

Oxfordshire Bridge Association

69th Annual General Meeting

Tuesday June 9th 2015 at the Oxford Bridge Club

MINUTES

Present:

Rob Procter	Chairman
Sandra Nicholson	Secretary/EBU Shareholder
Claire MacDonagh	Treasurer/Tournament Secretary
Stephen Brown	Chief Tournament Director
Rob Dixon	Assistant Chief TD
Hugh Thomson	Wessex League Secretary
Alan Wilson	EBU Shareholder/County Team Captain
Sandra Claridge	EBU Shareholder President and Chester Cup Secretary
David Bygott	Newsletter Editor and Publicity Officer
Nigel Birks	Auditor
Jonathan Price	Education Officer

Andrew Lintott, Aylesbury
Dinah Lintott, Aylesbury
Marion Day, Menagerie
John Williams, Menagerie
Chris Wilson, Menagerie
Christopher Whitehouse,
Menagerie/Oxford
Esme Alden, Oxford
Peter Briggs, Oxford
Ashley Cooper, Oxford
Humaira Erfen-Ahmed, Oxford
Hilde McIlvenna, Oxford
Mary-Ann Sheehy,
Oxford,/Menagerie
Peter Sherry, Oxford
Sue Smith, Oxford
Peter Stevenson, Oxford

Kathy Talbot, Oxford
Denis Talbot, Oxford
Bill Timms, Oxford
Richard Sills Oxford
John Slater, Thame
Mike Bennett, Wallingford
Peter Finbow, Wallingford
Joan Bennett, Wallingford

Apologies for Absence:

Evan Harris, President
Mike Fletcher, Youth and Duplicate
Bridge Promotion Team Leader
Diana Nettleton, Congress
Organiser
Nick Smith, Chair of Selection
Frank Harris
Brenda Harris
Lorraine Jones
Mike Webley

Sandy Bain
Alison Nicholson
Mike Allen
Stuart Scott
John Fleming
Pat Lewis
Stuart Scott
Geoff Nicholas
Erica Sheppard
Matthew Wilkinson

1. Before the start of the formal meeting, the Chairman paid to tribute to Sandy Constable who had given many years service to the County. A minute's silence was held.

2. **Approval of Minutes of 68th AGM**

The minutes of the previous year's AGM were unanimously approved.

3. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

4. **Chairman's report**

The Chairman's report had been circulated with the Agenda and posted on the OBA website. He added a few points:

Many thanks to outgoing officers for the great help and contribution to the county:

Hugh Thomson Wessex League
Lynne Hayes Trophies and Honours Boards
Chris Dawe County Pairs Coordinator

He wished to congratulate David Bygott on the content of the Newsletter the content of which has significantly improved. He also added that at the next Management Committee he would report on the developments arising from the County Chairmen's meetings.

5. **Treasurer's and Auditor's report and accounts for the year 2013/14**

The Treasurer's report, together with that of the Auditor had been circulated with the Agenda and posted on the OBA website.

The Treasurer commented that the county was still making a surplus but income seems to be falling in almost all areas apart for the Seniors which does make a contribution. She also pointed out that county funds are considerable and a decision needs to be made as to what to do with it. There was a question as to whether we had access to the funds. The answer was that some progress had been made and she would try to make further progress after the congress. The Auditor said he was pleased to see a healthy financial position and that the accounts had been professionally done and were accurate. Affiliated clubs were asked to make sure that OBA is the primary allegiance of members to ensure that Oxfordshire benefits from P2P.

The accounts were received and accepted nem con, as was the recommendation that the County P2P figure should remain unchanged at 6p for the year 2016/17.

6. Other reports

Written reports from other officers and team leaders had been circulated with the Agenda and posted on the OBA website. Items noted below are only those additional points raised at the meeting itself.

Publicity Officer

David Bygott supplied his report to the meeting.(this can now be found on the website). He added that he hoped people would come to him for advice and assistance in promoting events before the event took place rather than just asking him to write a report afterwards. It was felt that OBA should have a higher profile in the local press.

Working Party on Decline of Count Night

Chairman thanked John Slater for his work on this and encouraged all members of OBA to support the new format.

Oxford Congress

Help was called for setting up the room for the Congress on Saturday 13th June at 9 a.m.

Honour Boards

Richard Sills said that he was willing to order Boards for the OBA when he next updated OBC honour boards. He would need a Word version of all winners since inception.

County Team Management:

Alan Wilson wanted to congratulate all who had played for the County Team this year. It had been a very successful year winning two out of the three trophies in the Midland Counties League.

Education:

Jonathan Price was grateful to Cathy Rowland for volunteering to help and it was noted that she has not necessarily agreed to be a member of the team as stated.

All reports from officers and team leaders were received and accepted.

7. Election of officers and appointment of auditor

All of those listed below stood unopposed and were elected nem.con.:

- ❖ Chairman: Robert Procter, prop. Sandra Nicholson, sec. Claire McDonagh
- ❖ Secretary: Sandra Claridge ('Official Secretary') prop. Rob Procter, Sec. Mary-Ann Sheehy
- ❖ Treasurer: Claire MacDonagh, prop. Sandra Nicholson, sec. Stephen Brown
- ❖ Independent examiner of the accounts: Nigel Birks , prop. Richard Sills, sec. A. Wilson
- ❖ EBU Shareholders: Sandra Nicholson, Sandra Claridge and Alan Wilson : prop. R. Procter, sec. M.A. Sheehy
- ❖ Chief Tournament Director: Rob Dixon, prop. C. McDonagh sec. C. Dawe
- ❖ Ass't Chief Tournament Director : not needed this year
- ❖ Tournament Secretary: Claire MacDonagh, prop. S. Brown, sec. K. Talbot
- ❖ Wessex League Secretary: Nigel Wilkes, prop. John Slater, sec. K. Talbot
- ❖ President's and Chester Cup Secretary: Sandra Claridge, prop. R. Procter, sec. S. Brown
- ❖ Match Secretary: Ian Angus, prop. Alan Wilson, sec. Rob Dixon
- ❖ Membership Secretary: Peter Briggs prop S. Nicholson, sec. R. Procter
- ❖ Publicity Officer: D. Bygott prop. R. Procter se. P. Finbow
- ❖ Education Officer: Jonathan Price, prop. M. Day, sec. C. McDonagh
- ❖ Youth Officer: Alison Nicolson/ Joan Bennett, prop. J. Price, sec. R. Dixon
- ❖ Website and Communications Officer: Aleksander Lishkov, prop. R. Procter, sec. Mary-Ann Sheehy (A website problem exists – once resolved – Aleks wishes to retire).
- ❖ Selection Committee:
Chair Nick Smith, members Alan Wilson (county captain), Kathy Talbot, John Williams, David Bygott, John Slater, Rob Dixon plus a member from Wallingford
- ❖ County Pairs
Dinah Lintott suggested that she would be prepared to take this on provided a new format was introduced whereby there would be no club heats, merely two semi-finals and a final. This proposal was accepted nem.con.
- ❖ Trophies, honours boards and Website
Sandra Nicolson has volunteered to coordinate the running of the website, the honours boards and keeping control of the trophies. She will do this with help of Richard Sills (honours boards) and Claire McDonagh (trophies and prize money)

Substantive items for discussion

None were raised.

6. Presentation of prizes

Event	Players
Swiss Pairs	Nick Smith & Alan Wilson
Men's Pairs	John Williams & Michael Robinson
Ladies Pairs	Mary-Ann Sheehy & Cathy Rowland
Mixed Pairs	Matthew Covill & Diana Nettleton
County Pairs 1 st	Dinah Lintott & Andrew Lintott
County Pairs 2 nd	John Williams & Chris Wilson
County Pairs 3 rd	Helen Lawton-Smith & John Slater
Swiss Teams	John Clifford, Clive Keep, Nigel Wilkes, Gillian Lonsdale
President's Cup	Christopher Whitehouse, Mary-Ann Sheehy, Cathy Rowland and Aleks Lishkov.
Chester Cup	Kathy Talbot, Denis Talbot, Chris Kerr, Robert Procter, Nick Smith, Beryl Kerr
1 st Tuesday Pairs May-Oct	Alan Wilson & Nick Smith
2 nd Tuesday Teams May-Oct	Stephen Brown, Sandra Claridge, John Williams
3 rd Tuesday Swiss Pairs May-Oct	Peter Briggs and Robert Procter
2 nd Tuesday Teams Nov-Apr	Alan Wilson
3 rd Tuesday Swiss Pairs – Nov-Apr	Christopher Wilson & Aleksandar Lishkov
Seniors Pairs	Geoff Nicholas and Norman Gascoyne
Premiership	Alan Wilson
Wessex Div 1	Menagerie A
Wessex Div 2	Menagerie B

Wessex Div 3	Thame A
Wessex Div 4	Wantage B
Wessex Div 5	Abingdon C

Trophies and Prizes for the following events were presented
on the day of the tournament

Event	Players
Pro/Am	Matthew Covill and Graham Walcroft
Beck Cup	Hampshire: Richard Ray, Karen Dewar, Gary Reynolds, Christine Ray
Sandra Landy Trophy	Pat Lewis and Miriam Seaver
Oxford Congress June 2014 Championship Pairs	Janusz Adamowicz & Roman Gembicki.
Oxford Congress June 2014 Swiss Teams	Paula Leslie, Laura Porro, Richard Bowdery, Steve Root.