















Meeting on Wed 12 Mar 2025

LMBA

Sent out 09 Apr 2025 (draft 2)	Present: Heather Dhondy, James Smith, Sue Buchan, Brian Callaghan, David Muller, Steve Eginton, Michael Hill, Victor Lesk, David King, Sati McKenzie, Chris Duckworth
	Not present: Shireen Mohandes, Jonathan Lillycrop

	No	Notes	Actions 
1	Apologies for absence	Apologies/absents (see red above)	
2	Previous minutes	No comments, Approved.	
3	Election of a new chair	Heather Dhondy was proposed and seconded. No other candidates were proposed. Heather was duly elected.	
4	Matters from meeting Dec	No comments	
5	Safeguarding	David K has shared a set of guidelines from his badminton club. Chris has found the EBU safe guarding policies which are comprehensive. We will adopt these.	
6	Treasurer's Report	We have a balance of about £10,900 in the bank which is slightly up on last year but includes the sale of trophies. There is a slight change in the way that UM is now recorded as previously this was not done correctly. Congress is our biggest event. Fees are normally reviewed at the June meeting. We believe that we are in line or more expensive than events outside of London. Victor is chasing an invoice for the Lederer which would go to the sponsor. We need to monitor our finances as the general trend seems to be downward.	
7	Membership report	According to the EBU we have 1502 members at the moment, but doubtless some of those are lapsed as some clubs do not maintain their records. Our 11 clubs have 2058 members registered, but as the London Duplicate is supposed to have 358 that is overstated too. We currently use MailChimp to send out emails and we believe this is free as our volumes are low. EBU is suggesting we look at Pianola. Steve to get a quote for how much this would cost as it is likely to save him effort.	 Steve to get a Pianola quote
8	Calendar	The calendar was updated prior to the meeting.	
9	Tournaments		
	Leagues	Division 1 7 out of 15 matches played Division 2 2 out of 10 matches played Division 3 4 out of 15 matches played Sue still needs to complete the handover notes.	 David K and  Sue handover
	Lederer	The last competition ran successfully. This is a complicated event. For next year Kath has agreed to continue to be involved, especially with the Vugraph and blogging. Colin Freeman who was previously involved and a member of the RAC club has sadly died. Victor is trying to recruit another RAC member. They need another person to help with organisation, covering publicity and other administrative jobs.	

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	Championship Pairs	The event was sadly cancelled due to limited entries. Both were due to be played online. In discussion with other people there seems to be limited enthusiasm for online competitions. People don't want to spend all day in front of a PC. It was agreed that in future we should run all events in person.	
	Teams of Four	This was held at Young Chelsea and there were 6 teams entered. Five from London and one from outside. The event broke even. The heat was won by team Muller, team Atisen was second. The play-off for the title between these two teams was won by team Atisen. Team Atisen has accepted the invitation to be London's team in the Pachabo Trophy.	
	Garden Cities	We have two teams from Young Chelsea Bridge Club and one from West London Bridge Club. Victor will chase RAC. Ned Paul has been contacted. Other clubs have been contacted. The problem is that there are very few affiliated London clubs.	
	National Pairs	Nothing to report	
	Café Bridge	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tonsleys. The event is going ahead despite losing a major venue. There are currently 10 tables which is now expected to go up to over 16 tables by April 15th. 2. Chiswick. Sue to begin contacting Chiswick restaurants after Easter. Sue has identified a local good cause (Abundance) who would be willing to run a raffle, support us for three years and help with publicity. They are a community interest group rather than a charity. It was agreed that this is acceptable. Sue to contact them to make further arrangements. 	 Sue to make contact with Abundance to finalise arrangements
	Congress	Scheduled for July 6th. Need to start publicity for this as soon as possible and as a minimum in time for the Easter Congress.	
	Tolle	Nothing to report.	
10	Newsletter editor's report	The newsletter was sent out in January. Chris would like to give it up as she is not sure of its value. It was agreed that she would do one last edition that included a request for feedback and whether people wanted it. Sue is now able to send out emails via Mailchimp if required.	
11	Website	The directory of committee members needs to be updated and standardised. It is missing Heather and Victor. Ian P should be taken off. All to review what information is displayed for themselves and provide confirmation to Sati of what should be displayed. This could include a photograph if people are happy to have one displayed.	 ALL to review their individual information and provide any updates to Sati
12	EBU Matters	Steve attended the EBU chairs meeting. They have established a Junior Council, appointed members of the selection committee (and co-opted two extras) and increased staff involvement in the union. They are looking to update their technology to improve interconnectivity and hence efficiency. They still have a major problem with trying to get clubs to remove members from their databases. EBED is keen to train more teachers but there has been a disappointing takeup. Debbie Sanford is looking at an equality and diversity initiative initially run by Yorkshire. We would be keen to support such an initiative. EBU needs to be contacted to let them know about our new chairman and to review what information they hold re LMBA contacts.	 Sue to contact EBU about LMBA contacts

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13	Selection matters	We are able to enter two cup competitions. The Metropolitan Cup and the Presidents Cup. Both are competitions for teams of 8, based in the south of England and the North, respectively. Both are played online. The Presidents Cup has opened up entries. David M will organise a team for the Presidents Cup. We can enter three teams for the Metropolitan Cup.	 David M to enter a team for the Presidents Cup  Heather. David K and David M to enter teams for the Met Cup
14	Disciplinary matters	Nothing to report.	
15	AOB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sati has discovered that she is still on the Santander account and so will arrange to have herself removed. We need to have two people to access the account and two signatures. Brian to find out the arrangements and report back. 2. Sue to continue to forward on any EBU emails to the committee members 3. The recovery email for a number of accounts is dre.....@gmail.com. No one knows whose email this is. Sue to contact Kath to try to find out and then change it to a more accessible email. 	 Sati to remove herself from Santander  Brian to confirm access arrangements for bank account  Sue to resolve recovery emails
16	Dates for net meeting	Tuesday 10th June 2025. 5pm. David M to resend the meeting link nearer the time.	