

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Devon County Contract Bridge Association held at the Plymouth Bridge Club, Moor View House, Moor View Terrace, Plymouth on May 14th, 1956.

Minutes	Minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.
Accounts	The Treasurer presented the accounts for the five months ended March 31st, 1956. These showed a balance in hand of £64.8s.0d., but as £10. Prize Money was due for the Western Morning News Cup, the true balance was £54.8s.0d. On the proposal of Mrs. Northcott, seconded by Miss Turner, the accounts were unanimously adopted.
Adoption of New Rules	<p>The adoption of the new Rules was then discussed and it was proposed by Mr. Hammond, seconded by Mr. Callow, that Rule 5 should be amended so that the Representative to serve on the Committee for Members residing outside the County should be co-opted by the Committee and not elected by postal vote. The reason being that there is a possibility that Somerset will have its own Association and therefore the need for an outside County Representative might not arise, and this was agreed.</p> <p>With this one alteration, on the proposal of Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mrs. Walker, the Rules were unanimously adopted.</p>
Election of President	Mr. N.A.T. Vinson <del>has</del> been duly nominated for this position, and, there being no other nominee, his election was carried unanimously.
Election of Hon. Sec. and Hon. Treasrr.	It was proposed by Mr. G.G. Wilson that, as there were no nominations for these positions, the present Officers should be re-elected, and this was agreed.
Election of Members to serve on Committee	It was confirmed that the Members to serve on the General Committee from the North/East Section should be Mrs. Ali Khan, Messrs. C.R. Haslam, W.C. Venn and G.G. Wilson, and from the South/West Section Mrs. Northcott, Colonel Telfer, Messrs. Hayden and Hurwitt.
Master Points Scheme	The Secretary then gave a brief description of the Master Points Scheme and the South/West Section said that they were in favour, in principal, of the Scheme.
Thanks	A vote of thanks was passed to Colonel Telfer for the use of the room for the Meeting.

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N.A.T. Vinson  
Chairman.

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Devon County Contract  
Bridge Association held at the Abbey Lawn Hotel, Torquay, at  
7 p.m. on Wednesday, the 28th September 1955.

Present	Chairman, Secretary and 24 Members.
Resignation of Secretary	A letter from Mr. G.G. Wilson resigning the post of Secretary was read and accepted with regret.
Nomination for the position of Secretary	Mr. F.C. Keyte was nominated by Mr. C.R. Haslam and seconded by Mr. W.G. Stewart. Mr. Keyte being willing to accept the nomination he was unanimously elected.
Nomination for the position of Treasurer	Mr. M.C. Young was proposed by Mrs. Ali Khan and seconded by Mr. E. Royle. Mr. Young was willing to accept the nomination and he was unanimously elected.
Nomination for the position of President	<p>Mr. G.G. Wilson was proposed by Colonel R. Telfer and seconded by Mr. M.A.T. Vinson. Mr. Wilson was willing to accept the nomination and was unanimously elected.</p> <p>Mr. Vinson paid tribute to the services of Mr. Wilson as Secretary and said that he felt that, for the work done by Mr. Wilson in the past, no more fitting tribute could be made than to elect him President.</p>
Presentation to retiring Secretary	<p>Mr. Wilson was then presented by the Chairman with a Leather Toilet Case as a tangible appreciation, the cost of same being equally borne by the Plymouth and Torquay Branches of the Association.</p> <p>Mr. Wilson in his reply said that he was very touched at the appreciation shown, and that it was up to all of them to back his successor.</p>
Increase in Subscription	<p>Mr. Wilson then took the Chair from Mr. Morris, to discuss an increase of 7s.6d. to the subscription from April, 1956.</p> <p>The President stated that Torquay had until then been paying all the Devon County expenses, such as postages, circularising, Entrance Fees to National Events etc. He said that he felt that we should be represented on the National Committee and that funds had to be found.</p> <p>It was proposed that of the 7s.6d. paid, 2s.6d. should go to the National Fund, 2s.6d. to the local Branch and 2s.6d. to the County Fund.</p> <p>The point was made of the expenses to be met by the County Fund.</p>

Increase in  
Subscription  
(Continued)

Mr. Haarer proposed that the Committee formulate a constitution and new Rules and these be placed before the General Meeting at a later date. This was seconded by Mrs. Easterbrook.

Mr. Vincent said he was in favour of a County Fund and it was decided that the respective Committees should discuss an increase and the Meeting agreed to this. It was pointed out by Mr. Keyte that as the increase in the subscription could not take place until April of next year there were no funds in the meantime to run the organisation and he suggested that a grant of £10. each be made from the Torquay and Plymouth Branches to cover the interim period.

Formulation  
of new  
Committee

It was decided that this Committee should be formed by 5 Members from the South/West and 4 Members from the North/East Sections, plus the President, Secretary and Treasurer ex officio.

  
Chairman.

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Devon County Contract  
Bridge Association held at the Abbey Lawn Hotel, Torquay on  
Friday, May 24th 1957.

Present	Chairman, Mr. N.A.T. Vinson, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and 22 Members; Plymouth Section being well represented.
Minutes	The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.
Apologies for absence.	A letter of apology was received from Mr. W.C. Venn who stated that the meeting clashed with the A.G.M. of the Overseas League, which was why he could not be present, and asking that his letter might be read. This was done.
Adoption of Accounts	<p>The Hon. Treasurer presented his report and the receipts and payments accounts for the year ending March 31st, 1957, and the balance sheet at that date.</p> <p>It was proposed by Colonel R.L. Telfer and seconded by Mr. F.H. Addison that the accounts be adopted. Before this was put to the meeting, the Hon. Secretary read a proposal forwarded by the N.E. Section concerning the profits of the Torquay Congress, as the funds going direct to the County funds might cause difficulties with the Torquay Town Council in providing hospitality in future years. The proposal was as follows :-</p> <p>"that this Meeting recommends to the Devon County Contract Bridge Association, that, for reasons now given, such profit or loss as shall be made at the annual Torquay Bridge Congress shall be passed either to the N/E Section or a separate fund of the County Association. "</p> <p>Alderman J.F. Haarer explained the position as from the view which might be taken by the Town Council.</p> <p>Mr. G.G. Wilson stated that he thought if this proposal was carried forward, a further proposition be made that the Congress should guarantee sufficient funds to meet reasonable expenses of the County Association. Mr. Hayden moved that this would be in order if the balance held by the Congress account was shown as an asset on the County balance sheet.</p> <p>Proposed by Alderman Haarer and seconded by Mr. Hayden that</p> <p>"the profits from the Torquay Bridge Congress shall be held in a separate fund of the County</p>

Association and that the Devon County Contract Bridge Association Committee may, from time to time, pay a block sum over to the general fund and the balance shall be shown on the County balance sheet as a separate asset. "

This amendment was put to the meeting and carried unanimously, and the accounts were then adopted, with this amendment.

Mr. Hurwitt proposed a vote of thanks should be given to Mr. M.C. Young for his valuable services as Hon. Treasurer during the past year, which was carried unanimously. Mr. Young, in his reply, asked that a vote of thanks be given to Mr. J. Hammond for his services as Hon. Auditor. This was also carried unanimously.

Secretary's  
Report

The Hon. Secretary then gave his report, which was adopted on the proposition of Colonel R.L. Telfer, seconded by Mr. F.H. Addison.

#### Secretary's Report.

"The past year has been the first complete year of the Association under one General County Committee, comprising representatives from the N/E and S/W Sections. It has been a very successful one and, for the first time, a full programme of County events was drawn up and circulated, and all competitions were well attended.

The County Championship Teams of Four was won, for the fifth year in succession, by Mrs. Northcott's Plymouth team which included Mrs. Gard, N.A.T. Vinson, G. Levey. This is certainly a record for any County.

The County Championship Pairs was also won by Mr. N.A.T. Vinson and Mr. G. Levey of Plymouth, who have concluded a most successful season by Mr. Levey becoming the first Local Master, under the E.B.U. Master Points Scheme, in Devon, Mr. Vinson only needing a few local points to qualify also.

The winners of the S/W Section Pairs Championship were Mr. G. Levey and Mr. F. James and the N/E Pairs Championship was won by Mrs. J. Harrison and Mr. G.G. Wilson.

In the annual match Torquay v Plymouth, Torquay (the holders) lost to Plymouth.

Teams representing the County competed in the Cheltenham Rose Bowl and the Tollemache Cup; also in the annual match against the Southern Counties which was won this year by the Southern Counties. Pairs from the County also competed in London for the National Pairs Championship.

This year saw the introduction of the E.B.U. Master Points Scheme, in which points are awarded for success in certain Duplicate Competitions; this scheme was adopted by the County and has caused much interest, especially in the S/W Section.

In connection with this, I am most anxious to compile a list of Club and Local Masters as this will provide a guide for the Selection Committee, and it is visualised that competitions may be arranged, confined to these classes, so please notify Mrs. Northcott or myself if and when you qualify.

The Association held its annual open Congress at the Palace Hotel, Torquay in April and in spite of petrol rationing, this was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Many letters of congratulation have been received from different parts of the country, on the efficiency of the organisation and therefore, we look forward to another successful Congress next year which is to be held from March 21st to 24th inclusive, two weeks before Easter. A later date could not be obtained from the Hotel.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking all members of the Committee and others, not forgetting the staunch support I have received from our President, for the valuable help they have given me during the past twelve months. "

Election of  
President,  
Secretary  
& Treasurer.

There being only one nomination for each of the offices of President, Secretary and Treasurer, the following were elected :-

President	...	Mr.N.A.T.Vinson.
Hon.Secretary	...	Mr. F.C. Keyte.
Hon.Treasurer	...	Mr. M.C. Young.

Election of  
Committee.

The following members of the N/E Section were elected to serve on the General Committee :-

Mrs. M. Stansell,  
Mrs. G. Ali Khan,  
Miss D. Wray.  
Mr. C.R. Haslam.

From the S/W Section, the following were elected :-

Mrs. F.L. Northcott,  
Mr. W. S. Hayden,  
Mr. J. Hurwitt,  
Colonel R.L. Telfer.

Presentation.

The President made a presentation of a pipe to the Hon. Secretary in appreciation of his work in organising the 1957 Torquay Congress.

There being no other business, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Devonshire Bridge Club for the use of the room for the meeting.

*N. A. T. Vassini*

21/5/58

Chairman.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Devon County Contract Bridge Association held at the Plymouth Bridge Club, on Wednesday May 21st 1958.

- Present. Chairman, Mr. N.A.T. Vinson, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, and 36 members.
- Minutes. The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed.
- Apology. Apology for absence was received from Mr. J.F. Haarer.
- Adoption of Accounts. The Hon. Treasurer presented his report, and the receipts and payments and balance sheet for the year ending 31st March 1958. This showed a surplus of income over expenses of £29.4.4., but answering a question, the Hon. Treasurer confirmed that there would have been a loss of £31 but for the amount transferred from the Torquay Congress account.
- Mr. J. Hurwitt proposed, seconded by Mr. W.G. Haydon that the accounts be adopted, and this was carried unanimously with a vote of thanks to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. M.C. Young, and the Hon. Auditor, Mr. John Hammond.
- Secretary's Report. "The past year has been a busy and successful one, all competitions receiving more entries than ever before, a new competition for the Individual Championship of the County was run, and proved very popular, the winner being Dr. R.H. Dummett, Salcombe. The County Teams Championship was won by Mr. J.F. Haarer's Team, which included Mrs. D. Watson, Mr. M.C. Young, and Mr. C.R. Haslam. The County Pairs Championship was won by Mr. W.G. Stewart and Mr. F. C. Keyte. Plymouth, however hit back by retaining the Inter-town Cup, Torquay v Plymouth, and also won the Inter-Town Teams of Eight, in which six Towns competed, this was another new competition introduced this year. Representative Teams from the County acquitted themselves well in the Tollemache Cup, and the Cheltenham Rose Bowl, in the latter being beaten by only half a victory point. Heats were run for the National Pairs, and also the Portland Cup for Mixed Pairs. A Torquay-Exeter combined Team did well in the Hubert Phillips Bowl Mixed Team Championship of Great Britain, reaching quarter-finals. We shall, I hope, have another new competition next year for the Mixed Pairs Championship of the County, for a cup presented by Mrs. B. Easterbrook. The Master Points Scheme increases in popularity, and we now have four County Masters and sixteen Local Masters.



Another successful Congress was run in March in Torquay with a record attendance of 367 players, which added £174 to the County Funds. There is some doubt whether we shall be able to run one in 1959 because of the difficulty of getting a suitable hotel, however, we are still trying. As this is my last report before retiring, which I do with regret but under Doctor's orders, I would like to thank the President, Mr. N. A. T. Vinson, the Hon. Treasurer Mrs. M. C. Young, and all members of the committee for their loyal and untiring help during my term of office."

Mr. John Hammond in proposing the adoption of the report made reference to the extremely valuable work done by the retiring Hon. Secretary during his term of office, this was seconded by Col. R. L. Telfer, and the report adopted unanimously.

Election of Officers. There being only one nomination for each of the offices, the following were elected:-  
President. Mr. N. A. T. Vinson.  
Hon. Secretary. Mr. John Hammond.  
Hon. Treasurer. Mr. M. C. Young.

Election of Committee. The following members of the N/E Section were elected to serve on the County Committee:-  
Mrs. G. S. Ali Khan.  
Mr. F. C. Keyte.  
Mr. N. Watkinson.  
Mr. J. F. Haarer.  
From the S/W Section the following were elected:-  
Mrs. F. L. Northcott.  
Col. R. L. Telfer.  
Mr. W. G. Haydon.  
Mr. W. Parson.

Election of Delegates. Col. R. L. Telfer and Mr. John Hammond were elected to be the Associations' representatives on the English Bridge Unions Council.

Appointment of Hon. Auditor. On the proposal of Mr. F. C. Keyte, seconded by Mr. C. R. Haslam, Mr. W. G. Haydon was appointed Hon. Auditor for the ensuing year.

*N. A. T. Vinson*

Chairman.

29/5/59

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Devonshire County Contract Bridge Association held at the Devonshire Bridge Club on Friday, 29th May, 1959, at 6.30 p.m.

Present

N. A. T. Vinson in the Chair, the Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. Secretary and 45 members.

Apologies for absence

were received from N. A. Watkinson, G. G. Wilson and the Mayor of Torquay, Ald. J. F. Haarer.

Minutes

of the A.G.M. held on 21st May, 1958, were read and approved.

Adoption of Accounts

The Hon. Treasurer presented the accounts and gave a report thereon pointing out the main item of revenue came from the Torquay Congress, and stated that there were 182 members at 31st March, 1959, compared with 189.

The Hon. Auditor, Mr. W. G. Haydon, pointed out that he had qualified his certificate as he was not satisfied that the accounts of the Torquay Congress were being treated in the way he could approve. He thought that profits should automatically be credited each year to the general County account, and not left in a mythical account where a large balance was built up.

The Chairman pointed out that an independent auditor would be appointed by the Congress Committee; in any case, he was quite sure that no reflection was intended on Mr. F. C. Keyte. The matter had been decided some time ago, and any further discussion necessary could best be thrashed out in Committee.

Mr. Keyte pointed out that for the year in question, i.e., to 31st March, 1959, there were no Congress accounts to audit, as no Congress had in fact been held in the year. In the year to 31st March, 1960, there would be two Congresses, that of April 1959 and that of March 1960. Mr. Vinson was Chairman both of the Congress Committee and of the D.C.C.B.A. and was well aware of the reason for a separate banking account. None the less, the funds of the Congress Committee were at the command of the County, and if, for instance, the County thought fit to ask for a transfer to the General Fund of more than the £60 which had in fact been transferred, they could ask for £160 or £260.

When a member asked to be told the reason for the separate account, the Hon. Secretary read out the amendment (to a resolution) of the A.G.M. on 24th May, 1957, proposed by F. J. Haarer and seconded by W. G. Haydon, which had been then passed in deference to possible susceptibilities of the Torquay Corporation, and in consideration of the valuable assistance given by it to the Congress.

It was suggested that the matter be left to the President and the Hon. Auditor for further discussion in Committee. But Mr. Haydon stated whilst he wished to emphasise that no reflection was made on Mr. Keyte, as an auditor he had a duty to the members and would not be satisfied unless there were an automatic transfer of the Congress balance each year to the general fund.

After discussion, Miss D. Bulland proposed, and J. Green seconded, that the accounts be adopted with a vote of thanks.

Secretary's Report

The Hon. Secretary stated the past year had been a very busy one and a very successful one, except perhaps financially - but here the policy had been to keep competition entrance fees as low as possible, as thanks to the success of the Torquay Congress, the County did not need money.

All events except one had been very well supported, and this point would have the Committee's attention as would also another event, where entries had been so numerous as to be embarrassing.

The Hon. Secretary then gave a summary of the winners of the principal events of the past year.

He reported that certain experiments, Friendly Matches and circularising Golf and other Clubs, had been carried out with doubtful success, but the formation of the Exeter Bridge Club had been a great success, and was now bringing in new members. There was also stirrings of life in Cornwall, with duplicate being played regularly in St. Austell. Next year he hoped to revive interest in N. Devon. There were now seven clubs affiliated to the D.C.C.B.A.

As a "new boy" Hon. Secretary, who had not previously even been on the County Committee, he had made many mistakes, but on the whole, members had been wonderfully tolerant, although some had seemed to expect perfection - which was most unlikely from him! He would however try to do better for the future.

He thanked all Committee members for all their help and 100% attendance at Committee Meetings, many of which lasted three hours or more; and especially the Hon. Treasurer who was now retiring, and to whom he presented on behalf of the Committee a book on Bridge.

Election of Officers

There being only one nomination for each office, the following were declared elected:-

President	N. A. T. Vinson
Hon. Secretary	John Hammond
Hon. Treasurer	W. Parson
Hon. Auditor	W. G. Haydon

Election of Committee

The following members were declared elected from the N.E. Section:-

A. V. Morris  
 Mrs. G. S. Ali Khan  
 N. A. Watkinson  
 F. C. Keyte

From the S.W. Section:-

Mrs. F. L. Northcott  
 Col. R. L. Telfer  
 W. G. Haydon  
 J. Hurwitt

Alteration of Rules

It was agreed that, subject to the approval of the E.B.U, Rule 9 should be varied - in the first paragraph the words "the second fortnight in May" be altered to "before the end of June".

The Hon. Secretary explained that this alteration was made solely for his personal convenience, as May was the busiest month in his business.

Other Business

The Hon. Secretary stated he had been given due notice of the following resolution which the Annual General Meeting of the North Eastern Section decided to put to the County A.G.M. :-

"That all events open to the County should be under the jurisdiction of the County Committee."

C. R. Haslam formally proposed, and D. Madge seconded, the above resolution, and a considerable discussion arose and questions were asked as to its meaning and purpose. The Hon. Secretary then explained that he had been present at the N.E. meeting in question and gave his explanation of its purpose and meaning; that the N.E. Section had found that two events which had hitherto been thought to be Sectional events were in fact County events, and had, therefore, put forward this resolution to clarify the position regarding other events. As County Secretary he personally welcomed the resolution.

Several amendments were proposed but the Chairman ruled that as the requisite seven days notice of these had not been given, the matter could only be dealt with by voting directly on the resolution, which was carried by 17 votes to 14.

Mr. A.C. Jordan asked the Committee to consider whether more than one team from any town could enter for the Inter-town Teams of Eight.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Devonshire Bridge Club for the use of their rooms.

*N. A. T. Kinsin 27/6/60.*

Present: Chairman, Mr. N.A.T. Vinson; the Hon. Treasurer; the Hon. Secretary and 53 members.

Minutes. of the Annual General Meeting held on 29th May 1959 were read and approved.

Adoption of Accounts Mrs. F.L. Northcott presented the accounts but at her request the Hon. Auditor, Mr. W.G. Haydon, gave a brief explanation of the accounts and pointed out that the Consolidated Accounts, now presented for the first time, showed a satisfactory over-all position.

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The Hon. Secretary congratulated the Hon. Auditor on the achievement of ~~pushing~~ these consolidated accounts. Mrs. M. Burns thought that thanks should be expressed to Mr. F.C. Keyte for all that he had done as to her the minutes read conveyed some lack of appreciation but she was assured that the matter referred to therein had already been satisfactorily settled.

The accounts were unanimously adopted.

Secretary's Report

The Hon. Secretary stated that the year had been busy and successful. Finances, as we had heard, were just about in balance on the year, thanks to the profits of the Torquay Congress, and Bridge remained the cheapest entertainment.

The Hon. Secretary then gave the names of the winners of the principal county events; and went on to mention the growth in numbers of the Association, notably in Cornwall (which had necessitated the changes in the rules) thanks mainly due to the energies of Messrs. Veerman, Perk and Gordon; but also with help from Col. Telfer and Mrs. F.L. Northcott.

Progress had been made too in the Exeter area, thanks mainly due to Mr. & Mrs. F.H. Addison, and with the very recent affiliation of the Exeter University Bridge Club, the number of affiliations were 14 against 7 last year and members would be as glad as he was to welcome the addition of these young players.

The Hon. Secretary reminded members of the dates of the European Bridge Championship in 1961 and said help would be wanted from many members. He said that for the 1960/61 season the Committee had agreed to appoint a Tournament Secretary and this would make for better organisation, and also relieve him personally of much work.

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Finally he expressed his thanks for their splendid co-operation to all members of the Committee and especially Roy Telfer but above all to Joe Northcott who did a most efficient job of work and had now to cope with a membership increased from 180 to over 260.

New Rules

The Chairman said that as all members had a copy of the draft rules, he would point out several important changes.

The Hon. Secretary proposed three amendements which the Committee approved.

(a) Clause 4 to be reworded in accordance with the phraseology which he had only just received from the E.B.U. as a suggested standard for all Associations - it conveyed exactly the same meaning.

In clause 6 the words " and all members of the Association are members of the English Bridge Union" should be deleted as redundant.

(b) in Clause 8 c. paragraph 2, omit "and members co-opted under rule (b) above" - this change was made for the sake of clarity.

(c) Clause 14 to be deleted in toto; all subsequent clauses to be numbered one lower number.

With these amendements the rules were agreed unanimously.

Election of Officers

There being no other nominations the following were declared elected:-

<u>Chairman</u>	N.A.T. Vinson.
<u>Vice Chairman</u>	Col. R.L. Telfer.
<u>Hon. Treasurer</u>	Mrs. F.L. Northcott.
<u>Hon. Secretary</u>	John Hammond.

Mr. W.G. Haydon was again appointed Auditor.

Election of Committee

The following were proposed:-

<u>North Eastern Section.</u>	Mrs. G.S. Ali Khan
	F.H. Addison
	D. Madge
	A.V. Morris

S.W. Section.

W. Parson  
 W.G. Welch  
 W.G. Haydon

Cornish Section.

H. Veerman  
 B.G. Gordon

and were all approved.

Other  
Business

The Western Morning News Cup was presented to the winners.

Mr. F.H. James thought that the Selectors should concentrate on sending players likely to bring better results for the Association than had been the case in the past. After some discussion Col. Telfer pointed out that Selectors in any game had a hopeless task and one that could be so easily criticised from the outside. The Hon. Secretary stated that in the past year through illness and other causes teams had on occasions to be selected three times before one could be found able to play. The Chairman promised that the Committee would look again at the whole matter.

A vote of thanks was passed to Col. Telfer for the use of the rooms.

*N.A.S. Vunani*  
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 26/6/61.



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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Devon  
and Cornwall Contract Bridge Association held at the  
Plymouth Bridge Club, on Monday 26th June 1961 at 6.30 p.m.

<u>Present:</u>	Chairman, Mr. N.A.T. Vinson; the Vice Chairman, Col. R.L. Telfer; the Hon. Secretary and 26 other members.
<u>Apologies for Absence :</u>	were received from The Hon. Treasurer Mrs F.L. Northcott and Mrs M. Burns, Messrs L. Reid and B.S. Gordon.
<u>Minutes:</u>	of the Annual General Meeting held on 27th June 1960 were read and signed.
<u>Accounts:</u>	<p>for the year were presented by the Auditor Mr. W.G. Haydon who regretted that this year he had not been able to produce Consolidated Accounts as he had received no figures from the Torquay Congress.</p> <p>After some discussion he explained that he knew that the Congress came after the end of the Associations year, but that he had needed figures to link the last Congress Bank Balance with that at 31st March 1961.</p> <p>The Hon. Secretary was instructed to try to achieve this in future.</p> <p>The Hon. Auditor also mentioned that he understood that the Torquay Congress had been a great success and had made a profit of over £170.</p> <p>The accounts were unanimously adopted.</p>
<u>Secretary's Report:</u>	<p>mentioned that the year had been without any serious troubles whatever! Progress had been general and membership increased, thanks in good part to the activities of the Cornish Section under the guidance of Messrs Veerman, Perks and Gordon and the Exeter Group under the assistance of Mr. &amp; Mrs. Addison.</p> <p>The Hon. Secretary gave the winners of the Associations events and mentioned an unusually good number of outside successes:-</p> <p>Second in the Rose Bowl, 1st in Four Counties and winning the Championship Pairs in the Torquay Congress. He mentioned that the winners in all these events were widespread amongst the members.</p> <p>He mentioned that whilst the Torbay and Hurwitt cups would be closed to their respective Sections so as to relieve the pressure on the Programme, other new events were under consideration.</p> <p>He thanked the Hon. Treasurer, all Section Officials and especially the Hon. Tournament Secretary C.R. Haslam for their great assistance. The latter was unable to continue but Col. Telfer had undertaken the job.</p> <p>The report was unanimously adopted.</p>

Thanks: were expressed by the Chairman to Mr. C.R. Haslam as Tournament Secretary and to Mr. A.V. Morris as co-Selector

Election of Officers: There being no other nominations the following officers were declared elected:-

<u>Chairman</u>	N.A.T. Vinson.
<u>Vice Chairman</u>	Col. R.L. Telfer.
<u>Hon. Treasurer</u>	Mr. F.L. Northcott.
<u>Auditor</u>	W.G. Haydon
<u>Hon. Secretary</u>	John Hammond.

Election of Committee: The following were approved:-

<u>North Eastern Section.</u>	C.R. Haslam Mrs G.S. Ali Khan. D.H. Madge. F.H. Addison.
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<u>South Western Section</u>	W.C. Parson W.G. Welch W.G. Haydon Mrs. U. Haydon.
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<u>Cornish Section</u>	H. Veerman. E.J. Perks B.S. Gordon
<u>Nominated</u>	A.V. Morris.

Other Business: Mr. C.R. Haslam in thanking Mr A.V. Morris for his services for many years as Chairman until now of the North Eastern Section and to Bridge everywhere presented to the Association the "A.V. Morris Cup" to be played for in the Handicap Pairs event which Mr. Morris had done so much to start and make successful. He also presented him with a personal gift of a Reading Lamp.

The Hon. Secretary stated that a gift of a box of cigars would be made to Mr. F.C. Keyte as a small token of their appreciation of his continuing success and great work in connection with the Torquay Congress.

N.A.T. Vinson  
Chairman  
18/6/62.

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Devon and Cornwall Contract Bridge Association held at the Plymouth Bridge Club on Monday 18th June 1962 at 6.30 p.m

<u>Present</u>	Chairman, Mr. N.A.T. Vinson, the Vice Chairman Col. R.L. Telfer, the Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and 24 other members.																
<u>Apologies for Absence</u>	Mr. A.V. Morris, Mr. B.S. Gordon, Mr. F.C. Keyte, Mrs. Gard and Mrs. Bailey.																
<u>Minutes</u>	of the Annual General Meeting held on 26th June 1961 were read approved as correct and signed by the Chairman.																
<u>Accounts</u>	for the year were presented by the Hon. Treasurer Mr. A.E.B. Duval, which were approved. The Hon. Auditor Mr. W.G. Haydon reported that he had received full details from all the sections so that it had been possible to present a combined balance sheet which was very satisfactory.																
<u>Hon. Secs. Report</u>	Mr. John Hammond presented his report for the previous twelve months. Progress had been general and membership had increased. The Hon. Secretary gave the names of winners of the Association events and mentioned a good number of outside successes. A presentation was made to Mr. F.C. Keyte in recognition of the work he had done for the Torquay Congress and a vote of thanks to him was proposed and carried.																
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<u>Presentations.</u>	Col. Telfer gave an appreciation of the work done by the retiring Chairman Mr. Vinson and Hon. Secretary Mr. Hammond and presentations were presented to them to mark the occasion. Both Mr. Vinson and Mr. Hammond suitably replied.																
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Cornish Section

H. Veerman  
E.R. King  
B.S. Gordon.

Subscriptions.

The Chairman submitted the Committees' proposal to amend rule 6 (which had been necessary by the delays in payments) to read as follows:- The subscription shall be 12/6 per annum with however, a reduction to 7/6 p.a. if the subscription is paid before the 1st October in any year whether asked for or not. The subscription for new members will continue to be 7/6 p.a. The adoption was proposed by Mrs. Hallett and seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried unanimously.

17 June 1963. *Mr. Telfer*

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Devon & Cornwall Contract Bridge Association held at the Plymouth Bridge Club on Monday 17th June 1963 at 6.30 p.m.

Present Chairman Col. R.L. Telfer, the Vice-Chairman John Hammond, the Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary and 30 other members

Apologies for Absence Mrs. Bridgewater, Mr. & Mrs. Wickham, Mr. Reid, Mrs. Elaine Jordon Messrs. Veerman, Gordon, Haslam, Mrs. Ali Khan, Mr. & Mrs. Parson.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 13th June 1962 were read and approved as correct and signed by the Chairman.

Hon. Treas. Report was read and received. He reported that the Congress account had only just been received but if it had been possible to include that in his statement there would have been a profit of about £50 instead of a loss of £30.

Accounts The Hon Auditor reported that his investigations had been quite satisfactory but he gave a general warning to keep expenses as low as possible. Mr. Vinson reported on the increased costs charged by the Palace Hotel which had depreciated the profit, there appeared to be some hope that the prices might be decreased next year. Mr. James suggested that some proportion of the balances in the Bank should be put on deposit but the Hon Auditor and Mr. Hammond advised against this.

Hon Sec. Report was presented for the previous twelve months. progress has been general and membership had increased.

Election of Officers There being no other nomination the following officers were elected:-

Chairman	Col. R.L. Telfer
Vice Chairman	John Hammond
Hon. Treasurer	A.E.B. Duval
Hon. Auditor	W.G. Haydon
Hon. Secretary	Mrs. F.H. Hastings-James

Presentations It was agreed that a presentation should be made to Mr Keyte in recognition of the work he had done for the Torquay Congress and a vote of thanks to him was proposed and carried

Mr. A. V. Morris The Chairman gave an appreciation of the long services of Mr. Morris who had now decided that he could no longer continue to act as a co-opted member of the Committee

Badges

The meeting decided they were not in favour of badges for Masters.

2 Match  
Pointed  
events in  
one week

This was left for the Committee to discuss at their next Meeting.

County  
Selection

A long discussion initiated by Mr. Jordan took place on the subject of County representation to which Messrs. Hammond James and Madge contributed. A majority of members indicated that they would prefer a system of trials and the chairman stated that the committee would deal with this matter at their next meeting.

26<sup>th</sup> June 1964. R. K. Selfer.



Unethical  
Play

expressing the Meetings thanks and appreciation for his great and successful efforts in the 1964 Torquay Congress in spite of great difficulties. This was carried unanimously.

Mr. Gordon suggested that a circular be sent to members on the subject of unethical play. The Chairman then suggested that the Committee should deal with this subject.

Mr. Hammond voted a vote of thanks to the Chairman which was carried unanimously.

*18 June 1965*

*Mr. Taylor*



CORNWALL BRIDGE ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE PLYMOUTH

BRIDGE CLUB ON 18TH JUNE 1965 AT 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman - Col. R.L.Telfer.  
 Vice Chairman - John Hammond  
 Hon. Treasurer - Mr.A.E.B. Duval, Hon.Secretary  
 and 24 other members.

APOLOGIES: were received from Mrs. Fellow, Mrs. Till,  
 Messrs. Gerry, Gordon, Haslam and Baldrey.

MINUTES: of the Annual General Meeting held on 26th June 1964  
 were read out, approved and signed as correct.

ARISING  
 THEREFROM: Mrs. S.E. Warne asked what had been done by the  
 Committee regarding ethical play in County competitions.  
 The Chairman, Col. Telfer explained what steps had  
 been taken and this met with the approval of members.

Arising from this Mr. Hammond asked what the Meeting  
thought of changing all teams of 4 competitions to  
the methods applied in the Hubert Phillips Bowl and  
the Veerman - James Cup. After discussion it was  
agreed to continue on existing lines.

HON. TREASURER'S  
 REPORT: was received and adopted. Mr. Duval gave an  
 explanation of the increased expenses.

The Hon. Auditor commented on the accounts and  
 reported that the financial state of the D.C.C.B.A.  
 was quite sound.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed and the Hon.  
 Treasurer and Hon. Auditor were thanked for all the  
 work they had done.

HON. SECRETARY'S  
 REPORT: was read and approved and a vote of thanks was  
 proposed by Mrs. Haydon and seconded by Mrs. Hallett.

PRESENTATION: The Chairman, Col. Telfer, presented the Western  
 Morning News Cup to the winners, Mrs. Monk, Mrs.  
 Hallett, Mrs. Schofield and Mrs. Bailey.

ELECTION OF  
 OFFICERS: There being no other nominations, the following  
 officers were declared duly elected:-

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| Chairman                     | - | John Hammond      |
| Vice Chairman                | - | N.A.T. Vinson     |
| Hon. Treasurer               | - | A.E.B. Duval      |
| Hon. Secretary               | - | Hugo Veerman      |
| Hon. Tournament<br>Secretary | - | Col. R.L. Telfer. |

HON. AUDITOR: Mr. W.G. Haydon, having expressed his willingness to  
 continue, was unanimously elected by the members.

PRESENTATIONS: Mr. John Hammond then took the chair and thanked the  
 retiring Chairman and Hon. Secretary for all the work  
 they had done during the last three years and  
 presented both with a small gift from the Association,  
 as a token of the members' appreciation of their  
 efforts on behalf of Bridge. Both recipients thanked  
 the members for these gifts which were quite unexpected

Mrs. Bridgewater proposed, and Mrs. Haydon seconded, a vote of thanks to the retiring County Selectors and this was carried unanimously.

Dr. Dummett proposed, and Col. Telfer seconded, the election of the new members put forward by each Section for election to the Committee. This was carried.

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Frank Keyte and thank him for all the work he had done in connection with the Torquay Congress and to wish him the speediest possible recovery from his illness.

The Meeting terminated at 7.20 p.m.

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*[Handwritten signature]* 29/6/18

D. C. C. B. A.

DEVON AND CORNWALL CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION  
(Affiliated to the English Bridge Union)

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT THE PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB

on 29th June, 1966.

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PRESENT: Chairman: John Hammond, Vice-Chairman: N. Vinson  
Hon. Treasurer: A. E. B. Duval: the Hon. Secretary  
and 26 members.

APOLOGIES: Were received from Mesdames: Bridgewater, Ward,  
Duncan-Clarke, Messrs. Young and Dagwell.

MINUTES: Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the  
18th June, 1965, were circulated, approved and  
signed as correct.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer, A. E. B. Duval said the financial  
situation of the Association was not good; we were  
losing money even after the transfer of £100 from  
the Torquay Congress account. The increase in  
entry fees to the various Association events for the  
1966/67 season would only go a small way to make up  
the deficiency. Costs were rising all the time and  
being at the 'far end of the line' the Association  
suffered more than many in increasing fares for  
delegates to attend council meetings and competitors  
to play in away matches.

Col. Telfer proposed and Mrs. J. Till seconded that  
the yearly subscription be raised from the 1st April  
1966 to 7/6, plus the capitation fee to the E.B.U.  
This was carried unanimously.

Mr. F. Hastings-James proposed and Mrs. Hallett  
seconded that the S. Western and N. Eastern Sections  
be invited to send £25 to the main fund. This propo-  
sition was also carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Auditor  
were passed. The adoption of the accounts was proposed  
by Mrs. Hastings-James and seconded by Mr. C. Haslam  
and this was agreed.

SECRETARY'S  
REPORT

The Hon. Secretary was thanked for his report which was adopted and for the work he had done.

The Western Morning News Cup was presented to the Captain of the Winning team Mr. N. Vinson. Prizes were presented to the Captain of the runners-up Mrs. Ali Khan.

OFFICERS ELECTED: The Chairman stated that as no other nominations had been received, he declared the present officers who were willing to serve again re-elected.

Chairman - John Hammond.  
Vice-Chairman - N.A.T. Vinson.  
Hon. Treasurer - A.E.B. Duval.  
Hon. Secretary - Hugo Veerman.  
Hon. Tournament Secretary - Col. R. L. Telfer.

It was proposed by Mrs. Ali Khan and seconded by Mrs. Bailey that Mr. W.G. Haydon should be re-appointed Hon. Auditor.

The Chairman reported that Col. Telfer has been asked to make one of the Committee of Three to amend the E.B.U. hand book; he was heartily congratulated.

ANY OTHER  
BUSINESS

- a) The N. East Section proposed that the total entry for the County Individual be broadened and suggested that a method of achieving this end would be to use the Sectional Individual Championships as qualifying round. It was decided to leave this matter to the new Committee.
- b) The Chairman welcomed Mr. W. Morgan Brown, Secretary of Gloucester, to the meeting, as a visitor.
- c) Mr. F. Hastings-James put forward the suggestion that the numbers of entries to the Torquay Congress be limited and entry fee raised accordingly. The Chairman pointed out that the Congress Committee with their Hon. Secretary, F. Keyte, seemed to run the Congress exceedingly well, but promised to put the suggestion forward.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

*John Hammond*  
3/6/64

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE  
PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB ON THE 23rd OF JUNE, 1967.

- PRESENT: Chairman: John Hammond, Vice Chairman: N.A.T. Vinson  
Hon. Treasurer: A.E.B. Duval, Hon. Secretary and twenty-three members.
- APOLOGIES: Col. & Mrs. Telfer, Dr. & Mrs. Dummitt, Mrs. Bridgewater, Mrs. Till, Mrs. Pellow, Mrs. Northcott, Mr. & Mrs. W. Parsons, Messrs. H. Haydon, F.C. Keyte, G.W. Dagwell and A.L. Baldry.
- MINUTES: Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 29th June, 1966 were circulated, approved, and signed as correct.
- TREASURER'S REPORT: The Hon. Treasurer, A.E.B. Duval, reported the Association's finances in a much improved state having made a profit of £75. The membership also had gone up to 365 members.
- This report was adopted on a proposition by Mrs. M. Hallett, seconded by N.A.T. Vinson with thanks to the Treasurer. This proposition was carried unanimously.
- SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Hon. Secretary, Hugo Veerman, congratulated the winners of the three major competitions and also reported on matches with other counties.
- Mr. N.A.T. Vinson proposed, Mrs. F. Hastings-James seconded that the Secretary's report was adopted and this was carried coupled with thanks for the work done by the Secretary during the past year.
- E.B.U. CAPITATION FEE: The Chairman, John Hammond, asked members opinions regarding an increase of the capitation fee so to enable the E.B.U. to carry on producing their quarterly.
- It was proposed by Mrs. M. Hallett, seconded by Mrs. G. Ali Khan that the D.C.C.B.A. is in favour of raising the capitation fee from 2/6 to 5/-.
- The Chairman regretted that Col. R. Telfer was unable to be with us, he and all the members present hoped that his health would improve soon and the Secretary was asked to write to him and give him the best wishes of all.
- The Chairman also reported that Mr. F.C. Keyte was unwell and unable to be with us and that a presentation was to be made to him for all the work done in connection with the Torquay Congress
- The Chairman also welcomed Mr. W. Morgan-Brown as a regular visitor to our Annual Meeting.
- ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The Chairman stated that no other nomination had been received and the following officers were elected :
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| Chairman:                       | C. R. Haslam  |
| Vice-Chairman:                  | N.A.T. Vinson   |
| Hon. Treasurer:                 | S. Johnson  |
| Hon. Tournament Secretary:      | Col. R.L. Telfer  |
| Assistant Tournament Secretary: | Mrs. M. Hallett   |
| Hon. Secretary:                 | H. Veerman  |
| Hon. Auditor:                   | Mr. W.G. Haydon was again re-appointed and thanked for his past services. |
- The newly appointed Chairman, C.R. Haslam, thanked the meeting for doing him the honour of electing him. He thanked John Hammond for the terrific lot of work he has done in our area and the E.B.U. and presented him with a leather waste-paper basket.
- He also thanked A.E.B. Duval and thanked him for all the work he had done during his 4 years office and presented him with a set of wine-glasses.
- There being no other business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

Devon and Cornwall Bridge Association  
(Affiliated to the English Bridge Union)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Plymouth Bridge Club  
on the 28th June, 1968

**APOLOGIES** Mesdames: Burnes, Hamilton, Pethybridge, Telfer, Parson, Warne, Parson, Hooper, Mr. & Mrs. Collings, Mr. & Mrs. Lane, Mr. & Mrs. Culliford and Messrs: Johnson, Schofield, Dagwell and Baldry.

**MINUTES** Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 23rd of June, 1967 were circulated, approved and signed as correct.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Mr. W. G. Haydon in the Absence of the Treasurer reported a very satisfactory year but stated that some of our income is derived from the Torquay Congress and that we would have to raise subscriptions if we did not have the Congress.

This report was adopted on a proposition by F. Keyte, seconded by Mrs. Bridgewater with thanks to the Hon. Auditor and Treasurer. This proposition was carried unanimously.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** Hugo Veerman, the Hon. Secretary, congratulated the winners of the major competitions. He also reported an increase in membership from 365 to 410. This report was also adopted unanimously.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** The Chairman stated that no other nomination had been received and the following officers were elected:-

Chairman	-	C. R. Haslam
Vice-Chairman	-	Noel Vinson
Hon. Treasurer	-	S. E. H. Johnson
Hon. Secretary	-	H. Veerman
Hon. Tournament Sec.	-	Col. R. L. Telfer
Assitant " "	-	Mrs. M. Hallett
Hon. Auditor	-	Mr. W. G. Haydon

**OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN** It was proposed by the Council and adopted unanimously that the Chairman of this Association, whilst being a yearly appointment, shall not be held by any one person for more than three consecutive years.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS** The Chairman read a letter from Mr. S. F. Collings the Hon. Treasurer of the Cornwall Section. This was referred to the next Council Meeting.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

*C. R. Haslam* 30/6/69

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Devon & Cornwall Contract Bridge Association held on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1969.

The following officers were nominated & duly elected:-

Chairman: C.R. Huslane

Vice Chairman: W.C. Parson

Secretary: Mrs P.B. Hallett.

Treasurer: S.E.H. Johnson

Hon. Tournament Secretary: Col. R. Trefler.

Assistant Tournament Secretary: Mrs. P.B. Hallett.

Auditor: W.G. Haydon.

The Secretary & Treasurer presented their reports which were duly adopted.

The Accounts were duly approved.

The question of boundaries within areas in the Inter-area teams of eight was discussed at some length & eventually referred back to the Committee.

A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring Secretary, Mr. H. Secman.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

  
29/6/1970

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Devon & Cornwall Contract Bridge Association held on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> June, 1970 at 6.15pm at the Plymouth Bridge Club.

Present: 27 members.

Apologies: Mrs. D. Seade, Mrs. Healing, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Teelee, P. Dagwood, Mrs. Monk, Mrs. Bell, H.R. Heydon, Mrs. Brown & H. Tuscott.

MINUTES. The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read & duly approved.

MATTERS ARISING Mr Haslam stated that for the time being OUT OF MINUTES boundaries within the Plymouth & Torbay areas in the Inter Area teams of Right Competition had been abolished. Further consideration had been given to the matter but the committee had decided to leave things as they now stood.

TREASURER: Mr Johnson reported that the accounts were still solvent, mainly due to the profit made at the Torquay Congress. The accounts were presented for inspection & duly adopted.

Mr James suggested that perhaps on future occasions, the accounts might be displayed prior to the meeting to give members more chance of studying them. The auditor, Mr W.B. Heydon agreed.



that they could be available for inspection a week beforehand & this was approved.

Mr. James also suggested that pipes for the Western Morning News Cup be increased. Also he felt all pipes given for F.B.V. events, including the Torquay Congress might receive further consideration. Mr. Keyte pointed out that the pipes <sup>for the Congress</sup> were purchased beforehand & though 1970 had proved a record year this might not be so in 1971 & some degree of caution must be applied. It was agreed that the County Committee & the Torquay Congress committee would give the question of pipes further consideration.

Mr. Haslam presented Mr. Keyte with an ease in appreciation of his ~~valuable~~ valuable services in connection with the Torquay Congress & thanked him on behalf of all the members.

### Premium Bonds

The proposed purchase of these Bonds was explained by Mr. Haslam & the Secretary was instructed to write to all sections asking for such contributions as they might be willing to subscribe. Mr. Keyte said that he felt it might be made clear to all sections & sub-sections that all monies held by them belonged to the County Association & was held & used by them on behalf of the County.

This was agreed upon.

SECRETARY'S  
REPORT.

Mrs. Hallett reported that the membership had increased from 333 to 392 in the past year - the majority of new members belonging to the Cornish Section. This was very satisfactory. She also reported on successes of individual teams & pairs during the year which were duly applauded by those present.

ELECTION OF  
OFFICERS.

Mr. W. E. Pason was elected to the chair. On behalf of the members he thanked the retiring chairman Mr. Haslam for the thorough & excellent work he had put in during the last three years. Mr. James supported this, reminding those present that it was largely due to him the association was still in its present form.

The following officers were also elected:

Secretary Mrs. P. B. Hallett.

Treasurer S. E. H. Johnson

Hon. Town Sec  
AUDITOR: Con. R. L. Telfer.

Assist. Hon. Town Sec: C. H. Haslam

Mr. W. G. Heydon agreed to act as auditor again.

STARTING TIMES

OF COMPETITIONS:

Mrs. Ali Khan suggested that starting times of competitions throughout the association, whether Section or County events should be made uniform.

as many members found it confusing to have some start at 2.15 and others at 2.30. The matter was referred to the Committee.

EROKFORDS. As Plymouth had not been nominated at a venue, chiefly because of expense, Mrs Hallett wondered what the feeling of members, particularly those from Cornwall, would be about a Q. Round being held at Torquay. It was agreed to circulate sections to ascertain that a sufficient number of teams would enter there. Mrs Ali Khan kindly offered to accommodate the Tournament Director, which would greatly cut down his expenses. If it appeared a heat could be run, the National Council to be approached for their permission to hold it.

Mr Pearson now presented Mr Haslam with a table lighter as a token of thanks and appreciation.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

28.6.71

Mr Haslam