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	No	Notes	Actions 
1	Apologies for absence	<p>Preceded by vote to chair. Apologies/absents (see red above)</p> <p>Proposal for Vice Chair: HD proposed DM, not other candidates. Voted in.</p> <p>BC proposed and voted Treasurer.</p> <p>SB Proposed and voted as secretary</p> <p>No other changes of responsibility.</p>	
2	Previous minutes	<p>No comments</p> <p>SB report "EBU - I did contact the EBU regarding roles and contact details</p> <p>Recovery email for all accounts - I have contacted Kathy and I now have access to all emails and all recovery emails are now known and not Kathy's personal email"</p>	
3	Matters from AGM	No comments	
4	Matters from last meeting	<p>Santander signatories: actions not done. Form filling needed.</p> <p>G Cities date fixed. – 26 March</p> <p>Leagues hand over – Sue to David – in progress.</p> <p>Pianola: not worth pursuing</p>	 BC  SB, DM (ongoing)
4	Safeguarding	Safeguarding – no issues raised	
5	Treasurer's Report	   Money thought to be higher, but that is because a payout had not been made. Now believe have about 13k.	 BC
		<p>Review of fees needed. BC thinks prices need to increase slightly.</p> <p>While we don't have a sponsor, large amounts not needed (dipping under 10K would not be good if no sponsor)</p>	
6	Membership report	 (to follow) Slightly more in most recent report. SE reported that bigger clubs seem to be growing and smaller declining. YC, and West London growing. Upper Norwood hard to get in touch with.	 SE to send 
8	Calendar	 Calendar sent Lederer: expecting VL to run. Needs help. HD has asked him to provide list. Website updates of results. Sati to help with updating the WordPress site. Midsummer date – 20 th June. Request to add the organisers to the events (plus any additions).	 HD to discuss with VL  SB to add.

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9	Tournaments	(also see above as part of calendar discussion)	
	Leagues	<p>Previous season ended. May only have 2 seasons as numbers going down. ALT: drum up more? New organisers can think about that.</p> <p> <u>League</u></p> <p>All three leagues are now complete. Division 3 was very late with the last match. Winners have been informed and Brian should be paying out prize money.</p> <p>Entries for this year are low so far so it is likely that we will only have two leagues unless a few more come in.</p> <p>Notes are written and I will send them to David King today.</p>	 SB
	Lederer	Already discussed - see above	
	Teams of Four	No comments. Date agreed.	
	Championship Pairs	F2F at YC. With 9-high at the same time.	
	Garden Cities	Date fixed (see matters arising)	
	National Pairs	Continue to allow Middx to organise	 Shireen to inform.
	Tolly	HD has contacted IP and almost has a team.	
	Café Bridge	<p> see report.</p> <p>Next one: Same basic locations. JS to sort out cafes. Charities discussed. Save The Children fund Agreed.</p> <p>Michael organises many, chooses not to advertise the London one.</p> <p>HD to engage with Michael.</p>	 JS  HD
	Congress	BC: not finalised report yet, due soon. Overview, numbers slightly down	 BC to send report
	Palmer Bayer	Not started advertised yet. Upstairs at YC.	
	9 high	(discussed as part of championship pairs item)	
	Mixed Pairs	Wast 9 days ago, +1 on last year. Tom Townsend played round not A/S. Winner announced apparently won by a smaller margin.	
10	Newsletter editor's report	<p>CD said happy to have finished with it. Thinks more should be added to website.</p> <p>Successes of London members doing well should be added to site.</p>	
11	Website	<p>See above. SMck to get promotions. SB to ask EBU to get the list</p> <p>Group asked to provide news.</p> <p>Agenda, meetings etc all have to go up.</p> <p>Sati asked everyone on committee to provide information.</p>	 SB to ask EBU
12	EBU Matters	<p>29 Oct Celebratory event at Portland, London been asked to get celebrity team.</p> <p>EBU AGM will be leave from York Bridge Club. Wed 26 Nov.</p> <p>(IP has selected Tolly team)</p>	
13	Selection matters	<p>HD: Already covered – see above. Met Cup selected entered and paid.</p> <p>President's cup - came middle of road. DM asked if we can get a second team (can be blended)</p> <p>Can have up to 16 to the team.</p>	 DM
14	Disciplinary matters	Nothing	
	16 AOB	SM reported 100 th anniv. EBU events last Sunday of month. History re-imagined as post cards. A lot about London members because of Shireen's knowledge of history of London players.	
	17 Dates meetings	9 th Dec, 5:15pm	