

HELD AT THE PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB ON WEDNESDAY, 27TH APRIL AT 7 p.m.

Present: John Hammond - Chairman. A.E.B. Duval - Treasurer.
Mesdames G.S. Ali Khan and C.M. Hooper.
Messrs. C.C. Gerry, C.R. Haslam, W.G. Haydon,
W. Parson, F. Hastings-James, Col. R. Telfer and
N. Vinson.

Apologies: for non-attendance were received from H. Veerman,
Mrs. Warne, E.R. King and Mrs. P. Jones.

Minutes: As copies had been circulated with the notice of
Meeting these were taken as read and agreed; however in
the absence of the Hon. Secretary through illness it was
agreed that they should be signed at the next
Committee Meeting.

Matters
Arising:

1. SOUTHERN COUNTIES MATCH: 29th May was not suitable and
so the date was advanced to 4th September 1966.
2. MASTER POINTS: Col. Telfer had agreed Master Points
with Mrs. Staveley. He asked that the sections submit
programmes for the new season so that next year's event
may be awarded appropriate points.

The question of the Perks Cup (Cornwall Pairs
Championship) was discussed and Col. Telfer was to
write again regarding this award.

Minute No. 5 was deferred until the next Meeting when
the Hon. Secretary would be present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. It was reported that the Hon. Secretary, H. Veerman, had
received a letter from Boris Gordon resigning from the
Committee of the D.C.C.B.A. and from the D.C.C.B.A.

It was proposed that he should write and thank him for
his past assistance to the D.C.C.B.A. and give our
regrets and hope that we can welcome him back in the
future.

2. It was reported that the Hon. Secretary had received a
letter from Mr. Goddard who had formed an Exe Vale
Bridge Club and that he had sent an application to the
Treasurer. He had been instructed on how to obtain
Master Points.
3. It was reported that the Hon. Secretary had had
correspondence with Major G. Fell concerning a local
venue for the Regional National Pairs in which he was
suggesting a S.W. section to be held in Bristol.

It was felt that this was a National Committee problem
and as the Hon. Secretary had written in a personal
capacity it was best left to the National Committee.

Mr. Hastings-James stated that he had heard unofficially
that we could join the Midland Group but the Committee
was not in favour of this. It was also felt that
pressure of numbers might well force the National
Committee to reconsider the whole structure of area
championships.

SELECTION
COMMITTEE'S
REPORT:

Mr. W. Parson stated that the Committee was working hard on selection matters and though they had not achieved any firsts, those selected had been far from unsuccessful and were to be congratulated.

Mr. Hammond reported that they were selecting the teams for the men v. ladies match and were consulting representatives of both sides.

THE CHANGING OF
THE FINAL OR
PRELIMINARY
ROUNDS OF THE
S.W. PAIRS:

After some discussion it was decided to leave this as at present.

YEARLY
PARTICIPATION
IN THE PACHABO:

It was decided that it is impossible to enforce a rule that the championship team had to play in the Pachabo.

An alternative suggestion was put forward that we run a team of four multiple teams events to qualify for the Pachabo; but this would clash with the Association championship, the Western Morning News Cup, if we could not run two Association championships. *da*

It was agreed that as at present the County continues to pay the entrance fee ~~£25~~ the Pachabo. It was proposed by Col. Telfer and seconded by W.G. Haydon that the table money also be paid, and this was agreed.

It was also proposed that in the Association programme it be announced that it is hoped that the winning County team would enter the Pachabo and that the entrance fee and table money will be paid by the Association.

SUBMISSION OF
NAMES FOR E.B.U.
SELECTION
TRIALS:

Names have to be submitted by May 14th.

The Committee approved a proposal by Mr. Vinson, seconded by Col. Telfer, that the selectors approach suitable pairs and if they are willing their names go forward.

REPORT ON
TORQUAY
CONGRESS:

It was reported that the Congress Committee would meet in the near future to discuss the Congress while the events are fresh in our minds; and to see what improvements could be made.

The Chairman proposed and all agreed that the Hon. Secretary should write to Mr. Keyte a letter of appreciation of his great efforts and that the Association should purchase, and the Chairman should present, a token of the Association's appreciation.

The Treasurer requested that the Congress Hon. Secretary be requested to transfer £100 to the General Account of the D.C.C.B.A.

RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR OFFICERS:

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer are willing to stand for a further year. A.E.B. Duval gave notice that this would be his last year in office.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are also willing to continue; and the Committee agreed unanimously to recommend to the A.G.M. that all these officers be re-elected.

DATE FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Wednesday, 29th June, at 6.30 p.m. to be followed by a duplicate match without table money.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. It was decided that as the Cornish Section was overall financially sound, there was no necessity for County assistance to meet the loss on the Cornish Petit Congress and it was noted that the other Sections did not receive any assistance.
- B. A-LICENCE CONVENTIONS: Mr. Haslam raised the point when could A-licence convention be played. It was decided that it was permissible in club events if the club allow the use of the convention in its events.
- C. Col. Telfer raised a question for forwarding to the Rules and Ethics Committee, that in the Inter Area Teams of 8 a player when questioned on the lead of the A. or K., the reply was "either"; is this permissible? It was decided that the Hon. Secretary should write to the E.B.U. Rules and Ethics Committee and ask for their ruling.
- D. Col. Telfer raised the question of the County Match against Somerset. It was decided that this should be a team of 8. The Hon. Secretary was instructed to write Somerset and agree a suitable date when the Selectors would make their choice.
- E. Col. Telfer raised the question of the inter-league finals. The Committee approved a 48 board match played in 2 sessions 24 boards each, each match to be decided on victory points to the following scale:-

0 - 6	3 - 3
7 - 15	4 - 2
16 - 24	5 - 1
25 +	6 - 0

F. Inter Area Teams of 8 Areas.

The Committee approved boundary alterations:-

- (a) The Tavistock-Okehampton Rd. inclusive to the west to be the Plymouth dividing line.
- (b) Until Kingsbridge and the South Hams are able to field a team that this area be added to Paignton and N.E.

This was passed with one dissentient.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, possibly reading 'D. Haslam', is written over the date '19/7/60'. The signature is slanted and written in a cursive style.

The Meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

18th JULY 1966

PRESENT:

John Hammond Chairman, A.B.B. Duval Hon. Treas, Hugo Veerman, Hon. Sec; Mesdames G.S. Ali Khan, P. Jones; Messrs. W.G. Haydon, W. Parson and Col. R.L. Telfer. *cc. Gerry*

APOLOGIES:

For non-attendance were received from Mesdames H.R. Haydon, C.M. Hooper, S. Warne; and Messrs. N.A.T. Vinson, E.R. King, G.J. Gerry and C.R. Haslam.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

As copies have been circulated with the notice of this Meeting these were taken as read; agreed and signed by the Chairman. The minutes of the Meeting held on 27th April were also signed (as the Hon. Secretary was not present at that Meeting and the minute book in consequence not available).

MATTERS ARISING:

Regarding the local venue for the regional National Pairs, the Secretary apologised for writing personally without the Committee's consent: the result of this letter is that now the venue has been changed for the D.C.C.B.A. from London to Droitwich. The Committee agreed to leave the venue at Droitwich and to decide afterwards either to remain with the Midland Pairs or return to the Southern Pairs with the venue in London, if this were possible and more convenient.

PORTLAND PAIRS:

Regarding the Portland Pairs the Committee instructed the Hon. Secretary to write to Mr. W. Mergan-Brown and say that we are not sufficiently interested in this event to join with them in protesting at the omission of Droitwich as a venue.

MATTERS' INDIVIDUAL:

Mrs. Jones proposed and Mrs. G.S. Ali Khan seconded that a competition should be run for a B.20 at Plymouth on the same date as the A.20 will be run at Torquay, the B.20 to consist of those Masters with the next highest score, who were willing to play.

PROGRAMME 1966/67
CORRESPONDENCE

The programme was approved with one alteration regarding the inter area teams of 8. The Hon. Secretary read a letter from the Glos. C.B.A. inviting us to take part in the Everett Cup to be played on 13th November 1966. The Hon. Secretary was instructed to accept the invitation.

SELECTION COMMITTEE:

The Committee appointed the following members:- Chairman, John Hammond, Mrs. M.S. Hallett and Mr. W. Parson.

E.B.U. DELEGATES

Three Delegates were appointed:- John Hammond, Col. R.L. Telfer and the Hon. Secretary.

FINANCES:

The Chairman said that since the A.G.M. he further considered the Association's financial position. The Treasurer agreed that the increase in the subscription to 7/6d per head (plus the capitation fee to the E.B.U., at present 2/6d) and the contribution of £25 each from the North Eastern and South Western Sections would not mean that the Association would balance its own budget and that it would be wholly dependent, as in the past on a contribution from the Torquay Congress.

The Chairman pointed out that continual increases in all expenses, that were affecting the Association could well affect also the Torquay Congress, and it was fully time that the Association faced the reality of the situation and no longer relied on bank balances accumulated from the past and in particular that of the Torquay Congress, which needed in any case to keep a large balance in hand.

He therefore suggested that in order that all Sections should contribute to putting the position right; a levy of 10% on the gross takings of each Section should be paid to the general fund of the Association. He emphasised that any levy must be on the gross because some Sections, not realising the present situation and having sufficient bank balances, were quite content with making little or no profit from their own events.

This proposition encountered a good deal of opposition, some Members pointing out that their Members worked very hard to keep down the expenses of their own events.

They did not however object to adding say 6d to entry fees of 5/-, so that this could be passed over to the Association. It was pointed out that this exactly equalled a levy of 10%.

The Chairman replied that he did not mind what name they gave it provided that all Sections made a contribution to the Association, without which it could not continue.

It was finally agreed that each Section should contribute annually a sum equal to 2/6d for each member in the Section: Sections should be at liberty to raise this money in any way they wished.

The Chairman then stated that at the time he had been writing to the Hon. Secretary on the above he had also said that as an act of economy he would pay his own expenses when attending Council Meetings in addition to the Hon. Secretary, who in his opinion ought to attend all Council Meetings if possible; his own attendance in addition being of little, if any, direct use to the D.C.E.B.A., any more than his being on 3 Council Sub-Committees.

It was agreed that in ordinary circumstances the Association would in future only pay the travelling of one delegate who should, if possible, be the Hon. Secretary.

RENUMERATION
TO HON. AUDITOR:

The Committee again suggested a fee of 20 guineas to the Hon. Auditor and this was accepted.

KINGSBRIDGE
BRIDGE CLUB:

It was agreed that for convenience in giving the utmost assistance to encourage Duplicate at the new Kingsbridge Bridge Club, this Club and its Members should be deemed to be in the N.E. Section.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

L. R. R. R. 12/12/64

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE D.C.C.B.A.

HELD AT THE PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB ON

MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER 1966

PRESENT: John Hammond (Chairman) N.A.T. Vinson (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs. H.R. Haydon, Messrs. C.C. Gerry, Ch. Haslam,
F. Hastings-James, W. Parson and Col. R.L. Telfer,
A.E.B. Duval Hon. Treasurer, Hugo Veerman Hon.
Secretary.

APOLOGIES: For non-attendance were received from Mesdames
G.S. Ali Khan, C.M. Hooper, P. Jones, S. Warne;
and Mr. G. Haydon.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: As copies had been circulated with the notice of this
meeting these were taken as read but with one
alteration, Mr. C.C. Gerry was omitted from the
Members present and after this one amendment they
were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING: (1) Mr. Vinson proposed and Mr. Gerry seconded a proposal
that the Association should ask the Tournament
Committee of the E.B.U. that next year players from
the D.C.C.B.A. should come into the Southern final
(playing in London) of the National Pairs.

An amendment was however proposed by Col.
Telfer and seconded by the Hon. Sec. that no action
be taken until players had had experience of
playing in the Midland final this year. Voting was
three in favour and three against the amendment.

The Chairman then suggested that instead
of exercising his casting vote, he would prefer that
Hon. Secretaries of each Section should take the
opinion of their Committees and report back to the
next Committee Meeting of the Association.

This was agreed.

(2) In explaining financial proposals agreed at the last
Committee Meeting, the Chairman further proposed
that the Committee should recommend to the A.G.M.
that as from 1st April 1967, all new members of the
D.C.C.B.A. other than those who had paid a subscription
for the previous or current year to another Association
of the E.B.U., should pay an entrance fee of 5/-d
as well as the current subscription.

This would also apply to all previous members of the D.C.C.B.A. who for any reason had allowed their subscription to lapse.

This was unanimously agreed.

- CORRES- (3) (a) The Hon. Sec. reported he had received a letter
PONDENCE: from the M.P. Secretary and the Chairman stated that the F. & E. had approved a grant of £10, subject to the M.P. Committee drawing up conditions that would apply to this grant and the other applications that were expected to result (hence the delay).
- (b) The Secretary reported having received a letter from Mrs. Fearnley-Taylor of the Somerset Association, that the next match against the D.C.C.B.A. must be held on Sunday 4th June 1967.
- (c) He also reported having received a letter from the Wellington School asking for a talk to give the boys some advice on play and bidding. The Somerset C.B.A. had asked them to get in touch with us as we were nearer! The Secretary had asked Mr. Vinson to reply to this letter but Mr. Vinson had not heard from the school although he had offered to come and do this.

- SELECTORS (4) Mr. Parson gave a report from the Selectors, who not
REPORT: unnaturally had encountered the usual criticism (especially from those not chosen).

The Hon. Sec. regretted that no team from Cornwall had been to the Invitation Teams Game³ Mr. Parson pointed out that there had only been one such invitation in Plymouth and he hoped this omission would be rectified in future.

After some discussion it was agreed that it was highly desirable in important matches, such as the Tollemache, an extra pair should go giving the Captain thereby discretion as to whom to play - allowing not only for players being out of form but also for sudden illness.

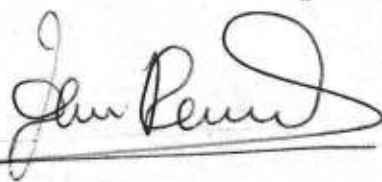
The financial implications of this were left for further discussion at the next Committee Meeting.

- ANY OTHER (5) Mr. Haslam asked for information regarding the
BUSINESS: correct percentage per board to be given to players, who for circumstances outside their control were unable to play the last 3 boards of a Qualifying event and the Hon. Tournament Secretary gave him the necessary information.

Mr. Haslam also reported that in this Event one pair had started to play the 3 boards against a pair of whom one was a substitute player. After playing the first board they had protested to the Tournament Director Mr. W. Thompson; who had decided that the pair with the substitute player could not continue to play and therefore the boards must be averaged. He also decided that the board already played must be cancelled and averaged.

The Hon. Sec. proposed and Mr. Gerry seconded that this last part of the Tournament Directors' decision was incorrect and that the result of the board as played must stand. This proposal was carried by 8 votes with 2 abstentions (Messrs. Haslam and Duval).

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

 20/3/67

D. C. C. B. A.
DEVON AND CORNWALL CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
(Affiliated to the English Bridge Union)

MINUTES OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE D.C.C.B.A.
HELD AT THE PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB ON MONDAY
20th MARCH 1967

- PRESENT:** The Chairman - John Hammond, Mesdames: G.S. Ali Khan
P. Jones, S. Warne. Messrs. N. A. T. Vinson,
A.E. B. Duval, Col. R. L. Telfer, C. C. Gerry,
C. R. Haslam, F. Hastings-James and the Hon. Secretary.
- APOLOGIES:** For non-attendance were received from Mrs. Hooper.
- MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** Copies of the Minutes had been circulated, these were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.
- MATTERS ARISING:** Final of the National Pairs: The decision regarding the venue of this final was deferred to the next Committee Meeting, when a decision must be taken.
- CORRESPONDENCE:** The Hon. Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Burns regarding an incident on which a decision was made at the last Committee Meeting. Col. Telfer proposed and C. C. Gerry seconded that we have noted that the protest was made by Mrs. Burns and her partner before the board was played and that the pair in question was prepared to accept the result of the board. The Committee regrets that all the facts were not put before them at their last meeting. This proposition was carried unanimously. The Secretary was instructed to write to Mrs. Burns.
- Letter from Southern Counties - The Tournament Secretary was instructed to write to the Secretary of the Southern Counties agreeing with their Chairman to match point aggregate scoring and to do so for one year.
- Regarding an incident at a League Match in Cornwall, after the facts had been made, C. C. Gerry as an interested party left the room. The Committee decided that the board had to be scratched and that Mr. Quilters team be penalised 4 I.M.P.'s as North is always responsible for the mistake as under law 117E. The Committee also stated that the boards under E.B.U. rules must always be on the table,

**TORQUAY
CONGRESS:**

C.R. Haslam proposed and A. E. B. Duval seconded that the members of this Committee who are also members of the Torquay Congress Committee should be more mindful of their responsibilities to the D.C.C.B.A. This was carried unanimously.

**WESTERN
MORNING
NEWS CUP:**

The scoring to be left as before. It was proposed by F. Hastings-James and seconded by Col. Telfer that if there is a difference of 3 points or less a further 4 boards must be played. This proposition was defeated.

C. Haslam proposed and A.E.B. Duval seconded that the 2 finalists be placed on either side of the draw for another year, this proposition was also defeated.

NOMINATIONS:

Chairman: Ch. Haslam.
Vice-Chairman: Noel Vinson.
Hon. Secretary: H. Veerman.
Hon. Treasurer: S.E.H. Johnson.
Hon. Tournament Secretary: Col. R. L. Telfer.

The date of the Annual Meeting to be Friday, 23rd June at 6.30 p.m. at the Plymouth Bridge Club.

**RETIRING
OFFICERS:**

F. R. Hastings-James proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman and Treasurer. This was passed with acclamation.

**ANY OTHER
BUSINESS:**

C. Haslam proposed and Mrs. Ali Khan seconded that the final of the League be passed to the first two teams of each section. This proposition was defeated.

MINUTES OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE ABOVE
ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB ON MONDAY JULY 24th

- PRESENT: The Chairman C.R. Haslam, Mesdames H.R. Haydon, P. Jones, Messrs. N.A.T. Vinson, A.E.B. Duval, W.G. Haydon, C.C. Gerry, F. Hastings-James, W. Parsons, S.E.M. Johnson and the Hon. Secretary.
- APOLOGIES: For non-attendance were received from Mesdames: G.S. Ali Khan, C.M. Hooper, F. Warne, Col. R.L. Telfer, Messrs. F. Keyte, H.R. Truscott.
- MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Copies of the minutes had been circulated, these were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.
- CORRESPONDENCE: A letter inviting us to send a team to the Everett Cup was read and it was decided not to send a team to this event, as it is held on the same date as the Plymouth Congress. The Secretary was instructed to write accordingly and again to state the feeling of the Committee that they would so much prefer this event to be run on two days.
- FINANCIAL: After a lengthy review on the financial state of the Association, it was proposed by Mrs. P. Jones seconded by C.C. Gerry, and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the 18th July '66 regarding the 2/6 levy per member of each section be resinded. The financial situation to be reviewed when necessary and a transfer from the Congress or Sections accounts be called for if required.
- The Secretary was asked to write to Mr. F. Keyte to transfer £150 to the D.C.C.B.A. account.
- AUDITORS FEE: Proposed by S.E.M. Johnson, seconded by N.A.T. Vinson, that a fee of 20 guineas be paid to the Hon. Auditor. This was passed unanimously.
- SELECTION COMMITTEE: The following were appointed: W. Parsons, Mrs. M. Hallett, F. Keyte and A.E.B. Duval.
- FORTHCOMING MATCHES: It was agreed that Mrs. M. Hallett was co-opted as a member of this committee as Mrs. Hallett was a member of the County Selection Committee.
- The Secretary was instructed to write to the Secretary of Somerset C.B. A. to ask them to play the annual match on the 12th May or the 23rd June 1968.
- With thanks to the Plymouth Bridge Club for the use of the room, the meeting terminated at 9 p.m.

W. Parsons
19/12/67

MINUTES OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE D.C.C.B.A.
HELD AT THE PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB, DECEMBER 12th, 1968.
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PRESENT: The Chairman C. R. Haslam, N. A. T. Vinson, Medames. P. Jones
G. S. Ali Khan, M. Hallett, and Messrs. A. E. B. Duval, W. G. Haydon,
F. Hastings-James, W. Parsons, S. E. M. Johnson, F. Keyte and the
Hon. Secretary.

APOLOGIES: From Mr. & Mrs. H. R. Haydon and Messrs. H. Truscott C. Gerry.

MINUTES OF
LAST MEETING: Copies of the Minutes had been circulated, these were taken as
read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE A letter was read from a Mr. D. C. Smith of the Exmouth School
and Mr. A. Duval has been in touch with him to arrange matches
with other schools. Mr. Duval would also get in touch with
other schools in Devon to see if more matches could be arranged.

FINANCIAL: The Treasurer reported the sum of £280 lls. in hand.

SELECTION: Mr. W. Parsons reported on some complication when the Committee
selected the last two County Teams. Mr. F. Keyte agreed to be
the only selector for the N.E. Section for the rest of the
season.

FORTHCOMING
EVENTS: Simeon Cup 8 - 9th June.
Somerset Match at Torquay 23rd June.
Southern Counties: A team at Torquay and
B team at Bourne-mouth on 30th June.

UNDER ANY
OTHER BUSINESS Mr. Fr. Keyte deplored the increase in Green Points given to
more than the one National Congress. The final wording of
a protest to be sent to the E.B.U. to be done by Messrs.
F. Hastings James and Fr. Keyte.

The Committee also regretted the loss through death of one of
its members Mr. Riley King.

C. R. Haslam
29/4/68

I think this is 1967 not 1968

- PRESENT** The Chairman C. R. Haslam, N. A. T. Vinson, Mesdames P. Jones, G. S. Ali Khan, M. Hallett and H. R. Haydon, Messrs. A. E. B. Duval, C. C. Gerry, F. Hastings-James, W. G. Haydon, W. Parsons, Fr. Keyte, S. E. M. Johnson and the Hon Secretary.
- APOLOGIES** Col. R. L. Telfer,
- Minutes of last Meeting** Copies had been circulated and these were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.
- Matters arising from Minutes** Mr. A. E. B. Duval report on bridge at local schools. Exmouth school won the S.W. final and played in the all England Schools final in London with a good result. Seven other schools were now playing competitive Bridge and Mr. Duval was thanked for all the work he had done. Mr. C. C. Gerry reported on the Secretary's meeting he attended in London and also that the matter of green points was raised there and that most probably these points will be available at the next Torquay Congress. Mr Fr. Keyte promised to write to Mrs. Staveley about this.
- Tournement Director Tuition** It was proposed to ask the Treasurer to attend this tuition-week-end and the D.C.C.B.A. to pay his expenses. This was passed unanimously.
- BRIDGETABLES** The S.W. Section has arranged that in future larger tables will be hired for D.C.C.B.A, tournaments.
- Nomination for Officers** Proposed by Mrs. G. S. Ali Khan and seconded by Mrs. P. Jones that all officers be nominated for re-election. This was passed unanimously.
- Chairman's Office** It was proposed by Fr. Hastings James and seconded by Fr. Keyte that this committee proposed at the Annual General Meeting that the office of Chairman of this Association, whilst being a yearly appointment, shall not be held by any one person for more than three consecutive years. This was passed unanimously.
- Date of A.G.M.** Friday the 28th of June

Continued April 29th 1968.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked the Committee for their support during his first year. Thanks were also expressed to the Plymouth Bridge Club for their hospitality and the meeting ended at 9. 0. p.m.

A. D. Stanton
21/4/69.

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the D.C.C.B.A.
held on Thursday the 18th of July at the Plymouth Bridge
Club

Apologies

Fr. Keyte, A. Duval, W. Parsons, C. C. Gerry.

Selection
Committee

The Chairman had made some enquires and put forward three names of members who were willing to serve.

Proposed by Mrs Hallett Seconded by N. A. T. Vinson that the following Selectors be appointed:-

Fr. Keyte, W. Stewart and H. R. Haydon. The new members of this committee to be co-opted to this committee.

Everett Cup

The Secretary asked how to reply to the invitation to send a team for this event. He was instructed to write the same letter as last year pointing out again that the distance involved was too great for a one day event.


21/4/1969

- PRESENT The Chairman C. R. Haslam, Mesdames M. Hallett, H. R. Haydon, P. Jones, Messrs. N. A. T. Vinson, W. G. Haydon, A. E. B. Duval, F. Hasting James, H. H. Truscott and the Hon. Treasurer.
- APOLOGIES Received from Mesdames G. S. Ali Khan, C. M. Hooper, Messrs. H. R. Haydon, C. C. Gerry, F. Keyte, S. E. M. Johnson.
- CORRESPONDENCE The Secretary of the Southern Counties invited our Association to a match on the 29th of June for a team of 24. This was accepted. The Secretary of the Somerset Association also inquired regarding a match and 2 dates were given the 18th of May or the 1st of June. The Chairman received a letter from Mr. H. H. Truscott the Chairman of the Cornwall Section concerning the setting up of a separate Cornish Association. The Chairman accepted the invitation to be present at the Cornwall A. G. M. on the 3rd May.
- FINANCES The Treasurer reported by letter stating that the books showed to be £70 down on the previous year. It was pointed out however that no contribution was received *requested* 'which had been' from The Torquay Congress which was usual in other years.
- SELECTION None of the Selectors attended the meeting and the Committee advised the Selectors to try to arrange a practise match for the selected teams.
- NOMINATION OF OFFICERS The Committee proposed the following Officers for the coming year:
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| Chairman | C. R. Haslam |
| Vice Chairman | W. Parsons |
| Hon. Secretary | Mrs. M. Hallett |
| Hon. Treasurer | S. E. H. Johnson |
| Tournament Secretary | Co. R. L. Telfer |
| Assistant Tournament Secretary | Mrs. M. Hallett |
| Hon. Auditor | W. G. Haydon |
- DATE OF A. G. M. 1969 30th of June at the Plymouth Bridge Club at 6.30 p.m.
- HEAT FOR COUNTY MASTERS The Secretaries of the Sections were asked to get in touch with the Secretary to see if sufficient members could play in this event to be held at Plymouth on the 1st of March, 1970.
- BOARDS AND WALLETS These have to be changed by August, 1970 to International Standard. The Committee decided to put this work in hand from the 1st of January, 1970.
- W. M. N. C. The Committee decided to amend the rules as follows: To play 40 boards in all rounds (except the final) in two lots of 20 boards.
- In the event of a tie to resort to aggregate and if this would still be a tie to play a further 8 boards.
- The Final to be of 48 boards and in the event of a tie on I. M. P's a further 8 boards to be played.
- If this would still produce a tie the match to be replayed.

As there was no further business the meeting terminated

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the D.C.C.B.A. held at the Plymouth Bridge Club on Monday, the 14th July, 1969, at 7.0 pm.

Present: Mesdames Hayden, Jones, Ali Khan & Hadlett, F.C. Keyte, R. Teefer, H.R. Haydon, W. Collings, N.A.T. Vinson, C.C. Geary, A. Duval, S. Johnson, ^{F.H. James} W.G. Haydon & W. Paine with Charles Haslam in the chair

Minutes The Minutes of the last Committee Meeting were read & duly approved.
Cursing out of the minutes: on the question of finances, Mr. Keyte pointed out that the organisers of the Torquay Congress had not received any request for a contribution to the association funds. It was agreed that the words 'not had been requested' be inserted in the minutes in the appropriate place.

Selection Committee Some discussion took place as to the appropriate representation on the committee of the different areas. The most reasonable representation would appear to be one from Cornwall, one from the north east of Devon and one from the South west. This was formally proposed by A. Duval, seconded by Mrs. Jones - duly carried. Mr. Keyte, now stated that should he be elected to represent the north east he would not be

prepared to do it on his own. After further discussion it was decided that one selector, as proposed, be elected from each area, but that a further member from each area be elected to assist each selector as required and to have power to act as the selector for that area should the need arise. There would be no objection to these assistant members attending selection committees, but, when it came to the vote, only one vote be permitted from each area.

The following were now proposed, seconded & duly elected: -

S.W. Section

Selector: H. R. Haydon, assistant N. A. Vinson

N.E. Section

Selector: F. C. Kaye, " W. Stewart

Counsell

Selector: W. Collins, " C. C. Gony

Competitions PACHAGO. Mr Haslam told the meeting that this competition would have to be run this year as in previous years (i.e. the winners of the Western Morning News Cup be the only teams eligible to enter). This was because the request for Counsell to be permitted to send a team of their own had yet to go before the Tournament Committee & their decision would come too late to affect this year's competition.

Ladies club
Handicap
Teams of Eight.

Mrs. Hallett pointed out that so many players had now reached the rank of Stroke Master that it had not been possible this year to raise teams from members below this rank. It was proposed by Mrs Hallett & seconded by W. Pearson that the competition be this year open to all ranks as before. This was duly carried.

Ladies' Teams of
Fours.

Mrs. Haydon told the meeting that not enough teams could be raised at the Plymouth Bridge Club to make their ladies' Cup worth competing for. She wondered if, were the cup to be handed over to the County to be competed for by ladies teams from all over Devon & Cornwall, the committee would welcome its presentation. The committee made it clear that they would have no objection to this suggestion, and, that in the event of the Executive Committee & directors of the Plymouth Bridge Club giving their formal consent, the association would be happy to include a ladies' Teams of Fours event in their annual programme.

PRE-Commence
Tennis

Names for these had usually been submitted by the County Secretary but it was agreed that the proper body to do so was the Selection Committee

President's
Rep.

A new event to be held by the Bristol Bridge Club annually. A 3-session event of 22 pairs comprising 8 local pairs + the remaining 14 pairs being invited from the seven neighbouring committees (i.e. 2 pairs from each). Two pairs were therefore invited from Devon & Cornwall, the event to be held on the 13th & 14th September this year. Mr. Veeum had written to Bristol accepting the invitation and the selectors were advised to select two pairs from lists displayed throughout the areas, to be available to them by mid-August.

Western Morning

News Cup

Because of the long distances some teams might have to travel it was proposed by N.A.T. Vinson & seconded by F.H. James that, so far as was possible, the draw would be arranged that in any preliminary round and the 1st round proper, teams would be drawn against others in the same area. This proposal was carried.

EXPENSES

The question of extra expenses for the team entering the Paehabo was raised, as the venue was a great distance from Devon & Cornwall. The whole question of expenses to teams for other matches was also raised and it was proposed by H.R. Haydon & seconded by A. Duval that for the Paehabo, the Tollemache & the

Simeon Cup, a sum equivalent to the 2nd class return fare be paid to each competitor as from now. This was put to the meeting & duly carried.

Individual Masters

Mr. Keeffe stated that members in his Section had raised the question of the inconvenience of holding one part of the event at Torquay & the other at Plymouth, after discussion it was decided to continue running the event as before.

Correspondence

A letter was read from the Secretary of Southern Counties stating that some of their younger players found the present arrangements for matches too costly & suggesting that the visiting team be entertained to tea only & one drink per guest at the end of the match. Some discussion took place on the desirability of providing drinks & the manner in which they should be so provided. Eventually a proposal that the home team, should it be Devon & Cornwall, should be charged a nominal sum of 10/- per head to cover the part cost of the rent, tea & one drink per guest was agreed to. The Secretary was asked to write to Southern Counties agreeing to that suggestion and offering them Sundays the 21st or 28th June for the match next year.

Any other
business
Inter-area
teams of
flight

Mr. Haydon said that he had been asked by the members of the South West section to request the County Committee to look into the question of boundaries applying to certain areas in the Inter-area teams of flight. He stated that he would be happy to see these withdrawn if only for the fact that all players in these areas would be free to play with their regular partners & this could do nothing but encourage good partnerships. Mrs. Hallett said her objection to the present system was that it did, year after year, penalise certain good players in so far that they could not play with their regular partners.

The meeting was divided on whether the boundaries served any useful purpose or not. Eventually a motion to refer the matter back to the different representatives to obtain views of members in each area was carried by seven votes to six.

Surplus Funds
in the N. Eastern
Section

Mrs. Jones said that she would be happy to welcome, at the next meeting, suggestions as to how some of these surplus funds might be put to good use.

PREMIUM
BONDS.

Mrs. Ali Khan said that a suggestion had been made by Mr. Jenals that certain association funds be used to purchase Premium Bonds as an investment. The meeting agreed there were many stumbling blocks here & Mr. W.G. Haydon suggested it might not be a good thing to have any large sum of money so tied up. As it was getting late, Mr. Haslam suggested that the matter be deferred until the next meeting when it could be discussed at greater length.

LEAGUE.

Col. Telfer said he had received a letter from Miss Baddley of Boston asking if it were possible to run a league of their own. He would appreciate it if Mr. Doral could let him have further details as to how many teams etc. might be involved as he would have to work out the allocation of local master points etc. Mr. Doral agreed to do this.

There being no further business, Mr. Haslam declared the meeting closed.

W. Haslam
21/11/1969.

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the D.C.C.B.A held at the Plymouth Bridge Club on Friday, the 21st November, 1969, at 7.0 p.m.

Present: Mesdames Haydon, Jones, Ali Khan & Hallett, R. Teeple, H.R. Haydon, W. Collins, N.A.T. Vinson, C.C. Gemy, ~~A. D. H.~~, S. Johnson, W.B. Haydon, W. Painsor & F. H. James with Charles Haslam in the chair.

Apologies: from A. Dival & F.C. Keyte.

Minutes The Minutes of the last committee meeting were read and duly approved.

Rising out of the minutes:-

PRESIDENT Mr. Haslam read a letter which he had received from Mrs. Fleming informing him that the Tournament Committee were not able to agree to Council entering a separate team for this event, mainly because, were such permission given, another eight or so committees forming joint associations would immediately put in similar applications & this would not be practicable.

SAFETY TROUS

SF FOUR Col. Teeple stated that the Executive Committee & Board of Directors of the Plymouth Bridge Club had given their formal approval to the cup being presented.

for competition by the whole county.

RE-COURSE

TRIALS

Mr Haslam stated that no members of the county had been invited to participate this year.

PRESIDENT'S

POT

Mr Haslam said he was sure all the committee would like to congratulate Mrs. Bridgewater & Mr. Vinson on their fine effort. Mr. Vinson stated that it had proved to be a very enjoyable competition.

SOUTHERN
COUNTIES

ANNUAL MATCH

Mr. Hallett stated that she had written to the Secretary of Southern Counties agreeing in principle to their proposals & ^{informed the committee} ~~stating~~ that the match had been fixed for the 25th June, 1970.

INTER AREA

TEAM OF

EIGHT.

BOUNDARIES

Both the S.W. section & N.E. section were in favour of the boundaries within each area being abolished.

Mr. Gemy stated that counsel were more or less evenly divided on this point but probably tended to be more in favour of keeping them than not.

It was decided to establish the following areas, and that boundaries could be ^{kept} made and adhered to ^(or otherwise) in ^{Cornwall} these areas, according to the wishes of those concerned: -

CORNWALL

2 TEAMS.

S.W. SECTION	2 TEAMS
TORBAY	2 TEAMS
EXETER	1 TEAM
EAST DEVON	1 TEAM
NORTH DEVON	1 TEAM

Apart from Tones & Dartington which were to be included in the TORBAY area along with BRIGHAM and Paignton the South west section to extend along the line of the DART. The East Devon section to include Exmouth, Budleigh & Seaton etc.

It was further proposed, in the interests of younger members, that a team from EXETER university be invited to participate in the event in 1970. Should this prove to be a successful inclusion, a tenth area to be so made up in the following years.

PREMIUM
KEEPER BONDS. It was decided to discuss this matter at a later meeting.

MINUTES

SEASON
LEAGUE

Col. Teeple had been notified that ten teams were hoping to compete in the Seaton league. Approval had been given + it remained to ascertain that all participants were members of the D.C.B.A. if it were to be run under E.B.O. rules. Col. Teeple suggested that Mr. Dural would probably be ⁱⁿ the best position to obtain more details.

KEEPING OF
MINUTES

Mrs. Hallett asked the committee if they had any strong wishes on the method of keeping Minutes. From her point of view it was much simpler to keep a minute book and this saved not only time but expense. She would see that all members were sent agendas of meetings and notified in good time on any matter of particular importance. This was approved & Mr. Hildane said he would look into the matter of obtaining some kind of duplicator.

LEAGUE
FINAL

Owing to the fact that no date for the final had been agreed between this year's three finalists, Mrs. Hallett suggested that a date line be fixed before which the event must be played. Col. Taffer felt that the 31st July would give sufficient time for a convenient fixture to be made. A suggestion was made that a date be fixed on which the event must be played, but, eventually, it was agreed to adopt Col. Taffer's suggestion, and, should any team prove non-operative, the matter be referred to him for a decision.

MRS. PETTYBRIDGE'S

CUP

The Chairman read a letter from Mrs. Pettybridge offering a cup. As there was no trophy for the Masters' Pairs event, the committee would be very pleased to accept the offer. Mrs. Hallett was instructed to write accordingly to Mrs. Pettybridge & to have the cup re-engraved and obtain a suitable plinth.

MASTERS
PAIRS

Mr. James said that if the competition were run for a longer period he felt this would be a fairer test. He realized that there might be difficulties if run on more than one day as pairs have to travel from a wide area. Suggestions were put forward that it might be possible for the event to be run in two sessions on the same day and also that the entry might be restricted to State Masters and over. After considerable discussion it was decided to defer making any definite decisions until the committee had had more time to consider the matter. Consideration had been given to it by committee members.

E.B.O.

PROPOSED NEW
CONSTITUTION

It was agreed that the proposals as a whole did not affect the smaller associations very much in that their representation on the Council & voting powers remained very much the same. Mrs. Hallett was asked to write to Mrs. Fleming to this effect but making the point that though this committee were in agreement with the voting powers, as suggested by the sub-committee, they had every sympathy with the larger associations in their wish to retain their present representation on the Council. The proposed voting powers as laid down by the sub-committee.

POST

OTHER
BUSINESS

Mr. H.R. Haydon suggested that a multiple teams event might be run for members not having taken part

in any representative event during the year in an effort to stimulate interest. The committee felt that this would prove too similar to the handicap teams of eight which had not proved popular amongst members holding a lower number of master points & which had now been thrown open to all ranks.

CROCKFORDS. Mr. Haslam stated that he & other committee members were concerned over the expenses incurred for the event. Nothing much could be done until consideration could be given to alternative accommodation next year.

SURPLUS FUNDS. Suggestions were made on the deployment of these. One was that the association should purchase card tables of their own & it was left to the Plymouth members to look into the matter. A further suggestion on engaging experts to come down for 'teach ins' was discussed at some length. Mr. James agreed to approach Mr. Neo Gabriel again & Mrs. Ali Khan undertook to make enquiries in other quarters.

ASSOCIATION

FUNDS. Mr. Johnson stated that his funds were getting low & he would have difficulty in the near future in meeting certain expenses. Mrs. Stallett was instructed to write to Mr. Keyte asking if he could let

the association have £200 out of the Torquay Congress funds.

There being no further business, Mr. Haslam declared the meeting closed.

Mr. Haslam 29/5/70.

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the D.C.C.B.A. held at the Plymouth Bridge Club on Friday, the 29th May, 1970, at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Mesdames Hayden, Jones & Hallett. R. Teece, St. Hayden, S. Johnson, C. Gony, W. G. Hayden, N. A. T. Vinson with Charles Hastame in the chair.

Apologies: John A. Duvac, F. Keyte, F. Hastings-Jones, H. Jusscotl. Mrs. Allham, W. Paison, W. Coelmgs.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were read & duly approved.

Quising out of the Minutes:-

PRESIDENT'S

P.O.T.

Mrs. Hallett stated that a further invitation had been received from the Bristol Bridge Club for two pairs to compete again this year. Mrs. Hallett was instructed to write accepting the invitation for the 5th & 6th September & the committee expressed a wish that the choice of pairs be left to the county selectors.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES

MATCH.

Mrs. Hallett was asked to reply confirming the arrangements for the match on the 28th June at Torquay.

PREMIUM BONDS.

Mr. Haslam read to the committee a letter from Mr. Tennalls proposing the purchase of same & setting out the exact position if such a step were undertaken. After some discussion it was agreed that all sections should forward to the County Treasurer such monies they were prepared to make available for the purchase of premium bonds & that these then be purchased with Charles Haslam to act as nominee for the association.

SEASON.

LEAGUE.

Mr. Haslam said there was some doubt as to whether the league was being run purely as a club event or as an E.B.U. event. Col. Telfer undertook to write to Miss Baddeley to ascertain the exact position, since the relocation of points was involved.

Mrs. Pettybridge

Cup.

Mrs. Hallett stated that having made enquiries it appeared that to make suitable use of the cup would cost a minimum of £6 and probably more. She was instructed to write Mrs. Pettybridge to the effect that the use of the cup would prove impracticable. An offer of a silver cup from Mrs. Hallett for the sum of £5 was accepted by the Committee & she was instructed to have it engraved accordingly.

MASTERS

PAIRS

Further discussion on this was deferred until Mr. Jones was available to put forward any further views on the matter.

SURPLUS

FUNDS-

Mr. Tolson stated that 12 ^{card} tables had so far been purchased. A. Duplicator had now been obtained.

ASSOCIATION

FUNDS-

The £200 requested from Mr. Keyte out of the Torquay Congress funds had been duly received.

A.G.M.

The annual General meeting was fixed for Monday the 29th June, 1970.

"B" TEAMS

Mr. Haslam said that a request had been made at the N. Eastern Section meeting for matches to be arranged for those not usually included in the inter-section & County matches. After some discussion it was agreed that "B" team matches be arranged between the sections on the same dates as the "A" matches, the venue to be at home if the "A" team be away, or vice versa. Players eligible for selection to be those members who had not been selected for an "A" ~~or~~ county match in the previous twelve months.

INTER-AREA

TERMS OF FIGHT.

Mrs. Heclett read a letter which she had received from Mr Stewart protesting at the dissolution of the boundaries in the Torbay + Plymouth areas + requesting the committee to give the matter further consideration. A lengthy discussion followed on the arguments for and against the re-introduction of the boundaries. Alternative suggestions were also considered but the committee finally voted to leave matters as they were for the time being.

ETHICS

A letter from Mr Hammond was read which pointed out the number of unethical bids being made during tournament play, and the slowness thereof on many occasions. Mrs. Heclett was requested to duplicate some 50 copies of the list of licensed conventions she has recently received from Mrs. Fleming + Col. Telfer asked if he would compose a suitable accompanying letter pointing out the rights of old players in queuing bids + reminding them that the Tournament Director was ever present to settle any misunderstandings + disputes.

DELEGATES TO

NATIONAL COUNCIL

The committee appointed C. Haslam + W. Pearson to be the two delegates for 1970/71.

MASTER POINTS

QUALIFICATIONS

FOR E.B.V.

COMPETITIONS.

Col Telfer stated that it was possible a Regional master though of higher rank than 1, 2, 3 or 5 star masters could have considerably less local points & might be excluded from a competition under the present qualifications.

It was felt that this would not apply to anyone in Devon & Cornwall at the present time & the committee voted to keep the qualifications the same for now.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The committee approved the purchase of one easel for Mr. Keyle in appreciation of his ~~hard work~~ ^{services} involving the Torquay Congress.

CARD TABLES

Mr. Haslam stated it had been suggested that 24 card tables be purchased out of the congress funds for use in that event & it was hoped to store them at the Palace. This was approved and the S.W. section requested that a further six tables be obtained at the same time for use in events held locally outside the club.

The Chairman said he would like to close the meeting by thanking all the members of the committee for their help & co-operation during

his three years of office which were now drawing to a close.

On behalf of the committee Mr. Finson stated how very much they had enjoyed having Mr. Hatton in the chair.

The meeting thus closed.

6.7.70

Mr. Finson

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the D.C.B.F.
held at the Plymouth Bridge Club on Monday, the 5th July, 1970
at 7.0 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Heydon, Mrs. Ali Khan, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Hallett,
F. Hastings - James, N.A.T. Vinson, S.E.H. Johnson,
W.G. Heydon, C. Haslam, F. Keate, A. Duval, H. Heydon,
S. Colledge, C. Gery & Col. R. Telfer.
In the chair W.C. Tanson.

Mrs. Hallett apologised for notifying Mr. Juscott
about the meeting instead of Mrs. B.H. Brown.

MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting were read &
duly approved.

MATTERS ARISING. Mr. Keate stated that he felt the number of
OUT OF MINUTES. the proposed "B" teams might feel happier if
their events were held on a different day to those
of the "A." Col. Telfer stated that the difficulty might
prove to be available dates. After some discussion
it was left to the programming committee to
work out whether different dates might be possible.

Col. Telfer had written to Miss Baddley & the
league at Seaton was now a club league.

On the question of ethics & bidding the committee requested Col Telfer to be more explicit on ethics in his covering letter with the licensed bidding systems.

STARTING
TIME It was agreed that all competitions throughout the County should start at 2.15 p.m.

PRIZES: It was agreed that prizes for the W.M. N. Cup should be 80% of the receipts therefrom. So far as other F.B.V. prizes were concerned the committee decided to leave these as they were.

MASTERS
PAIRS After lengthy discussion it was decided that no restrictions of rank other than below the rank of master be imposed for this year but the matter to be reviewed again next year.

INDIVIDUAL Col Telfer reported that the response to holding a second event in Plymouth had, on the whole, been so poor that he did not think it worth while to keep it on. It was agreed that the ~~top~~ twenty players, ^{entering} with the greatest number of points, play at Torquay & that no supporting event be held in Plymouth.

SELECTION
COMMITTEE.

The following selectors were elected .

CORNWALL. S. Collins with C. Gony.

N.E. Section. C. HASLAM with F. Keyte .

Plymouth: Mrs. H. Heydon with N.A. T. Wilson.

The committee now stood in silence in memory
of Mrs. M. Burns & ^{the sending of} a floral tribute ^{was} approved.

There being no further business Mr. Parson
declared the meeting closed .

22.3.71

M Parson