

OBA Committee Meeting, Monday 23 June 2025 15:30 on Zoom,

Minutes

1. Apologies for absence: Matthew Covill, Robert Procter

Present Kathy Talbot, Peter Litchfield, Patricia Hones, Joan Bennett, Sandra Nicholson, Denis Talbot, Malcolm Currie

2. Matters arising from notes of last meeting not covered elsewhere on the agenda / action points from last meeting

- i. **Completing forms for Tax Liability** Kathy has not heard from IR. But she has not contacted them
- ii. **ACTION: Peter L, Joan and Kathy to meet to discuss how to get more bridge classes for Juniors going.** NOT MET. Perhaps better to invite Holly Kilpatrick rather than Peter L. Agreed
- iii. **ACTION SB to pass to Matthew list of all those who are Jack and above.** **COMPLETED**
- iv. **SUMMARISE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OBA inc GRANTS**

TD Training for Central Yarnton BC:	£ 288
Digital Flip Chart for teaching for Oxford BC	£1613
Duplimate machine and cards for Yarnton BC	£1651
Club Computer, events to attract new players, TD training for Witney	£ 845

Total just short of £4400 (4397). In all cases the grant was half the cost.

- v. **ACTION: KT to let Charlie know ref boards & duplicator** **He sold it without OBA involvement**

3. Officers' reports, assuming same reports as available for AGM

Chair, Secretary, Promotions Group, County Selection Committee – nothing to add

Treasurer – John Briggs has audited the accounts and they are confirmed and now reconcile with previous two years. There were three area that were more difficult to reconcile: Junior funding, the Seniors accounting error and tax unpaid).

Juniors – it has not been a good year. Joan has not written a report yet. But she will by Thursday. Witney decided not to have a group. Best Juniors are Holly's group, starting off university groups. Schools bridge in Oxfordshire not good, OBA was a market leader. Gloucestershire is now the leading county with many groups. The cost of classes at OBA is paid by OBA and so the Juniors work has not needed so many funds. EBED has covered shortfalls from Junior Camps.

Under the Treasurer's report we discussed

"How much we should place into the savings account when the current term expires". And again consider a 18 month term rather than a 12 month term if the interest is better over a longer term.

OBA ACCOUNTS CASH AT BANK

		Year to	Current
		31-Mar-25	23-Jun-25
Treasurer's Account	£	1,124.60	£ 1,486.01
Deposit Account	£	30,000.00	£ 30,000.00
Congress Account	£	4.74	£ 4.74 ignoring entry
Congress Account Saver	£	785.39	£ 785.39 fees rec'd
Lloyds Saver	£	8,000.00	£ 8,516.89
TOTAL	£	39,914.73	£ 40,793.03
Current A/C Debtors	£	1,253.21	
Current A/C Creditors	-£	3,283.00	-£ 1,936.34
TOTAL	£	37,884.94	£ 38,856.69

We could consider

- a) investing the same i.e. Not increase our reserves, but add the interest to our "spending money" for the year
- b) but there is an argument for investing the £30,000 plus interest due to be received (£31,800). The committee took the decision that around £10,000 in ready cash was about right.

We agreed to re- invest 30,000.

We are waiting to evaluate the benefit to the game from the grants made.

At the AGM, we need to vote 1p UM fee remains the same

Would Malcolm like a vice chair? SB to ask him.

4. Completing forms for tax liability, Kathy to report back after following this up with Inland Revenue

Nominations of Officers for 2025 as required by AGM. Kathy nominated all officers.

5. AOB

For the AGM, Kathy to chair until nominations then Malcolm takes over.

There are things to organize catering for Harwell Cup. Patricia to sort out catering but may wish helpers. Patricia to email competitions group ref her concerns and to decide on a date on which to close entries.

6. Date of Future Meetings: Tue 4th November 2025

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