

# NOTES OF OBA COMPETITIONS SUBCOMMITTEE – Tuesday 16th January 2024 (3.30pm – 4.30pm)

Present: KT, PL, PH, SN, MC, SB

Email addresses for circulation

The following were present:

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## Agenda

### 1. Apologies

### 2. Minutes of previous meeting, Matters arising

b. Ken Langdon has been running a social type teams event twice a year. Includes unaffiliated clubs in the north of the county and wondered whether we'd like to extend to the south. Agreed as last meeting. Progress. Little done. Happens twice a year, with wine and nibbles, teams at all standards. North one is at Kings Sutton (15 tables)

**Kathy has spoken to Oxford BC**, hoping for someone to run it in in the South of the County. But OBC has no social secretary and no one wants to make a decision.

**ACTION.** KT to follow up and if necessary run one herself at the premises. Will offer opportunity to OBC and Wallingford. Wine prizes?

### 3. Competitions for 2023-2024

**Harwell Cup:** It was decided for 2024 to stick with EBU regulations as to whether we use VP or not. If using VPs and if matches are in two halves, then total IMPs over two halves before converting to VPs. Also for next Harwell Cup, it was decided to have a minimum of 4 teams and then accept teams to keep even numbers of teams playing. **ACTION:** SB to add to bylaws

Harwell Cup	1-Oct-23				
	Entries	Entry Fee		TOTAL	
	4	£24.00	0.59	£93.64	
	1	£12.00		£12.00	£105.64
REALBRIDGE					
FEE	20	-£0.84		-£16.80	✓
EBU MP FEE	20	-£0.88		-£17.60	
PROFIT				£71.24	

## Presidents Cup – free entry?

A suggestion to discuss (from Denis). It might increase entries if entry is free. OBA foot the cost of the UMS and the RB platform but the winners pay their own entry to the Pachabo. Because of the reduced entry, this is no longer self-financing so we're not really losing much.

9 teams entered in 2023-2024. Entry fee was £30 per team, but free for top 2 in Harwell and reduced to £16 per team for new players (those not played in previous two year). If it is free entry, what would the purpose of the Harwell Cup be?

**ACTION** to charge a lower entry fee. And pay part of the Pachabo entry fee i.e. a compromise

President Cup	2023-2024			
	Entries	Entry Fee	TOTAL	
	9	Various	£168.00	
	Square		-£4.09	£163.91
REALBRIDGE FEE		EST:	-£41.28	
EBU MP FEE		EST:	-£20.00	
PACHABO		EST:	-£100.00	
PROFIT				£2.63

**Handicap Pairs:** Sun 5<sup>th</sup> November 10 pairs entered. It was decided to repeat in 2024.

It was decided that if a pair has a mature partnership handicap use that, otherwise use the average of the two player. The date of the handicap is the date of the event.

**ACTION:** SB to add to ByLaws

Handicap Pairs	11-May-23			
	Entries	Entry Fee	TOTAL	
	10	£12.00	0.42	£115.80
REALBRIDGE FEE	22	-£0.48		-£10.56
EBU MP FEE	22	-£0.44		-£9.68
PROFIT				£95.56

**Swiss Pairs:** Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2023 22 tables entered. A very successful event again.

Swiss Pairs	3-Dec-23			1.4% + 25p
	Entries	Entry Fee	Square Fee	TOTAL
Via Square	43	£18.00	0.50	£752.50
Refund	-1	£18.00		-£18.00
ENTRIES	44			£734.50
PRIZES				-£150.00
REALBRIDGE FEE	88	-£0.84		-£73.92
EBU MP FEE	88	-£1.48		-£130.24
TD FEE				
PROFIT				£380.34

## County Pairs:

The weeks beginning 19<sup>th</sup> Nov, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, 7<sup>th</sup> Jan were chosen in which any duplicate (20boards+ and not gentle duplicates) allow a pair to qualify for a county pairs semifinal. 50% or more needed, pairs can play more than one heat, but each player (& hence each pair) may only play in one semifinal.

Currently 59 entries for semifinals. Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb (14 entries), Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Feb (19 entries) Thu 1<sup>st</sup> Feb (26 entries)

Directors were decided:

Patricia, playing director for Thursday or Sunday

Kathy, playing non paid directing for the Monday

Sunday look at entries. Martin Illingworth. ACTION: SB ask to ask him.

Closing date. Enter up to two days before each heat. As long as it does not create an odd number of pairs.

ACTION SB to add info to website

## Congress Final accounts

Income		Expenditure	
Swiss Pairs	£2,166.00	TD Fees	£411.10
Swiss Teams	£2,281.25	Admin Fees	£101.60
Sale of Cakes etc	£29.48	Caddy fees	£130.00
		EBU Equipment & duplicating	£420.24
		Delivery of Bridge Equipment	£360.00
		Prizes	£646.75
		Hire of chairs	£373.68
		Hire of Radley Gym	£935.40
		Refreshments	£96.66
		Miscellaneous exp	£73.48
		EBU GP Fee	£755.36
Income	<u>£4,476.73</u>		<u>£4,304.27</u>
PROFIT	<u>£172.46</u>		

Date for 2024, 17-18<sup>th</sup> August. There would be a meeting of the congress committee shortly. Equivalent weekend at Abingdon School, a little more expensive, but without hiring EBU equipment and no chair hire cost would be reduced. The venue does not have upholstered chairs but plastic chairs, but ensure some comfortable chairs for those who need them. It is accessible, and we are hopeful of more entries. Parking nearby....new, better venue, larger.

**ACTION:** Congress committee get together soon.

## BBO Pairs League

Should we change to RealBridge?. Issues to consider

- a) Pairs sitting out 3 boards
- b) Need one person in each division to move for the next round (e.g. Stephen, Kathy, Patricia), Stephen to take TD calls in all divisions.
- c) If only 3.5 tables in a division, then only three scores on each traveller.

Emails have been received from around 70% of the players in the Pairs League (29 pairs entered). Of these 7 prefer RealBridge, 7 prefer BBO and 6 have no preference. So, fairly split. We are not aware of anyone who would withdraw if the platform changed to RealBridge. A few people are concerned ref having just bought BBO\$ (SB offered to accept these to vEBU\_KEN to be used for prizes)

One player expressed a preference for 7.30pm

**AGREED** move to RealBridge and Self alerting, no screens. A cost of £7 per pair agreed, to be different to other competitions (and similar to the current \$8 per pair).

KT to talk to selection committee, to encourage result to be used in selection.

## National Pairs

It was decided to let other counties run heats on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

## F2F Events

Two people have expressed a wish for F2F events. Graham Orsmond (Kathy has replied), Anthony Harris (Stephen replied, they feel excluded by not playing online). Other may feel excluded if online since shielding. Some people feel F2F is better for long term future. Some people feel that Wessex should be F2F.

It was decided to have one of two F2F Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs in 2024/2025. It was decided to offer out to clubs to see if they would like a offer their venue. If a club wishes to run it they must provide catering and have parking

**ACTION:** SB ask clubs to confirm club details on website and offer their club if interested.

**ACTION:** Perhaps a F2F league with teams of 4 players. Discuss next meeting

**Wessex League** – Sandra Nicholson to report, as needed. All info on website. A couple of blips sorted. One Wallingford match to fix.

**Social Bridge**, anything for Robert to report KT to meet with RP

**Presidents Cup**, nothing reported by Sandra Claridge.

**ACTION:** Plate to be started after quarterfinals. Sandra to remind people ref next match

## Remaining dates for 2024

The following dates were agreed:

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October: Harwell Cup

Sun 10 November: Handicap Pairs (B&B GP Event is on 2-3 November 2023) clashes with Dawes League? This clashes Handicap clash with Tolle.

Sun 1 December: Swiss Pairs

**ACTION:** SB Add to website and apply for licences

**Congress?** 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in August.i.e. 17-18<sup>th</sup> August.

**ACTION:** SB to ask for licence

**ACTION:** SB email all previous participants

**Cafe Bridge?** Abingdon 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024

Peter Litchfield to send SB details. RP and PL meet on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan.

## 4. Next competitions sub-committee meetings dates

Dates are: 14th May 2024, 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024.

(moved from 21<sup>st</sup> May which is now the Café Bridge at Abingdon)

All 3.30pm on Zoom

AOB none