologies: Bill Barclay, Steve Wright, Charles Gurr, Simon Stokes.
2. Minutes of the meetings of 30 June 2022, 14 September 2022 and the AGM of the same date were agreed.
3. Chairman's business:
 - A. Anne Wright introduced this item by referring to the LCBA constitution and asking what else we should be doing. The problem of falling numbers attending club nights was raised and it was concluded that clubs that offer teaching are most likely to survive. We discussed various approaches to bridge education, including school bridge, which was proving difficult to get off the ground. We **agreed** to ring fence £2000 of the LCBA reserves for education work, with the education sub-committee to agree priorities.
 - B. Anne proposed to send a quarterly newsletter to clubs with input from other committee members as appropriate. We discussed how to get into non-affiliated clubs.
 - C. We agreed to minute our thanks to John Wilcox for getting the teams of 4 league up and running.
4. General Secretary's business: Dave Pollard referred to the EBU AGM and we agreed to support the proposed increases in UMS fees.
5. Other business:
 - A. TSC. We agreed to raise the fee for TDs of LCBA competitions from £32 to £36 per evening and to increase the prize money for the Pairs League to £50 for the winners.
 - B. Midlands Counties Working Group. Dean Benton reported on a new online platform Intobridge. So far all Midlands Counties League matches have been online but our home match v Derbyshire will be face to face in December.
 - C. We discussed the schedule of Executive Committee meetings and agreed to leave them as they are, but to avoid Monday nights in future.

Dave Pollard 21/11/22