

**Oxfordshire Bridge Association  
72nd Annual General Meeting  
7.00 p.m. Friday 1st June 2018 at Wallingford Bridge Club  
Minutes**

<b>Present Name (please print)</b>	<b>OBA Officer post (if any)</b>	<b>Club</b>
Nigel Birks	Vice Chair	Oxford
Kathy Talbot	Chief TD - Consulting	Oxford
Mike Robinson		Menagerie
Joan Bennett	Youth Team Leader	Wallingford
Steve Fisher		Oxford
Mike Bennett		Wallingford
Patricia Hones		Wallingford
John Rowe	Competitions Team Leader	Wantage
Christopher Whitehouse		Menagerie
Geoff Nicholas		Aylesbury
Norman Gascoyne		Wallingford
William Breedon		Oxford University
David Bygott		Central Yarnton

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Sue Russell, Stuart Scott, Peter Litchfield, Sandra Nicholson, Richard Sills, John Fleming, Erica Sheppard, Alan Wilson, Robert Procter, Lawrence Haines, John Slater, Helen Lawton-Smith, Linda Edwards, Diane Coe, Denis Talbot

**2. Matters Arising and Approval of Minutes of 71st AGM**

There were no matters arising. The minutes were approved.

### **3. Chairman's & Officers Report**

The meeting noted the resignation of Robert Procter after sever energetic years in post. The meeting thanked him for this tremendous effort and also joined in sending best wishes for a speedy and full recovery from his current illness.

The following headlines were highlighted from the Chairman's & Officer's reports:

- the continued success of Junior Bridge in Oxfordshire evidenced both in increasing numbers and in success – notably representation in national squads
- the County A team reached the Tollemache final for the second year in a row whilst the B and C teams won their respective leagues
- the Congress contributed £3k to OBA funds and the 2018 congress will have a record number of team entries
- the websites will soon be consolidated and improved on one Bridgewebs site

### **4. Treasurer's and Auditor's report and accounts for the year 2017/18**

It was reported that the accounts were complete and had been examined. They showed a surplus of over £2k for the year, mainly through lower grants than expected to clubs – due to a lack of applications rather than refusals.

The accounts were approved (proposed Mike Bennett, seconded Joan Bennett).

In accordance with the recommendation from the most recent Management Committee meeting it was proposed that the county P2P for next year should be reduced from 6p to 1p.

The reduction was approved (proposed Nigel Birks, seconded Mike Bennett)

## 5. Election of Officers and Appointment of Examiner

The meeting accepted en bloc the nominations for the County Officers for 2018/9, duly proposed and seconded (Chris Whitehouse & John Rowe).

The appointments were approved.

These were as listed below except those marked as vacant in the final column (namely Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary & Communications Officer).

OFFICE	OFFICE HOLDER	Proposed to Continue / New Candidate
Chair	Robert Procter	Vacant
Vice-Chair (& Membership Secy)	Nigel Birks	Vacant (not required?)
Secretary	<i>Vacant</i>	Vacant
Treasurer	Peter Litchfield	Yes
Communications Officer	Lawrence Haines	Vacant
Competitions Team Leader	John Rowe	Yes
Education, Promotion & Social Team Leader	Alison Nicholson / Annabel Wade	Rob Procter when Recovered
County Team Mgt & Selection Team Leader	Alan Wilson	Yes
Youth Team Leader	Joan Bennett	Yes
EBU Shareholders	Sandra Nicholson Alan Wilson Sandra Claridge	Yes Yes Yes
Chief TD	John Rowe / Kathy Talbot	Yes/Yes
Wessex League Secretary	Nigel Wilkes	Yes
President's & Chester Cups Secretary	Sandra Claridge	Yes
Honours Boars & Trophies Secretary	Sandra Nicholson	Yes
Accounts Examiner	Claire MacDonagh	Yes, but would like to be replaced

## 6. Consideration & Voting on 5 Resolutions to Amend Constitution

The meeting considered five resolutions to amend the constitution which in summary were:

1. Change makeup of Management Committee FROM six Honorary Officers plus as many further Officers as MC appoint plus Club Representatives (one per 30 members) TO seven Honorary Officers plus five Member's Representatives
2. Change references to Auditor to Examiner
3. Widen definition of "Bridge" to include non-competitive (e.g. café) and some teaching events
- 4&5 Amend AGM and EGM clauses to be consistent with new MC makeup,

The detailed resolutions are on the OBA website.

All five resolutions were passed with one vote registered against resolution 1.

The meeting wished to highlight to the Management Committee that they should seek to implement the above amendments without waiting for the next AGM in whatever way they could.

## 7. Presentation of Prizes & Trophies

The meeting congratulated winners of the years' competitions and distributed trophies and prize monies.

Those whose photographs were taken agreed to their use on the OBA website.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Players</b>
Swiss Pairs	John Deech & Robert Procter
Men's Pairs	John Deech & Robert Procter
Ladies' Pairs	Diane Coe & Linda Edwards
Mixed Pairs	Helen Lawton-Smith & John Slater
County Pairs 1 <sup>st</sup>	Kathy Talbot & Denis Talbot
County Pairs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Deech & Robert Procter
County Pairs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Steve Noble & Alan Wilson
Swiss Teams (Harwell Cup)	Michiel Cottaar, Peter Litchfield, Kathy Talbot, Denis Talbot
President's Cup	Chris Cooper, Steve Noble, Robert Procter, Mike
Chester Cup 2017	Peter Finbow, Emily Middleton, Diana Nettleton, Robert Procter, Mary-Ann Sheehy & Nick Smith
Seniors Pairs	Norman Gascoyne & Geoff Nicholas
Oxford Times Cup	Steve Fisher & Phil Chaundy
Premiership 1 <sup>st</sup>	Robert Procter
Premiership 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kathy Talbot
Premiership 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nick Smith
Wessex League Div 1	Oxford A
Wessex League Div 2	Wallingford B
Wessex League Div 3	Witney
Wessex League Div 4	Oxford E
Wessex League Div 5	Aylesbury Vale

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

<b>Event</b>	<b>Players</b>
Beck Cup	(not held this year)
Sandra Landy Trophy 2017	Mo Hill & Andy Hill
Sandra Landy Trophy 2018	Not yet held
Oxford Congress June 2017 Championship Pairs	Graham Pollack & Andrew Whittome
Oxford Congress June 2017 Swiss Teams	Liz Commins, David Stevenson, Dee Lindon & Peter Lindon

## 8. AOB

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.