

Meeting Notes

Oxfordshire Bridge Association Management Committee Meeting 18th
November 2019 at 7:30 pm

33 Butts road Horspath

1. Welcome Present: DT, AW,AL, YY,RP, JR, SN, PL, DB, KT
2. Apologies for absence: Joan Bennett, Peter Finbow
3. Matters arising from notes of last meeting **SN and I to sort out**; what they want from OBA. Write job descriptions. Denis will do the ST. Marketing; Chipping Norton. John Rowe runs transition tables. These hook them into that time of the week. CY: regularly nine tables. Word of mouth the most useful. Facebook presence University does. Beginners lessons published on it. FB group – lots of views but not many turn up. Donna suggested that FB group cross fertilised. **Who can run a FB page? York shav used it – let's ask them. The Millets. In the EBU Memb drive website. R and KT t look at it. Juniors?**
4. Recruitment of Secretary. In the meantime Action Points out very quickly.
5. Aims for the next year: decide a strategy. **KT**: to send out notes for comments. Why finance international representatives. **AW**: most internat teams are self-financing. SN: cannot et up as org that represents

all bridge players because gambling issue Beware of the gaming act. **KT**

Did we vote to remove “duplicate” from the constitution?

6. **Finance** report; budgets; would it help if we had a **grant request form**?

Just under 30K in another account. £11693.94 down £1700 on

beginning of year but only 1p pp back from EBU, est 2,500 per. 3K per

year. Youth 2K. Competitions aim to break even.

7. **Website**: do we continue to pay Stephen? Can we cope on our own?

Need a website monitor to prompt for updates, check style etc. Tony

Hughes will start it off for a year. **SB** is website manager. Keep him until

we set up to everyone’s satisfaction. Need BridgeWebs expertise. SB on

3 month rolling contract: PL to be trained up. Passed unanimously.

Should work with two people. PL happy to share the task. Would need

it well defined between PL/SB. SB will be away over Xmas: asked SN to

be caretaker. **PL**: to volunteer to caretake over Xmas; may be short time

PL to set up a month in advance on rolling 3 month contract. **RP**: to

check all club links to OBA site

8. Promotions team. Paul Morris is about to start lessons in Jan in

Aylesbury. Chipping Norton: Jonathan Davis spoke; volunteered help;

would give taster session. They weren’t interested in giving them

somewhere to go. Blewbury quite wealthy: given 6K to refurbish VH.

CY will put in a grant request. OBC wrote to RP re Sat P. Are we able to support it? RP gave advice. They may request a grant. We should give them publicity. Prom team can be more relaxed this year. **RP** will put something on the website asking for grant proposals. Be more relaxed about grants. Set a benchmark and review annually. **SN**: too restricted to say it has to be focussed at bringing in more members. Might be useful to help with running the club: eg storage unit so someone doesn't have to carry all the equipment. Team will change the rules. **RP** to produce a grant request form

9. Youth team Youth- no dramatic changes. I managed to put a bit about AR visit to OBC on Bridge4Schools, but had trouble with the photos supplied to me, so did not put anything up on the OBA website.
10. Competitions Team. Pro Am; Jack High, President's Cup. Shall we do a 7 high? Let's flight the J high...What if don't publish? Players have backed off from daytime league because oppo too high. On agenda for Comps meeting. Not too late to adjust the J high? JR wants a budget for Comps. Should be self sufficient. JR wants costs. Look at last year's accounts. Make sure they are available for the meeting. Pachabo and GC not costed in Comps. Check accounts prior to Comps meeting. **DB** can offer a prize for the odd event from pubs etc.

11. County team: **has had separate budget. County training nights: will**

find out costs. Not run as a team of people; had hoped chairman of selectors might run it. Selection more difficult due to less availability.

Will think more about budgeting: **AW** to work something out.

12. County night: review and future; issue with Co training is plan for once a

month. DN has got real experts in. Could do what we did before. PMs

on Co match or play and discuss. AW would like to continue. Not enough

support. Training nights do well; CW cross IMPd pairs nights OK. MC org

other two on teams basis not so proactive. Relying on signup. Can

current attendees invite others to play? Responses to AW email. Some

said it's just too much. Those on the fringes it really works well for.

Have had average of 4/12 from A and B teams. **DT**: structure of Co

selection? See website. Get someone to raise the profile of Co nights.

Give this to Alan? Yes. A team pair to be present at each event. Try to

negotiate a better rate.

13. Publicity: should OBA publicise OBC AR event. DB: has had bad health

through the year. KT to talk to DKB re AR day

14. MCWG. **RP** 1. Attitude to unaffiliated clubs. Try to work with them. 2.

Do EBU want to set targets for membership on county by county basis.

1300 10 years ago. Now just past 2000. (Do we need another

shareholder?) RP has Asked for stats from Michael Clark. 3. MCWG
looking for how to monitor progress. Numbers are down to the clubs.

RP and **KT** to discuss. **Look for SN's email re lunch.**

15. Congress Meeting coming up soon. Venue booked, catering and pricing
to sort. Directors and equipment are booked.

16. Safeguarding; Officers? Training? JR and KT **KT** to send out to clubs
saying they should have a policy

17. Data protection: Question: how long do we keep disciplinary info? Who
keeps it? Is there any? KT to check legal requirement for deleting and
delete if time. Do we need to do something about Clive Keep? Can we
exclude him? Constitution needs to be proactively clear on.

18. Shareholders Financially ticking along expecting to be within budget. Fr
Apr 2020 p32p goes up from 39p to 40p. from 1 Apr 2020 County p2p will
go up to the full rate. From half rate..

19. Date and venue of next meeting: 18 July 2019 (third Thursday); 18
November 2019 (third Monday); **11 March 2020** (second Wednesday)

20. Any other business

21. Post meeting: get a forum for discussion of county bridge matches. KT:
can we get a forum on the website.