

# SECRETARY REPORT FOR MARCH 2023 COMMITTEE MEETING

- Support to Chair

I have started my work helping Kathy achieve her aim of ensuring full committee meetings happen three times a year +AGM (March, June & November).

I will be

- i. collating papers, circulating minutes and encouraging committee member to produce reports, adding suitably to the website.
- ii. Help keep events and things ticking over supporting the chair in her role and reminding when things needs doing. Automatically carrying out tasks that require liaising with EBU etc.
- iii. Ensure votes are kept if any item needs voting on

Entries for the Corwen are about to be made and entry for Pachabo and Garden Cities will follow once these the President's Cup and Wessex League competitions have finished.

- Support to treasurer

The use of Square from December 2023 is generally going well and has helped reconcile income and expenditure for Thursday Teams and Swiss Pairs at the end of last year and events in 2023. Accounts are now being kept for each event, which will help generate profit/loss at end of year. There is only one deposit to the main OBA account after each competition rather than payments from each pair.

Peter / Kathy are arranging the BBO royalties and RealBridge invoices to be automatically forwarded by the EBU and Realbridge to facilitate profit / loss calculations.

- Website

The website continues to be updated regularly with competitions entry forms, results and successes of OBA players. News items / competitions / Junior events are added as requested by clubs. Others passing on information about things that need to be updated is very helpful. I've started also adding information about EBU Events and liaised with Matthew Covill to put up reports on Dawes League matches, use and post the link to EBU knockout for the Presidents Cup for Sandra Claridge which results in automatic credit or MasterPoints on completion.

BridgeWebs and the obacomp.gmail email address is used to advertise competitions and my role with Kent has allowed advertising to go to Kent as well as OBA increasing competition entries for the online competitions.

Adding the Midland 9-High event to the website and providing an entry form contributed to 8 pairs entering in January (& Oxfordshire being first overall).

Robert & Tony have provided useful information on the website and this has resulted in the list of online bridge clubs being updated.

The results of the Monthly BBO Pairs are posted each month after directing this event. Entries continue to be 13-17 tables. All three monthly events (BBO Pairs League, Realbridge monthly teams and Seniors pairs at Roke) are advertised to members.

Stephen Brown March 2023