

# MINUTES OF OBA COMPETITIONS SUBCOMMITTEE – Tuesday 23rd May (3.30pm – 5.00pm)

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Items discussed

1. **Apologies** Sandra Claridge, Peter Finbow,
2. **Minutes of previous meeting**, agreed

Matters arising

BBO League: Anyone willing to write a hand?

ACTION: SB to let players know in advance emails and in announcement on night. Do same for team nights.

Discussion could go on Facebook and link on website. Best to create it in a Powerpoint slide then a jpg can be created for Facebook and for BridgeWebs

3. **Competitions to run for 2023-2024**, with dates and entry fees (to be checked by Kathy / Stephen and then confirmed). All on RealBridge [Note: SB has tweaked slightly with dates for County pairs following meeting to fit in with other OBA competitions, which has moved subsequent competitions on a month. Needed to fit in County Pairs Final]

Harwell Cup: Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023 £6 per person

Handicap Pairs: Sun 19<sup>th</sup> November £6 (new, added under AOB)

Swiss Pairs: Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2023 £9 per person

County Pairs: Semifinal on Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 and two evening dates: Thu 1<sup>st</sup> February and Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – KT suggested (like Kent) to choose two weeks in which any duplicates qualify a pair for a county pairs semifinal. Pairs must play in their regular club. Only applies to 24 board duplicates in any club heat. £9 per person  
Final on Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Mar 2024

ACTION: Regulations to be produced by Kathy and Stephen. SB to send KT the Kent ones for modification

Junior Fundraising: sun 5 May 2024 £9 per person

Mixed Pairs: Sun 16<sup>th</sup> June £6 per person

Congress: See how successful the August 2023 one is first.

## **Fees:**

Fees: Wessex Entry fee up to £60 (from £50), £30 for daytime

For normal LP events, £6 per person, for Blue/Green pointed £9 per person.

## **4. Possible changes to bylaws**

**ACTION:** SN & KT to work on this, assisted by SB & PH. Time scales agreed after meeting an added:

*Cross IMP pairs ladder (SB and SN will help with this) Draft by end June Finalise by end Sep*

*Teams ladder (SB and SN will help with this) Draft by end June Finalise by end Sep*

*Premiership (SB and SN will help with this) Draft by end July Finalise by end Sep*

*President's Cup Draft by end July Finalise by end Sep*

*Review of other competitions with respect to allowing entry from non OBA members Draft by end July Finalise by end Sep*

*County Pairs new format Draft by end August Finalise by end Sep*

## **5. Format of President's Cup**

A few years ago the Harwell Cup was a qualifier. Two routes in e.g. entries or

The leading teams playing in the Harwell Cup would give a free entry to the President Cup. The number of qualifiers to be set.

Presidents Cup – default RealBridge (OBA pays RealBridge fee), any can play F2F.

## **6. Congress, progress and helpers needed**

19/20<sup>th</sup> August. Nothing on website yet. SB to help with costing

Radley College has not confirmed, £30 per hour.. Sports hall, plenty of car parking. Very light room. Catering to be sorted.

Helpers needed. Suggestions needed e.g. tick of entries, guide players with parking, runner, TD booked.

Peter L hopes to find people from Abingdon and will liaise with Kathy. All equipment is coming from EBU, very reasonable. Just chairs. Big screen and microphone. Need to check out toilets (perhaps Peter L and Kathy), Mens, ladies and disabled.

A SUBCOMMITTEE OF Peter L, Sandra, Peter F To have August meeting

**ACTION** Start times: & Costs: needed for SB to advertise.

7. **Non OBA Primary players in competitions** e.g. Mixed Pairs. Allowed and if so, do we require them to formally become Associate members (at no charge)

Naturally not in OBA representing competitions

We decided to let them play, but do we need a formal process of letting them.

ACTION: SB TO CREATE form for associate membership.

8. **Prizes for OBA Events** (esp this year's County Pairs)

Put this to AGM after it is discussed by the Full Committee. County Pairs, President Cup,

Open event we pay straight away, others we pay at the AGM.

SB to pass spreadsheet of payments to Sandra Nicholson

We recommend that we should give prizes for open events eg. Blue Points & Handicap event

But events with a trophy not give prizes?

ACTION: SB add to agenda for full committee meeting

9. **Wessex League** (survey responses circulated)

Continue as are. ACTION: Sandra and Kathy will sort out bylaws.

Difference – main league is being putting in for NGS. Dave Tarsky & Cliff Hones to sort this.

10. **Premiership**

Q. Still 200 for winning Presidents (only if 8+ teams)

Q. Add ladder up to 100 for BBO Pairs League (best 8 percentages / 12) run from Sept 2023 to Aug 2024

For BBO League, use the overall table cross-imp table.

Sandra happy to transfer the points to the ladder.

Premiership in 2023: 1<sup>st</sup>= Nick Smith & Alan Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mary-Ann Sheehy, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Robert Procter

ACTION : SB to put the result on the website

ACTION lots of bylaws to do. Kathy is queen of bylaws, Patricia and Sandra to work with Kathy!

Wessex, Premiership, County Pairs, Presidents Cup, Handicap Pairs

### 11. **Midland Counties Mixed Pairs**

Just checking OBA keen to participate? Yes. SB to advertise

### 12. **OK to email OBA players ref EBU Green Pointed events?**

Agreed that SB would advertise the EBU One-Day Green Pointed Events using contacts collected from entries to support the EBU. Entries have been lower than some county events. Agreed SB advertise

### 13 **Progress of OOPs and OOTs**

Ready to go out. Awaiting for one club to get back to

ACTION: Kathy to double check letter and then send out before end of week.

### 14 **AOB**

Cup for Wessex league daytime league.

ACTION: Agreed, SN to buy a cups up to £100

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

### 15 **Handicap pairs based on NGS.** Corrected by NGS. To see winners

All players have a chance. November 19<sup>th</sup> 2023 agreed

Malcolm agreed to do handicaps. From membership.

Players cannot play unless they show their NGS.

### 16 **August meeting for congress subcommittee:** SB to suggest a date. e.g. Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> August

ACTION: Congress subcommittee to confirm

### 17. **Next competitions sub-committee meeting suggested date** 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 OK?. By Zoom.

ACTION: Please add to diary and let SB know if it is a problem