

## OBA Committee Meeting, 13 June 2023 15:30 on Zoom,

### Chair's Report

This has been a busy few months in the Chair. I would like to thank those with whom I have been working in the various subcommittees: a lot of hard work has been put in.

We have revived the face-to-face congress which will be held at Radley College on August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Together with Robert Procter, we have launched initiatives to encourage more visits to our county clubs – see details on our OOPs and OTTs. And with the help of Charlie Bucknell and Jonathan Davies, we are also making efforts to encourage clubs to promote the playing of more social bridge.

One problem with the return to face-to-face bridge is the requirement for more directors. Some clubs are not finding this easy due either to lack of candidates or to finance. We are planning some local director training and I hope to negotiate some discount.

Some competitions are undergoing changes and the bylaws are being rewritten.

We started the process of analysing the role of the county. Although no formal vote was taken, we seemed to be in agreement that our primary responsibility is to our members and not to the EBU and our main role is currently in the promotion of the game.

Robert Procter has made good on his promise to produce formal accounts for which we offer huger thanks. We need to find a new treasurer as Peter Litchfield is formally stepping down. We are very grateful that, despite reigning before COVID, he did stay on to ensure that necessary payments were made. Our financial position remains healthy.

Kathy Talbot