


Meeting on 11 June 2024

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No	Notes	Actions
Apologies for absence	Apologies: Sue, Victor L, Attendees (as photo above)	
Minutes from the AGM and meeting on Mar 2023	No comments	
Matters arising from the above	None.	
2a Draft Calendar	17 Sept: follow it with committee meeting Zoom. Next one Dec 12, Mar 13, Jun 12, Sept 18.	
2b Draft Calendar	Many seem to clash, so list was reviewed at end of meeting. Revisions not in this draft. Will be added later.	
3 Treasurer's Report	Have 12,100 in bank now. In the process of getting entries (about 1450 for the pairs and teams). Details to come.	
4 Membership report Tournaments	Steve volunteers to collect and distribute emails (accepted) (see selection too)	Steve
5 Championship Pairs Garden Cities	Cancelled. Chris D reported. Q'd for regional final, but did not do well.	
Café Bridge	Victor sent financial report. After all expenses, 880 profit. 700 went to the charity Ukraine. Perhaps V was over-cautious re concern (all emails were LMBA).	James to talk to Victor.
Leagues	Sue wrote. See Appendix A	Chris to tell Sue about abandoned match regs.
Congress	Brian said 14 pairs and 7.5 teams.	Brian to send emails to past entrants.
Teams of Four Lederer	David submitted the winning team for Pachabo, and paid. James asked Kath (no reply). Brian settled expenses and prizes. Got the sponsorship from Andrew Black.	
National Pairs	Shireen already sent (did with Middx). Copied below in Appendix A.	
6 Newsletter editor's report	Plea for articles. Sue has offered to add something. Deadline is end of July, but Chris prefers to get by 15 July	
7 Website	Sati reported that latest mods asked by Sue have been done.	
8 EBU Matters	Summary of recent emails reviewed. English Bridge editorial mentioned these topics. Steve commented on huge funds: will there be a plan? Final figure just under £900k.	James will ask EBU to ask EBED board to publicise plan (fund usage) and communicate to shareholders.
9 Selection matters	Met Cup Heather to select A team (did badly last time). Steve said we normally ask Woodberry to produce a B team. Last year Ned asked to produce a C team, nothing happened. Heather suggested All England club.	Heather A. Seve will ask Woodberry for B. Chris to ask Sue for C.
10 Disciplinary matters	Nothing	
11 Dates meetings	Already discussed	

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12 Any other business	Sati said: D King not given firm commitment re poss committee member.	

Appendix A

David Muller Draft calendar

Event	Proposed Date	Time	Venue	Org	Entry fee	Notes
AGM	17 Sept	7.00pm	Zoom			Zoom?
Summer Café Bridge	10 Sept	10.30 for 11.00am		CD	£70/ pair	Chiswick
Mixed Pairs including cheese reception	15 Sep or 6 Oct ?	2.00 pm	YCBC	DM	£28/ pair	Met Cup on 14 Sep Last day of Bridge it's a Big Deal Gold Cup Final on 6 Oct
London League	1 Oct	n/a	n/a	SB	TBC	Date is when entries close
Home Counties League	1 Nov	n/a	n/a	SB?	TBC	Suspended?
Palmer Bayer Trophy	1 Dec	2.00pm	YCBC	CD	£24/pair	
Ian Gardiner Qualifier	5 or 25 (Sat) Jan?	11.30 am (2 sess)	YCBC	DM	£72/ team	5th is Camrose Too soon after New Year? 26th is Online Swiss
Lederer Memorial Trophy	22-23 Feb?	12.00 noon Sat & 11.00 am Sun	RAC	KS?		Clashes with Ranked Masters
Championship Pairs	9 Mar 16 Mar?	11.30pm	YCBC	DM	£36/ pair	9 Mar Camrose 16 Mar NABC Memphis
Garden Cities Heat	20 March	7.00pm	YCBC	CD	£80 /team	Clashes NABC Memphis
Easter: 18 – 21 Apr						
Fox Shammon						Suspended indefinitely
Spring Café Bridge	Consulting with VL	10.30 for 11.00am		CD, JS	£70/ pair	Tonsleys?
London Congress	5-6 July?	Sat 11.30pm Sun 11.30am	YCBC	BC	£52/pair £100/te am	European Transnationals end on 5 July

Su Buchan Reports

Here is my report on the London League

Games are being played and there are only a few games left to play. I will chase everyone at the end of June when I am back from holidays and then we should be ready to pay out the prize money to the winning teams. In theory they should have played all matches by mid May.

Division 1 - 18 out of 21 games played
Division 2 - 11 out of 15 games played
Division 3 - 13 out of 15 games played.

I am hoping to start collecting entries for next year in August and maybe collect another team or two.

And for Cafe Bridge

When I am back I will also start confirming venues for Chiswick Cafe Bridge - to support Victor who is running the event. I have talked to Chris to understand what needs to be done. And dropped a note to Victor to confirm what I will do. We need to decide on entry fee and meal budget.

EBU bridge festival

I have listened to a number of zoom calls with EBU.

I have written to all the clubs I could find on our web site (not YCBC though) to introduce myself and make sure they know about the festival. Remind them about the London League and ask them to check on their details on our web site. There are a few changes to contact details coming through. Which I will collate and send to Sati..

See you soon. Fingers crossed for sun

Membership Reports

Steve sent this by email. Since it is a spreadsheet, it doesn't lend itself to a Word Doc.

Here is the club members report (there are 2 more).

ClubID	Name	Date	Members
201685	Woodberry Bridge Club	01/06/2024	123
202750	London Duplicate Bridge Club	01/06/2018	278
202750	London Duplicate Bridge Club	01/06/2024	363
202930	Young Chelsea Bridge Club	01/06/2024	503
206998	Upper Norwood Bridge Club	01/06/2024	54
210531	Royal Automobile Club	01/06/2024	171
210685	Marylebone Cricket Club Bridge Society	01/06/2018	92
210685	Marylebone Cricket Club Bridge Society	01/06/2024	100
406281	The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club Ltd	01/06/2024	31
418762	West London Gay Bridge Club	01/06/2024	120
420150	Imperial College Bridge Club	01/06/2024	6
473522	10cc Bridge Club	01/06/2024	47
477040	Ned Paul Bridge Club	01/06/2024	516
	Total		2404

National Pairs Heat 2024

Email sent 25 March 2024, repeated

Hi

Here is an event report. It has been checked by Harish Patel, and by Sati.

Please note that the only money action is for me to let Harish have the MCBA bank details, so that they can pay London our share.

Best wishes

Shireen

National Pairs Heat 24 March 2023

11:30 am start, break, then second session at 3 pm, ending at around 6 pm. 48 boards.

Leaderboard/Ranking for our heat:

Pos	No	Pair	Average
1	21	Tim Warren & Alan Cadge	57.86%
2	3	Robert Edwards & Pat Sainsbury	57.10%
3	20	Grzegorz Blicharz & Maks Blicharz	55.30%
4	22	Dinesh Nathwani & Gary Diamond	55.02%
5	14	Stephen McNeill & Chris Smith	53.60%

Player and final results link: <https://play.realbridge.online/dt.html?p=240324122825&q=NatPairsHeat24MarApple>

Event details on EBU site : <https://www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/national-pairs>

Event run by **London** (directing and reporting) and **Middx** (handling entries, distribution of emails, banking, UMS fee and money matters)

Promotion

Sati M, and Shireen M promoted the event for London clubs. Shireen created a poster (colour and another, ink friendly) and printed and laminated several copied, these were posted to London Clubs, and Sati helped to distribute some personally.

Middx also promoted the event, using the same poster sending it to Middx Clubs.

We don't know how widely spread the other counties promoted, other than listing on county websites. The other 3 counties were sent the poster. The EBU encouraged people to take part in the heats.

Attendance and time keeping

- All the participants arrived in good time. We were able to start 3 minutes early if we wanted to, but thought it best to keep to time, in case people had stepped away to get a drink.
- There were 12 full tables (3 more than last year), so a Howell took place, as advised by the guidance document sent to TDs by the EBU (initially as a draft, with a final just before the event).
- Had there been a half table, the RealBridge movement would have handled that, as well as making it up to a whole table, if the pair arrived within round 1 (ie first 22 minutes as it was 3 boards a round). Harish Patel at Middx was on standby to do take on late entries.

Director calls

There were very few. Just two required polls.

Money Matters

Costs

TDs: none, Sati and Shireen took care of it all, gratis.

Entry

Set by the EBU at £11 per person. (£1 more than last year).

Platform costs

MCBA have an account, so the standard charges apply, and they will be invoiced.

<https://realbridge.online/for-clubs.html>

12 tables x 4 people x (£0.70 pp + Vat) = £ 40.32 (platform fee same as last year).

EBU fees

£5 Per player UMS.

12 tables x 4 people x £5.00 = £ 240.

Revenues

Revenue = 12 tables x 4 people x £11pp = £ 528.00

Profit

$528 - (240 + 40.32) = £ 247.68$

For each LMBA and MCBA $£ 247.68 / 2 = £ 123.84$

Outlook: 2025

With an improved communication strategy, from the EBU to the nation, as well as downstream, this could increase (we had hoped that 2024 would be significantly higher, but this turned out not to be the case.

[end of report]

Best wishes

Shireen Mohandes