

OXFORDSHIRE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
11 JUNE 2007

1. **Present**

Mary-Ann Sheehy	Secretary
Lynne Hayes	Treasurer
Stephen Brown	Chief Tournament Director
Nick Smith	Match Secretary
Geoff Nicholas	League Secretary
Brenda Harris	Publicity Officer
Alison Nicolson	Youth/Education Secretary

Esmé Alden	Oxford
Peggy Manuell	Oxford
Nick Perceval-Price	Menagerie
Peter Baxter	Wallingford
Ina Merriman	Witney
Sandra Nicholson	Summertown
Krys Kazmierczak	Summertown

2. There being no Chairman elected, Stephen Brown agreed to take the Chair for the meeting.

3. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved subject to minor alterations.

4. **Matters arising**

It was agreed that in future for the novice competitions entry fees should be payable when the entry form is sent in to Rita Todd. The money will not be accepted at the door on the day of the competition. Mary-Ann to write to Rita.

There is an issue as to whether a director is fully compensated by not paying an entry fee. Lynne Hayes to write a paper on the matter to be discussed at the next meeting.

5. **Appointment of a President**

Since Sandy Constable has stood down as President it was necessary for the Committee to appoint a new President. Evan Harris MP, (the local MP) had been approached and had indicated his willingness to take on this role. The appointment was put to the meeting and it was agreed without demur that Evan Harris should be invited to become the President of the Oxfordshire Bridge Association.

6. **Education/Youth**
Alison Nicolson requested a grant to Avis Roberts who is running a small bridge class for two sets of bidding boxes (£30). Request Approved.
7. **Leagues**
Geoff pointed out that in the Chester Cup competition it appeared that matches always overrun. Agreed that it should be laid down that 2 matches must be played before Christmas and the rest by April.
8. **Congress**
The question whether to move the Congress to September and have both the Saturday and the Sunday Green pointed, whether to abandon the September Green Point event and just have the Congress in June (both days green pointed) was discussed. Geoff Nicholas was asked to contact the EBU, Benson Village Hall (Steventon is an alternative) and Keith Sadler to investigate the possibilities and come up with a recommendation.
9. **Dates for future meetings**
Thursday 13 September
Monday 26 November
Monday 31 March
Thursday 12 June (AGM)
10. **Finance Sub Committee**
It was agreed that Lynne would set up a Subcommittee where issues relating to finance would be discussed: insurance of cups; Corwen/Pachabo/Tollemache and the new event expenses decided on. Playing or non playing Directors and their remuneration; auditor for 2007/8 et seq.
11. **Publicity**
Following the Andrew Robson evening, OBC to be paid an extra £12. Sandra Nicholson agreed to edit Newsletter. The Newsletter will ultimately be sent round by email and the incoming Membership Secretary (Maxine) was to be asked to collect the email addresses of all OBA members. (Brenda to ask Maxine)
12. **Gift for Keith**
Mary-Ann was asked to purchase a gift for Keith to be presented at the Congress. She was authorised to pay up to £100 for the gift.