

Meeting on 12 Dec 2023

Sent out 14 Dec 2023 (revised)



No	Notes	Actions
Apologies for absence	Apologies: JL, SMck, Steve E, Victor L, Mike H Attendees (as photo above)	
Minutes from the AGM and meeting on 19/9/23	No comments	
Matters arising from the above		
4 Treasurer's Report	James asked. Karen Durrell report – got it and acted? (related to UM) Report: BC said, not ready. Summary: nothing seriously outstanding. All charity items have been paid. Confusion re hotel arrangements re Tolly (the previous agreement was £60 per player, that is what will happen, ie fixed amount).	IP to advise the qualifiers. He to sort out this issue. (BC will ask IP).
5 Membership report	No report	
Tournaments		
6 Championship Pairs	Nothing to add. JL organised it last year. DM volunteered.	DM to manage
Garden Cities	Nothing	CD to manage
Café Bridge	CD said that Victor is willing to take bookings for the next one. V asked JS about date 16 April is set in stone? Answer “no”. Clash exists with another, and upshot is that V is offering Tue 9 or 23 April. Better weather suggests 23 April. Earlier in meeting, bridfe discussion of which charity to give profit to. Later in meeting, decided to wait till EBU festival info update, but the charity associated with that is a worth candidate and unobjectionable. No firm decision till update.	JS to contact Victor, 23 April chosen.
Mixed Pairs	See Appendix A . Brief walk through from DM	
Leagues	Sue explained orally, in addition to report below: Some player unhappy with only 1 promotion and demotion of leagues, but given the total number per division, then action by Sue is justifiable (and committee agreed). <i>There are three divisions again this year. Seven teams in League 1 and six teams in each of the other two leagues. Matches are being played slowly. So far only five matches have been entered onto the EBU site.</i> <i>There was one query about whether one or two teams should be promoted/demoted. Previously there have been two but given the smaller divisions, I only moved one team.</i> See Appendix A	
Palmer Bayer	CD: only 5 tables (eventually 4.5 tables, small loss).	
Teams of Four	DM said trophy needs presenting (cup with CD now). This year, venue Richmond. Good price obtained. (see below)	

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Lederer	<p>Kath sent details out. Jan 13th will reveal the 6th team where finalists play off for place (see above)</p> <p>13th Jan Muller play Brock to determine YCKO winnersBell are the Ian Gardiner Trophy winnersBell then play off against the winners of Muller v Brock and the winner of that match will be the London team which is the 9th team.</p> <p>The 10th team to be decided but may include some of the Bell team if they are not in the London team</p> <p>SUBSEQUENT TO MEETING UPDATE</p> <p>DM said: Update re. Lederer I spoke to Mike Bell last night. He said his team has already been invited, so there is no need for a play-off now. See Appendix A</p>	
"3+1"	SM said was awaiting other event dates settled.	SM to organise
National Pairs	SM willing to help - please tell her soon as it arrives.	JS to let us all know of updates
Met Cup	HD said we came last in the Met Cup.	
9 Newsletter editor's report	Newsletter. Needs to be produced and distributed 1st week of Feb. Dates of all competitions etc needed by mid Jan.	all to submit whatever is needed
10 Website	Updates take place (no further comments)	
11 EBU Matters	<p>Elections: NB 24, AD 61, PG 52, DP 16, IS 52</p> <p>London split their votes pro rata to views.</p> <p>Shireen wording, re item 6: Universally accepted, any moment in time 1 lawyer. Max £1,000 is enough, that is accepted.</p> <p>Code of conduct. Misleading in wording, it does need to be approved at a later date, does not sail in.</p> <p>JS to ask EBU to update minutes more often.</p> <p>JS thanked SM for bringing up points.</p>	JS to ask EBU to update minutes
12 Selection matters	<p>BC: Qualifying team to play in final. Now have 4 pairs, may get up to 5 pairs.</p> <p>BC asked: shall be get younger/in touch with current players, to be in charge of selection?</p> <p>What is the guideline? (a) win, or (b) go with players with those who are prepared to turn out?</p> <p>Viewpoint: illness scenario is a sub (and stays as such), so they pull out ... for final. But cannot "walk into final" because of a refusal to play in round 1. The players who are prepared to play in the qualifier, and play, are fully supported.</p>	
13 Disciplinary matters	Nothing	
14 Dates meetings	March 12 th , 2024.	
15 Any other business	<p>Lack of secretary discussed again. Middx possible merger came up again. The recollection was that Middx changed their minds. Possibly combining admin resources, but not representation resources.</p> <p>No conclusion.</p> <p>Festival JS said that on 24th Jan has more info from EBU on Festival. See notes from Sue.</p> <p>SB said that for festival things are emerging ... not clear what's needed. Café Bridge could fund the appeal.</p> <p>Decide in Feb meeting to decide.</p> <p>Social media and publicity</p> <p>SM said she is willing to help make, or make short videos for social media (free). Short demo shown</p>	JS to add to agenda, or we can cover under AOB

Appendix A

David Muller Report

Committee Report for Mixed Pairs Championship

17th September 2023

Accounts:

Income: 15 pairs @ £28 per pair – one Junior pair paying half price - £406
TOTAL **£406.00**

Expenditure: Young Chelsea Main room hire £250.00
Board Dealing £15.00
TD fee (William Clennall) £110.00
Cheese Buffet £15.00
TOTAL **£390.00**

Prizes :

1st - £60.00 2nd - £30.00 **£90.00**

Net Loss : **£74.00**

Cash reconciliation

Cash takings = £140

Cash paid out (prizes) = £90

Cash surplus given to Brian = £50

Report on event:

13 pairs entered in advance. All the pairs turned up. 2 additional pairs turned up on spec.

The event was advertised in two mail shots to all LMBA members. It had been mentioned on both the LMBA and YCBC Facebook pages and both websites. A poster was on the YCBC notice board. I sent personal emails to every player I had email for who had played in the last 5 years. The event made a loss of £74.

The director William Clennall ran the event well. He arrived early, set up, collected table money from those who had not prepaid, uploaded the results at the finish. There were very few rulings needed. The result was close and a score correction changed the winners after the provisional result had been posted.

The atmosphere was very pleasant, the tables were well spaced, everyone seemed to enjoy the event, I have not heard any complaints.

The event was won by Liz Gahan and Liam Sanderson. The prizes were presented at the end, and photos taken of the winners.

David Muller 12.12.23

Pos	No	Players	Match Points	Tops	Score %	Master Points
1	5	Liam Sanderson & Elizabeth Gahan	206	336	61.31	60
2	12	Duncan Thomas & Jen Middleton	205	336	61.01	48
3	16	Chris Duckworth & Brian Callaghan	199	336	59.23	36
4=	9	Rachel & Matt Bingham	188	336	55.95	18
4=	15	Phil & Su King	188	336	55.95	18
6	8	Susanna Gross & Szczepan Smoczynski	181	336	53.87	
7	10	Victoria Haines & David Taylor	180	336	53.57	
8	4	Janet Matthews & Waseem Naqvi	171	336	50.89	
9	6	David Willis & Miu Wong	159	336	47.32	
10	2	Gitte Hecht-Johansen & Graham Long	158	336	47.02	
11	14	Mike & Carrie Eden	155	336	46.13	
12	13	Niall Igoe & Rosalind Simpson	152	336	45.24	
13	1	Mona & Graham Ball	135	336	40.18	
14	3	John Cox & Heidi Wegman	126	336	37.50	
15	11	Robin Hamilton & Diana Hardie	117	336	34.82	

Kath Stynes Report

Oh and the sooner people know the various winners of things then let me know! I believe the Ian Gardiner 2023 final (very final...) was played today?

So at least could people tell me who the potential teams are (YCKO and Ian Gardiner winners)

Thanks

Kath

On 11/12/2023 20:08, Kath Stynes wrote:

OK sorry again for the delay on this.

Lederer 2024 will be held on the last full weekend of Feb (24 & 25) at the RAC.

Teams confirmed so far:

- Black
- de Botton
- Edmonds (holders, US sponsor so nice she wants to return)
- Simon Gillis and his Scandi stars
- Harris (Zia and co)
- Ireland
- Knottenbelt (Byrne, Dyke, Handley-Pritchard, Ed Jones)
- Periculo (Robson & Allfrey with Lawrences)

London Team still TBD depending on various playoffs and the 10th team also since some of the likely players (Bells, Tommasini) may be playing under London auspices.

I'll try and get final(ish) lineups for Chris for the next newsletter.

TDs will be Vigfus Palsson (Icelandic guy who's been coming over for a while) and Will Clennell.

Think that's about it for now but let me know if there are any concerns or questions from anyone.

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