

<u>Present</u>	H. Busby (Chairman) C.R. Haslam (Secretary) Mrs. M. Lamb (Treasurer) Mrs. Ali Khan, Mrs. P. Jones & S. Parker.
<u>Apologies</u>	for absence had been received from Mr. & Mrs. Slee, Mrs. A. Drew, Mr. W. Solomon, Mr. J. Beard, Mrs. M. Holden, Mr. A. Brown and Mr. P. Lawrence.
<u>Minutes</u>	The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.
<u>Matters arising.</u>	<u>Youth Policy.</u> Mr. Parker reported that he had had acceptances from M. Allen, J. Pain and would contact J. Cloke in Cornwall and R. Rey in Okehampton. It was further suggested that an additional member be approached in one of the students at Plymouth College.
	<u>Tollemache</u> The Secretary reported that despite coming 4th out of 6 that the Team had considered the weekend to have been well managed and it was hoped by the members that the format could continue. The Committee wondered if the Non Playing Captain should travel alone but deferred this point until the next meeting as financial stringency might affect the numbers attending.
	<u>Camrose Matches</u> Eire will not be playing in the Camrose Series.
	<u>Lottery.</u> The EBU Lottery has been cancelled.
	<u>Ali Khan Salver</u> A Salver has now been purchased as the Individual Cup proved unsuitable for conversion.
	<u>Possible Separation of Cornwall.</u> The Secretary read a letter which had been sent to all Cornish members, generally specifying the advantages of separation. It was thought probable that the Section would separate as from 11th April when a motion will be put to the A.G.M of the Section. The Committee considered the possible ramifications of such a separation and it was felt that a special meeting of all interested Devon Sections and Sub-Sections should be called in Torquay on 28th April to decide on future organisation, should the separation be voted in by Cornwall.
	<u>Simultaneous Pairs.</u> This had been fixed for Friday 4th July in all clubs in Devon possibly in Cornwall.
<u>Correspondence.</u>	There was no correspondence other than that covered under other items on the agenda.
<u>Secretary's Report</u>	The Secretary has nothing special to report.
<u>Treasurer's Report</u>	Mrs. Lamb raised the following points. (a) Discrepancy in entry fees for similar events in different sections. It was decided to advise in the programme a price to be added to the E.B.U fee. (b) Table money on representative matches. It was decided sections should return to the practice of selected members paying for their own table money and refreshments. (c) It was decided to review the format of these Teams of 12 representative matches. (d) The Tables belonging to the Association had been removed to Ivybridge where they were needed for current use. It was decided that should anyone other than the County or the Sections wish to use these tables that they could be rented at 25p per day of absence per table subject to an undertaking of responsibility of damage. In the event of a charity event this charge could be waived. (e) In view of the six tables on current use by the Plymouth Bridge Club that the Plymouth Bridge Club be asked to waive a charge for use of the room for Committee Meetings. Mr. Busby undertook to raise this with the club.
<u>Appointment of</u>	<u>Tollemache Captain.</u> This was deferred pending the outcome of the Cornish separation vote.

Dispute with

Tournament Directors.

The Committee discussed this matter in considerable detail it was felt that the dispute between Mrs. Lamb and Mr. Pain could well rectify itself.

Mr. Parker stated that the South West Section in which most of the difficulties arose had been subject to policies inherited on his election. These policies were being changed.

Mr. Parker further stated that the bookkeeping standards required of the section by the Association Committee would be attained.

Mrs. Lamb now understood that certain payments were required, where possible, on the day of the event. It was of course out of the hands of the Committee to do other than accept any Treasurer voted in by the South West Section but it was hoped that accuracy of records could be maintained.

Mrs. Lamb said that she was retiring from work this year and would have additional time to spend on the Office of County Treasurer and that in view of Mr. Solomon's retirement from the Office of Tournament Secretary that she could also undertake this Office.

The Chairman stressed the point that we had an excellent Treasurer carrying out her responsibilities well and we also had an excellent Tournament Director in John Pain who could well go on to greater things in the Association in view of the amount of extra-county work being undertaken by Mr. J. Beard and Mr. R. Evans, and that it would be a great pity if the rift between these could not be healed.

Date of next Meetings.

Subject to the decision in Cornwall, in Torquay on Tuesday 28th April and Tuesday 12th May.

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<u>Present</u>	Mr. H. Busby (Chairman) Mr. C. R. Haslam (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. P. Jones, Mrs. P. Lawrence, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. K. Slee, Messrs. P. Lawrence, H. Miners S. Parker.
<u>Apologies</u>	Mrs. M. Holden, Messrs. A. Brown, C. Baxter, K. Slee, J. Beard, W. Solomon.
<u>Minutes</u>	The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.
<u>Matters arising</u>	<u>Youth Policy.</u> Mr. Parker reported that he had not had time to do anything further as yet but was hoping to get things moving during the summer. <u>Ali Khan Salver.</u> A cup had been purchased rather than a salver, the cost of a salver being too great. <u>Possible Separation of Cornwall.</u> Mr. Lawrence reported that after a special meeting of the Cornwall section the motion to separate from the D.C.C.B.A. had been defeated by the narrowest of majorities.
<u>Secretary's report</u>	Mr. Haslam reported that in future all E.B.U. members were to be issued with a number. He also said that there was now an E.B.U. lapel badge for sale for 50p. The Treasurer agreed to purchase 25 of these for sale within the county. In future there are to be Green Points awarded for qualifiers for the Pachabo and Corwen cups. Mr. Haslam will be unable to attend the next E.B.U. secretaries' meeting and is to make enquiries as to whether Mr. Parker may go in his place.
<u>Treasurer's report</u>	The Treasurer said that she had little to report as the books were still with the Auditors, but that a small profit had been made.
<u>Report from Cornwall A.G.M.</u>	Mr. Lawrence reported that it had been one of the best attended A.G.M.s ever. There were now 259 members in the Cornish section. Mrs. Jones asked if she could be given a list of members from the Bude area who now paid their subscriptions to Cornwall so that she could cross them off her list.
<u>Report from S/W section A.G.M.</u>	Mr. Parker reported that Mr. M. Allen was now the selector from the S/W Section and that Mr. Parker was assistant selector.
<u>N/E section A.G.M.</u>	This had not yet been held.
<u>Arrangements for A.G.M.</u>	The date was fixed for Saturday, June 13th, 1981, at 6p.m. All the officers were prepared to stand for election again with the exception of Mr. Solomon. Mrs. Lamb agreed to stand for election for Tournament Secretary. It was agreed that the first Committee meeting after the A.G.M. should be held on Friday, June 26th, at 7p.m.
<u>Tollemache captain.</u>	It was thought that Mr. Bridgmen would want to be considered for a place in the team this year and would not wish to be non-playing Captain. Mrs. Slee proposed that Mr. Bob Ray be asked if he would take this job. Mrs. Ali Khan seconded the motion. Carried. Mr. Haslam agreed to be Deputy Captain in case of emergencies, as he did last year, but did not wish to take on the post of

non-playing Captain if Mr. Ray could not do so. It was decided that five pairs should be selected this year. Mr. Haslam to write to the Clubs asking for names of established pairs who wished to be considered for trials and also to write to all the pairs who played in the Tollemache last year.

Intersection
Teams of 12.

Mr. Parker proposed that this event revert to the format of two years ago whereby a three cornered match is played at one venue instead of a separate match in each section. He suggested that the 'A' and 'B' teams all play on the same day at Ivybridge. Seconded by Mrs. Leonard. Carried

Chief
Tournament
Director.

The Committee thought that as Mr. Beard had so many commitments outside the County now, it would be more satisfactory to ask Mr. Pain if he would take on this post. If he agreed, Mr. Haslam to contact Mr. Beard to inform him of this.

Assistant
Tournament
Secretary.

It was decided not to have an Assistant Tournament Secretary but to print on the programme that in the event of the Tournament Secretary not being available the Chief Tournament Director should be contacted.

Life
Membership

Mrs. Jones proposed that as Mr. Noel Vinson had now retired from active work in the D.C.C.B.A. he should be made an honorary life member. Seconded by Mrs. Lamb. Carried. It was decided to ask Mr. Haydon if he would propose this at the A.G.M. and Mrs. Hallett if she would second it.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10p.m.

Phyllis M. Jones.

June 26th 1981

Chairman

Present. Mrs. P. Jones (Vice-Chairman)
C. R. Haslam (Hon. Secretary)
Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)
Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Slee,
Messrs. A. Brown, S. Parker, Miners, K. Slee.

Apologies Mr. H. Busby, Mr. P. Lawrence, Mr. M. Allen, Mr. G. O'Neill
The Chairman being absent, Mrs. P. Jones took the chair.

<u>Section</u>	<u>S/W Section</u>	<u>Cornwall</u>	<u>N/E Section</u>
<u>Representatives.</u>	Mrs. M. Lamb S. Parker, H. Miners M. Allen J. Pain	Mrs. Leonard Mrs. Rogers P. Lawrence A. Brown G. O'Neill.	Mrs. P. Jones Mrs. G. Ali Khan Mrs. K. Slee C. Haslam K. Slee.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Matters arising

E.B.U. numbers. Mr. Slee asked whether the E.B.U. number typed on the envelope containing the quarterly was his own number or whether one number was used for husbands and wives. Mr. Haslam said he would find out about this.

Tollemache Captain. Mr. Bob Ray has agreed to be non-playing captain.

Youth Policy. Mr. Parker said that the Youth Policy Committee has met and will be meeting again in the next few days. The following matters were brought to the attention of this Committee:-

1. Sponsorship of boys from Devon to go to Denmark. Mr. Parker said that the B.B.L. had invited youngsters to apply to them for sponsorship. Four from Devon and Cornwall had been selected for sponsorship by the B.B.L. who were offering £30 towards the £190 for each boy. The boys are Popplestone, Banyard, Osborne and Carter. Mr. Parker asked whether the County were prepared to sponsor these boys also. Much discussion followed. Mr. Slee proposed that we offer them £30 each. Seconded by Mrs. Lamb. Mr. Haslam proposed an amendment that we offer them £50 each. Seconded by Mrs. Ali Khan. Amendment defeated. Original motion carried. It was pointed out that if all four could not go, the amount given would still be only £30 each. This should not create a precedent, and any future applications should be considered on their merits.
2. D.C.C.B.A. Schools knock-out teams competition. The Committee agreed to this if there was sufficient support.
3. Special Prize in D.C.C.B.A. for best placed youngsters. There was some discussion about this. Mr. Haslam suggested that perhaps it would be better to award a prize to the 'boy of the year'. He also said that it was up to these youngsters to play in the clubs.

South West Section Selectors. The Committee informed the South West Section chairman that it was definitely not in order for men to select the ladies for the match of the men versus ladies. Mr. Haslam to write a letter to the South West section informing them of this.

Appointment of Non-playing Captain. It was officially proposed by Mr. Haslam that the appointment of Mr. Ray as non-playing captain be confirmed. Seconded by Mr. Slee. Carried.

Appointment of Chief Tournament Director. Mr. Haslam said that Mr. Beard was happy to stand down as Chief Tournament Director. Mr. John Pain was proposed to take his place

by Mr. Haslam. Seconded by Mrs. Slee. Carried.

Secretary's report.

The Secretary said that we were one of the few counties to increase our membership and we were now entitled to 3 E.B.U. delegates.

Visit to Brittany. The Secretary reported that a town in Brittany had written to him in April saying that they were holding a Celtic festival in August and would like a Cornish Celtic team to attend. He passed this letter on to the Secretary of the Cornish section. He wrote again to the Cornish Secretary more recently. At this time the only name put forward was that of Mrs. Holden.

Mr. Haslam therefore asked if there were any Devon players who wished to go. Mr. & Mrs. Bell put their names forward and also Mrs. Lamb. He informed Brittany that these four players would go.

Mr. Brown said that he had not known anything about this, and could have put forward at least six names from Cornwall if the Cornish secretary had told him about it.

The general feeling of the Committee was that Mr. Haslam had done all he possibly could.

E.B.U. representative's report

Mr. Parker said it was not the intention of the E.B.U. to raise the subscriptions at the present time.

Under 26 Pairs event. It had been decided to re-organise this event into three separate sections:-

1. For schoolchildren under 18.
2. For University students and Polytechnics.
3. For under 26s generally.

There would be local heats followed by regional finals.

The suggested date for the first local heat was 28th November 1981. It was hoped to be able to hold a heat in Plymouth. Mr. Slee suggested it might be possible for the County to pay for transport for youngsters from other parts of the County to get to Plymouth.

Treasurer's report.

Mrs. Lamb reported that she has approached the insurance company with a view to having our policies rewritten as they have been altered so many times.

She said she had invested £750 as instructed.

She asked whether it could be printed on the programme that people send their entry fees with their entries and also conform to the entry dates. This was agreed.

Mr. Slee suggested that it be printed that if people send a stamped addressed envelope or card with their entry, the Tournament Secretary could put these back in the post to confirm that the entry had been received.

Matters arising from A.G.M.

Mrs. Lamb said that Mr. Hastings-James had asked to see a copy of the Congress accounts. Miss Butland also asked to see them. Mrs. Lamb has sent a copy to Mr. Hastings-James which has now been returned. It was suggested that an abridged version should be available for those who wish to see it.

Selectors for 1981-2

N/E Section
K. J. Slee

Cornwall
A. Brown
Mrs. Holden (Assistant)

S/W Section
M. Allen
S. Parker (Assistant)

Dates for meetings

October 16th 1981, 7.30p.m.
February 12th 1982, 7.30p.m.
May 7th 1982 7.30p.m.
July 2nd 1982, 7 p.m.
A.G.M. June 19th 1982.

Entry Fees

Mr. Parker suggested that we increase entry fees in order to give bigger prizes, but the feeling of the Committee was that they should be left as they are for the time being.

Charity
Swiss
Teams

Mr. Parker suggested that Plymouth hold a Swiss Teams event for charity each year.

North Devon
week-end

Mr. Pain said that he had been asked by the organisers if he could hold a Swiss pairs event instead of the normal three session pairs event which had been held previously, He was willing to do this as long as he had the approval of the Committee. This was given.

Veerman-
James cup.

Mrs. Leonard showed the Committee this cup which had become damaged. She asked if the County could help with the cost of repair. It was decided that each Section should contribute one third of the cost.

Press Agent

Mr. Slee asked if the County had a press agent. The Secretary said that we did not. It was decided to ask Mr. Raymond, who sends the results to the various clubs, if he would send a copy to the Western Morning News also.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10 p.m.

The Section secretaries then met to arrange the winter programme.

Ply this to Jones.

Vice Chairman.

Oct 16th. 1981

<u>Present</u>	Mrs. P. Jones (Vice-Chairman) C.R. Haslam (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. D. Brown (representing Mrs. Trudgeon), Messrs. A. Brown, M. Allen, S. Parker, J. Pain, K. Slee, H. Miners.
<u>Apologies</u>	Mrs. Trudgeon, Mrs. K. Slee, Mr. H. Busby.
<u>Minutes</u>	The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.
<u>Matters arising</u>	a) The Secretary said that E.B.U. numbers for husbands and wives were not necessarily consecutive, and it was up to the players involved to find out their number from the E.B.U. b) <u>Youth Policy.</u> The Secretary had received a letter from the four boys who went to the International camp thanking the Committee for their support. Mr. Parker said that the Youth Committee had not met since the last Committee meeting. Mr. Parker read a letter from the E.B.U. saying that they were starting a coaching scheme for under twenty-five year old players, the first weekend to be held in London under the supervision of several players of international standard. In the letter the Counties were asked if they had any of their members whose names they wished to put forward. It was agreed that Devon and Cornwall should propose Ian Popplestone, Steve Jury and Dean Hardie, and would subsidise their weekend to an amount not higher than £40 each. It was left to the Youth Committee to make the nomination. Mr. Allen asked about International camps in the future, and it was agreed that the Youth Committee should bring these to the attention of the whole Committee in good time for decisions to be made. c) The invitation for a bridge team to go to the Celtic festival will be sent direct to Cornwall next year. d) Mr. Slee said that the organisers of the North Devon weekend had asked his section to pay for the computer dealt hands for their Simultaneous Pairs event. It was agreed that they should pay for these out of their own funds, and if the weekend made a loss to come back to the County Treasurer. e) <u>Cups.</u> The Veerman-James cup had now been repaired. Mr. O'Neill said that the names of winners had not been put on the Jack and Jill cup for several years, and it was agreed that this should be brought up to date.
<u>Secretary's report.</u>	The Secretary said that he had a letter from the E.B.U. in which they proposed to run a Green Points event in the counties. The letter was not clear on several points and the Secretary was asked to get further information.
<u>Treasurer's report.</u>	The Treasurer reported that the E.B.U. had announced that subscriptions for new members would be only £2 of which 50p should go to the counties. The Cornish section had therefore only collected £2 from each new member and not the extra £1 county subscription. It was agreed that Cornwall should see the new members and ask each of them for the extra £1. The Treasurer also said that she now had E.B.U. lapel badges for sale at a cost of 50p each.
<u>Selectors' report</u>	Mr. Slee said that the selectors had held one trial for the Tollemache and were not intending to hold another one. The Team would be selected as soon as the availability of S. Jury and D. Hardie was known. The two pairs which

were sent to the President's Pot were Mr. & Mrs. K. Slee and M. Allen & I. Popplestone. The Secretary said that it was intended to hold an event fortnightly at the Torquay Bridge Club restricted to Regional Masters and above. He invited players from the South West section and the Cornwall section who were of sufficient standard to come and play. The Committee agreed that they would consider paying something towards the petrol for movement between areas for events such as this. Mr. Allen asked for the approval of the Committee to try and arrange friendly matches for teams of eight against Somerset and the Southern Counties. The Committee agreed that this was a good idea and asked Mr. Allen to try and organise this.

Possible separation of Cornwall

Mr. Slee said that there was a feeling amongst the players to the east of Exeter and also in North Devon that they were somewhat cut off from the main stream of bridge in Devon and Cornwall. He said that although the Cornwall section had voted only last year not to become a separate County Association, the North East section would like them seriously to reconsider this decision. Mr. Brown from Cornwall said that the main reason they had not wished to leave was that players from Cornwall felt they would be cut off from playing against the Devon players in all major events. He felt that in consequence the bridge in Cornwall would suffer. It was pointed out that the only two events in which the Cornish players would not be able to participate were the Western Morning News and the South Western Pairs, and that in place of these they would of course have their own County championships. After much discussion, Mr. Allen proposed that members of the Committee go back to their own sections and canvass opinion and bring the matter up again at the next County Committee meeting.

Inter-area teams of 8

Mr. Pain brought up the matter of the Inter-Area teams of 8 competition and said that he thought that the number of areas from each section should more directly reflect the size of the membership in the section. At present the North East has 6 areas, Plymouth 2 and Cornwall 3. The matter was referred to the South West and Cornwall committees to apply for more areas if they wanted them.

Directors.

Mr. Pain gave the names of players who were willing to direct at events in which he wished to play. He asked if the County committee would consider paying these as Trainee Directors for these events. Carried. The names he put forward were:- T. Waldock, M. Benorthan, Mrs. M. Holden, Mrs. Serchanic, D. Sharp, P. Ashcroft, S. Parker.

Prize Money

Mr. Allen asked what the prize money had been for the South West pairs, Western Morning News cup and the Graphic Cup, as he was concerned that better players were not playing in these events because the prize money was too low.

Computer

Mr. Pain said he had made enquired about a computer to hold the county records and to do match pointing and dealing. He recommended one of the new B.B.C. computers which he said his school was purchasing. The cost for the system would be in the region of £1300 to £1500. It was agreed to purchase one on the understanding that Mr. Pain had seen one working and was satisfied with its performance.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.50p.m.

A. B. Lee

<u>Present.</u>	<p>Mr. H. Busby (Chairman) Mr. C. Haslam (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs. P. Jones (Vice-Chairman) Mrs. Ali Khan, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Slee, Mrs. Rogers, Messrs. A. Brown, K. Slee, G. O'Neill, J. Pain, H. Miners, S. Parker, B. Ray.</p>
<u>Apologies</u>	
<u>Minutes</u>	<p>The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.</p>
<u>Matters arising</u>	<p><u>Veerman-James Cup.</u> This has now been repaired.</p> <p><u>Possible separation of Cornwall.</u> Some further discussion took place on this subject. Mr. Haslam said that the important thing was to attain the best bridge for both Devon and Cornwall and that at present it was a very unwieldy area to administrate. The three congresses could easily be altered so that members of both counties could participate - it would simply be a question of paying a subscription to both counties. Mr. Parker said that the feeling of the South West Section was that the two counties should not separate as Plymouth would no longer be the central venue if they did. He suggested that a working party be set up to discuss the matter fully. Mrs. Jones said that the financial aspect would all come to a head shortly and that it would have to be decided then. The matter was left in abeyance.</p> <p><u>Computer.</u> Mr. Pain said that he now felt it would not be a good idea to purchase a computer. He said a much better one could be hired at a cost of £14.50 per session. He also said that if one was purchased, he might not have the time to produce the necessary software. Mrs. Jones proposed that we do not proceed with the purchase of a computer at present. Seconded by Mr. Slee. Carried.</p>
<u>Inter-Area Teams of 8</u>	<p>The Committee agreed that the South West Section should send three teams to this event. The three teams to come from the following areas:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. West of the River Plym. 2. East of the River Plym, but South of the road from Plymouth to Newton Ferrers. 3. East of the River Plym, but North of the road from Plymouth to Newton Ferrers.
<u>Secretary's report.</u>	<p>The Secretary announced the new subscription rates for April 1982 to April 1983:-</p> <p>Normal members - £3 plus County subscription. New or re-joining members - as above. Direct members living in the U.K. - £6 Direct members living outside the U.K. - £4 Club affiliation fee - unchanged at £5. Licence fees for open congresses - increased by 20% per table to 30p. Licence fees for closed congresses - 15p.</p>
<u>St. Ives September Festival.</u>	<p>Mr. O'Neill said that it was proposed to hold a bridge weekend during the September festival, and asked for the approval of the Committee. This was given.</p>
<u>County Subscription</u>	<p>Mrs. Jones proposed that the County subscription be increased from £1 to £2 in the coming year. Seconded by Mrs. Lamb. Carried.</p>

<u>Large money prizes.</u>	Mr. Haslam asked the Committee's opinion on the awarding of large money prizes in certain major E.B.U. events. The general consensus of opinion was that this was not a good idea.
<u>Treasurer's report</u>	The Treasurer said that due to a misunderstanding, the Cornish treasurer had not collected the full subscription from new members. The Exeter sub-section had also had this misunderstanding but had rectified it by asking the new members for the balance. After some discussion Mr. Haslam proposed that on this occasion it should be left as it is. Seconded by Mr. Parker. Carried by a small majority. The Treasurer also said that the accounts for the Cornwall Congress never showed a profit. The Committee felt that in future their stationery should be showed on their accounts as an asset.
<u>Ivybridge refreshments</u>	Mrs. Lamb said that unfortunately the people who had been providing refreshments at Ivybridge were unwilling to continue to do so. She had tried to get someone else to take the job on but so far had been unsuccessful.
<u>Hiring of County tables</u>	Mr. Parker said that there had been some confusion when Mr. Beard had borrowed some tables for two weeks for £12.75 when the Treasurer was away. The hire fee should have been £25.50 for two weeks. There had been some bad feeling about this. The Committee agreed that Mr. Parker was in no way to blame for this mix up. Mr. Pain proposed that in future tables should not be hired out at all. Seconded by Mrs. Leonard. Carried.
<u>Ilfracombe Congress</u>	The Treasurer said that she was pleased to announce that £50 had been donated to the County from the proceeds of the North Devon weekend. Mr. Haslam to write and thank them.
<u>Selectors</u>	Mr. Ray reported that the Tollemache had gone reasonably well. Devon and Cornwall had been lying second for most of the competition, but eventually finished up third. He was unhappy about the system of trials, however, as were several of the team. He felt that trials should be for invited people only. He also did not like the idea that the selectors should be potential members of the team. Mrs. Slee proposed that in future we have only one selector who should not be a member of the team. She proposed that Mr. Ray should be the County selector for the next season, commencing on the date of the A.G.M. Seconded by Mrs. Jones. Carried unanimously.
<u>Trainee Director</u>	Mr. Pain proposed that Mr. Parker's name be submitted to the E.B.U. as a Trainee Director. Carried.
<u>Letter from Mr. M. Allen</u>	Mr. Parker read a letter from Mr. Allen asking that County meetings should be held on some night other than a Friday because it was difficult to attend with so many national competitions being held at weekends. He was also not happy with the method of scoring at the South West pairs final, and felt that the prize money for the Graphic Cup should be greater.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11.30pm

S. Bulgin
Chairman.

Present.

Mr. H. Busby (Chairman)
Mr. C. Haslam (Hon. Secretary)
Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)
Mrs. P. Jones (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs. Ali Khan, Mrs. Heath, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Slee,
Messrs. A. Brown, M. Allen, H. Minors, K. Slee, G. O'Neill

Apologies

Mrs. Haydon, Mrs. Rodgers, J. Pain.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Matters arising

North Devon Congress. The Secretary said he had written to thank the organisers for their donation of \$50.

Cornish Subscriptions. The Treasurer reported that the Cornwall section had now collected the balance of the subscription from their members and had forwarded £30 to her.

Secretary's report

The Secretary said that the E.B.U. would permit the holding of one event in the County per year for non E.B.U. members.

He said that the E.B.U. were printing a diary to sell to members that would carry over into the new year so that members could keep a record of a whole season's commitments in the one diary.

Mr. Slee said that the new policy of starting E.B.U. events at 1p.m on the Saturday was very inconvenient for a lot of members and it was difficult to see any advantage so far as competitors were concerned. Mr. Haslam agreed to bring this up at the next E.B.U. meeting.

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer said that the Premium Bonds held by the County had been cashed. It was agreed to give Cornwall back £50 for their share of these.

Segregation of Cornwall

Mr. Haslam said that the E.B.U. were to consider the official segregation of Cornwall in July. Meanwhile Cornwall should submit a copy of their by-laws etc. to the Council. Until July, Cornwall and Devon are still officially one County Association.

Mrs. Lamb proposed the formal secession of Cornwall from the D.C.C.B.A. Seconded by Mr. Slee. Carried.

Mr. Allen proposed that an annual team of eight Devon v Cornwall match be held. Seconded by Mrs. Slee. Carried.

Mr. Allen also proposed that we hold a non-profit making Swiss teams farewell event with good prizes. Seconded by Mr. Slee. Carried. It was decided that the date for this should be Sunday, June 27th. Mr. Allen proposed that an entry fee of £16 per team should be charged. This was felt by several members of the Committee to be too much and an amendment proposed by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Slee for £10 per team was carried.

It was decided that the County A.G.M. should be held during this Swiss Teams event. People would have to bring their own refreshments.

A.G.M.

All the Officers of the Committee were prepared to stand again, although Mrs. Lamb would prefer not to stand again as Tournament Secretary if someone in the North East Section would be prepared to take this on.

Rules &
Ethics

It was stated that in a Swiss teams event Mr. & Mrs. Uren had refused to play against Mr. M. Allen and Mrs. Bridgewater. Mr. Allen had agreed on this occasion to play against the other pair. Apparently this had also happened on a previous occasion. The Tournament Director had taken the matter direct to the E.B.U. who said that this was against the principles of the game and couldn't understand why it had been allowed to happen a second time.

Mr. Slee asked:-

1. Why did the director not employ the usual rules at Swiss teams and ask both captains to write down which way they intended to sit and then to enforce that way of sitting.
2. Why was the matter not brought first to the Devon and Cornwall Rules and Ethics committee instead of being taken straight to the E.B.U.

The Committee discussed the matter and it was decided that a letter should be written to Mr. & Mrs. Uren stating that if they played in any event they must be prepared to play against any other pair who has entered for that event. If they refused to do this, they would be barred from playing in any event.

Matches v
neighbouring
counties

Mr. Allen said that he had made arrangements for Devon to play two matches for teams of eight against neighbouring counties - one against the Southern Counties and one against Somerset. The dates had not been arranged yet. Mr. Haslam proposed that travelling expenses for these matches be paid to team members. Seconded by Mr. Allen. Carried.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.30p.m.

A meeting of the Devon members of the Committee to be held at Torquay Bridge Club on Tuesday, May 25th, 1982.

Chairman.

Minutes of a Committee meeting of the Devon County Contract Bridge Association held at Torquay Bridge Club on Tuesday, June 15th, 1982.

Present. Mr. H. Busby (Chairman)
Mr. C. Haslam (Hon. Secretary)
Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)
Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. P. Jones, Mrs. U. Haydon,
Mrs. K. Slee, Mrs. Baldwin, Mr. R. Watts, Mr.
J. Woolcott, Mr. M. Allen, Mr. J. Pain, Mr. K.
Slee, Mr. Hammett.

Apologies. Mr. & Mrs. Rodgers, Mr. E. McVitie Clarke,
Mr. K. Barton, Mr. T. Terrett, Mrs. C. Hooper.

Minutes. The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Matters arising. The boundary lines between the new sections was clarified as follows:-
West to extend northwards as far as the A.30, to include Kingsbridge & Salcombe and to go up to the borders of Saltash.
South to include Totnes.
East to include Tiverton, Cullompton and Crediton.

Representatives

South

Mrs. Ali Khan, Mrs. P. Jones, Mrs. Slee, Mr. Haslam.

North

Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Porter, Mr. McVitie-Clarke, Mr. Hammett.

East

Not yet decided.

West

Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Haydon, Mr. Allen, Mr. Pain.

The Chief Tournament Director to be an officer of the Committee.

Competitions. closing date for

It was said that the/entry ~~xxxx~~ for the Western Morning News was too early. Mr. Pain pointed out that there had to be time to get all the rounds played before the Pachebo.

A. V. Morris Cup To be held on a separate day from the Masters pairs and to exclude Masters and above.

Charity Swiss Teams Cup Mrs. Lamb said that there had been an offer of a cup for this event on condition that the proceeds were always given to the Heart Foundation. The Committee felt that this was not a good idea but suggested that the proceeds be given to the Heart Foundation every other year.

Schools Cup An event to be held for a Schools Cup each year.

Entry Fees

Mr. Allen said that entry fees should be increased considerably so that better playing conditions could be obtained. Mr. Haslam said he thought the playing conditions were quite reasonable in most cases.

Mrs. Lamb proposed that entry fees should be increased by 50p per person per event.

Seconded by Mr. Haslam.

Mr. Allen proposed an amendment that entry fees should be increased by £1 per qualifying round and £2 per final.

Seconded by Mr. Slee.

Amendment defeated.

Motion carried.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11.30pm

Phyllis M. Jones.

Sept 13th.

Chairman

<u>Present.</u>	Mrs. P.M. Jones (Chairman) Mr. C. Haslam (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs. Ali Khan, Mrs. Slee, Mr. Hammett, Mr. Hammett ^{PAIN} ; Mr. McVitie Clarke, Mr. Slee, Mr. Ray, Mr. Woolcott.
<u>Apologies</u>	Mrs. Haydon, Mrs. Baldwin, Mr. Allen, Mr. Barton, Mr. Terrett, Mr. Watts.
<u>Representatives.</u>	These were named as follows:- <u>South</u> - Mrs. Ali Khan, Mrs. Slee, Mr. Haslam, Mr. Slee. <u>North</u> - Mr. Hammett, Mr. Porter, Mr. Irwin, Mr. McVitie Clarke. <u>East</u> - Not finally decided but probably Mr. Woolcott, Mr. Ray, Mrs. Stevens, Mr. Barton. <u>West</u> - Mrs. Haydon, Mr. Allen, Mrs. Lamb, Mr. Pain.
<u>Vice-Chairman.</u>	Mr. Slee proposed that Mr. R.I. Ray be elected as Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Mrs. Lamb. Carried. It was decided that the office of Vice-Chairman should still be occupied in turn by someone from each area.
<u>Minutes.</u>	The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.
<u>Matters arising.</u>	It was announced that Bude had decided to join the Cornwall association.
<u>Secretary's report.</u>	The Secretary reported that there was a mix-up in the dates for the Torquay Spring Congress and the Bude Congress, which had both been arranged for the same date. Unfortunately the E.B.U. had not noticed this when approving the date for the Torquay Congress. Possibly the Torquay Congress date would have to be moved. The Cornwall association had approached him with regard to a possible donation from our funds. The Committee agreed that this was not possible.
<u>Treasurer's report.</u>	The Treasurer said that subscriptions from North Devon were not coming in as early as they should. Mr. McVitie Clarke said that it was difficult because some members did not play through the summer and therefore it became impossible to collect the subscriptions until September.
<u>Director's fees.</u>	Mr. Pain asked if the Committee could standardise the fees and expenses to be paid to trainee directors. It was agreed that the following should be paid:- £8.75 per session - one session to be defined as up to and including 32 boards, 32 - 45 boards as one and a half sessions, and over 45 boards as two sessions. Petrol if the director had to travel a minimum distance of 10 miles.
<u>County Selector.</u>	Mrs. Skee proposed that Mr. R.I. Ray should be the County selector. Seconded by Mr. J. Pain. Carried unanimously.
<u>Selection Policy.</u>	Mr. Ray said that he felt that the trials held last year were a fiasco. He proposed having no trials but to select a team by looking at the successes of possible players during the past year. Mr. Slee proposed that the team should be selected by the end of September for the Tollemache so that practice matches could be held.
<u>Committee meetings.</u>	The Secretary suggested having four meetings per year. This was agreed. The dates for the coming year to be as follows:

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7th September 1982.

23rd November 1982.

22nd February 1983.

10th May 1983.

All to be held at 7.30p.m.

A fifth meeting to be held in July to arrange the programme

It was agreed that teams of four should be played after the A.G.M. Members to be encouraged to bring a team.

Newsletter. The Secretary suggested having a quarterly newsletter so that members could be kept up to date with what was happening in the County. The Committee thought this was a very good idea. He agreed to be responsible for producing this.

Results. Mr. Haslam agreed to take over the circularisation of results. It was agreed that a letter should be written to Mr. Raymont who has carried out this job so well in the past.

Winter Programme. The winter programme was drafted. It was decided to zone the first round of the Western Morning News Cup in the hope of attracting more entries.

* There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11.25p.m.

* The Secretary said that he would write to Mr. U'ren asking for a written assurance that he and his wife would play against all competitors.

Phyllis M. Jones.

Chairman.

Sept 7/12. 1982

<u>Present.</u>	Mrs. P. Jones (Chairman) Mr. C. Haslam (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. K. Slee, Mrs. M. Stevens, Mrs. U. Haydon, Messrs. K. Slee, J. Woolcott, J. Pain, T. Hammett, B. Ray.
<u>Apologies.</u>	M. Allen, K. Barton, E. McVitie Clarke.
<u>Minutes.</u>	The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.
<u>Matters arising.</u>	The Secretary said that it had not been possible to change the date of the Torquay Congress so as not to coincide with the Bude Congress.
<u>Secretary's report.</u>	Cornwall have now officially seceded from Devon. A letter from the E.B.U. about the youth competitions had been passed to Mr. Allen. Because Devon was now a separate county, we were now entitled to have two shares and two delegates only to the E.B.U. Mrs. Lamb asked if lists of players selected to represent the County in various events could be posted on Club notice boards.
<u>Cups.</u>	<u>Jack & Jill Cup.</u> This had not been returned to Devon. Mr. Haslam to make enquiries from Cornwall. <u>Ranked Pairs.</u> It was decided to have three identical cups. Mr. Hammett to make enquiries about the purchase of these. <u>Swiss Teams.</u> It was decided to use the Keyte cup which had previously been awarded for Mens teams in Torquay Congress - this being a competition which was no longer played. <u>Mixed Teams of 4 & Devon Pairs.</u> Mrs. Jones to make enquiries about cups for these events.
<u>Venues.</u>	<u>Swiss Teams.</u> Barnstaple Motel on 27th February 1983. <u>Events to be held in the East Section.</u> Mr. Woolcott had made enquiries at the Exeter Motel, but nothing had been decided finally.
<u>Election of Delegates to E.B.U.</u>	C. R. Haslam - proposed by Mrs. Slee and seconded by Mr. Slee. Carried. J. Pain - proposed by Mrs. Ali Khan and seconded by Mrs. Slee. Carried.
<u>Director of E.B.U.</u>	The Committee approved unanimously the proposal of Mr. C. Haslam as a director of the E.B.U.
<u>Selector's report.</u>	Mr. Ray said that he would like to select four pairs only by the end of September, and to select the fifth pair later on when practice matches had been held. Mr. Haslam said that he would write to Mr. Allen to see if he had made any progress with organising matches against Somerset and the Southern Counties. He would also contact Cornwall about a match against them. <u>President's Pot.</u> The two pairs selected were :- P. Bowles & R. Blackmore J. Woolcott & J.J. Griffiths.
<u>Open Congress.</u>	Mr. Pain and Mrs. Lamb asked the Committee's opinion of a possible open Congress to be held in Plymouth in early July. They proposed holding it as a Swiss Pairs and Swiss Teams congress as a two day event. They had made enquiries at the Novomotel in Plymouth who would be pleased to accommodate us. Mr. Slee suggested that

the Publicity Department of Plymouth might be prepared to assist. It was also suggested that various firms might be approached with regard to possible sponsorship. The Committee agreed with the idea in principle and Mr. Haslam is to apply for an E.B.U. licence.

Press agent.

Mr. Haslam agreed to be responsible for sending results to the local press. It was agreed that it would be a good idea if someone would write a short report about some of the more interesting competitions. Mr. Pain agreed to write one report to see how he gets on, and possibly to do others if this one was successful.

Notice at Plymouth.

Mr. Pain asked what the Committee's opinion was of the following:—

A notice advertising a new Club which had been started on Wednesday nights at Plymouth had been posted on the D.C.C.B.A. board at Plymouth Bridge Club. This had been removed by Plymouth Bridge Club members. The Committee felt that the notice should not have been posted in the Club in the first place.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.00 p. m.

Chairman

Phyllis M. Jones. Nov 23rd 1982

Minutes of a Special Committee Meeting of the D.C.C.B.A.
held at the Moorland Links Hotel on Sunday, October 31st,
1982.

The meeting was convened to discuss the admission of pairs from the whole of Devon to the Southern section Masters Pairs event for this year only.

Present. Mrs. P. Jones (Chairman)
Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)
Mrs. K. Slee (Assistant Secretary)
K.J. Sæe, J. Woolcott, E. McVitty Clarke, J. Pain.

It was decided that as the other Sections had not been able to arrange a Masters Pairs event this season, the Southern Masters Pairs should be thrown open to include anyone from the other Sections who wished to play.

Chairman;

at 7.30 p.m.

<u>Present.</u>	C.R. Haslam (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. P. Jones (Chairman) Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs. Haydon, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Slee, M. Allen, K. Slee, J. Pain, T. Hammett, B. Ray.
<u>Apologies</u>	Mrs. Ali Khan, M. Bennett , K. Marton, J. Woolcott, E. McVitty Clarke.
<u>Minutes</u>	The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.
<u>Matters arising</u>	<u>Under 25 Pairs.</u> Mr. Allen said that no heat had been held as the date coincided with internal exams at his school. Mrs. Lamb said that one pair of boys had not been notified that the heat was cancelled, and by the time they found out it was too late for them to enter for Plymouth Congress which was on the same weekend. Mr. Haslam said that the EBU should have got in touch with them and said that he would bring it up at the next meeting. <u>Jack & Jill Cup.</u> Mr. Haslam said that this had now been returned to him from Cornwall. <u>Ranked Pairs Cups.</u> Mr. Hammett said that he was no longer in a position to obtain these cups. Mrs. Jones agreed to purchase these. Mrs. Lamb said that there was a possibility of obtaining some second hand cups and it was agreed that she should try. <u>Devon Pairs Cup.</u> This being the premier pairs event in Devon, it was decided to obtain a new cup for this. <u>Open Congress at Plymouth.</u> Mr. Pain said that they had decided to shelve plans for an open congress this year.
<u>Secretary's report</u>	Mr. Haslam said that he had been elected as a Director of the E.B.U. Letters from the E.B.U. were still being sent to individual Members asking for subscriptions which had already been paid, and he said he would talk to them again about it. E.B.U. subscriptions were being increased, and the E.B.U. said that they wished to spend more money on a recruiting drive. Some members of the Committee felt they should be more efficient about looking after the interests of their present members rather than recruiting new members.
<u>Tollemache Venue</u>	Mr. Haslam said that starting next year the Tollemache Qualifying round was to be held at one venue for all the counties - Birmingham.
<u>Mixed Teams of 4</u>	This is to be held at Budleigh Salterton Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club.
<u>Treasurer's report</u>	Mrs. Lamb asked who was to finance the Section Teams of 8 which had been held at Ivybridge. It was agreed that each section should pay £8. There was some discussion as to whether this event should continue to be held. It was decided that it was an important event at which the best players from each section should compete. Mr. Allen suggested holding it in May, June or July in future, possibly at Plymouth College which he might be able to hire for a nominal fee. More of the better players would be able to play at that time of year when there were fewer National events taking place.
<u>Selector's report.</u>	Mr. Ray said that he was trying to create a situation whereby everyone who was considered for the Tollemache would be keen to be chosen and would feel it an honour to

there had been five players who were only willing to be considered as a whole, and were not willing to be considered as one or two pairs. Mr. Ray therefore felt that he could not select any of these five. Mr. Haslam proposed that we definitely could not submit to this kind of blackmail. This was seconded by Mrs. Stevens and carried unanimously.

The team selected for the Tollemache was:-

M. Allen & S. Jury
D. Howard & I. Popplestone
Mr. & Mrs. K. Slee,
R. Evers & A. Bridgman.
Non-playing Captain - R. Ray.

Cash Prizes

The E.B.U. were now prepared to allow cash prizes to be awarded up to £15 per person per session in pairs competitions, and up to £25 per player in teams competitions. Mr. Allen proposed that in the two main County events - namely the Devon Pairs and the Graphic Cup for teams - all the money except the actual expenses of the competition should be awarded as prize money in the proportion 1, ~~2/3~~ $\frac{2}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ to first second and third. Seconded by Mrs. Slee.
Carried.

Delegates' expenses

Mr. Haslam said that the amount allowed for delegates expenses to go to E.B.U. meetings was not sufficient. It was agreed to cover reasonable expenses.

Selection for President's Pot & Walton Cup

There was some discussion about the method used to select people for these two events. It was agreed that two of the best pairs should be selected for both these events - not necessarily the same two pairs every year, but certainly two pairs of Tollemache standard.

Complaints to E.B.U.

Mr. Haslam said that the E.B.U. wanted members who had complaints about other members to write direct to them E.B.U. about it. The Committee felt that if there were any complaints in County events, the complaint should in the first instance be referred to the County Committee.

Date of Next Meeting

February 22nd, 1983.

Items for agenda

Mr. Allen asked that two items be included in the next agenda

1. Proportional representation
2. Bidding boxes.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.15pm

Phyllis L. Jones.

Chairman.

Feb 22nd 1983

<u>Present</u>	Mrs. P. Jones (Chairman) Mr. C. R. Haslam (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. R. Stevens, Mrs. K. Slee, Messrs. R. Ray, K. Slee, T. Hammett, J. Pain, M. Allen J. Woolcott.
<u>Apologies.</u>	Mrs. M. Lamb, Mrs. H. Haydon, Mr. E. McVitty Clarke.
<u>Minutes.</u>	The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.
<u>Matters arising</u>	<u>Cups.</u> The Secretary said that the Jack & Jill Cup had been returned from Cornwall, but he was not quite sure where it was at the moment. The second-hand cups which Mrs. Lamb had mentioned might be available were not suitable. It was agreed that the Keyte Cup should be awarded for the County mixed teams, and that Mrs. Jones should purchase one good cup for the Devon Pairs and three other identical cups for the County ranked pairs.
<u>Tollemache</u>	Mr. Ray said that the Tollemache had been disappointing in a way as after the first two sessions the team had been doing really well and were only losing to one other team, but on the Sunday the play had been very patchy and Devon had finished fifth. It was decided that next year a team of eight should be selected plus one reserve pair.
<u>Bidding Boxes</u>	Mr. Allen proposed and Mrs. Slee seconded that bidding boxes for two tables should be purchased by the County and that these should be used for the final of the Western Morning News and should be available for other matches if the players wished. Carried, with the proviso that these boxes should be of the design sanctioned by the E.B.U.
<u>Proportional representation</u>	Mr. Allen said that he would like to bring this up at a future meeting, but so that the Committee could consider the matter in the meantime, he felt that it was not a good idea to play competitions in those parts of the County which had a small membership of the County Association.
<u>Entry Fees</u>	Mr. Woolcott said that a lot of members in East Devon felt that entry fees were very high. The Chairman gave an assurance that these would not be increased in the coming season.
<u>Complaints of unethical behaviour.</u>	Mr. Slee said that he had received many complaints about a certain pair, some of these complaints coming from members of other counties, that their behaviour at the table was not entirely ethical. It was felt by the committee that, in the absence of concrete evidence, nothing could be done about this.
<u>Laws & Ethics Committee.</u>	Mr. Pain proposed and Mr. Allen seconded that a Laws & Ethics committee should be set up. The following were elected to serve on this committee:- Mrs. P. Jones, Mr. C. Haslam, Mr. R. Ray, Mr. K. Slee and Mr. H. Haydon if he would agree. Mr. Allen proposed and Mrs. Slee seconded that a director should be on call and psychic forms available in all head to head matches.

Treasurer's report. There was no report as the Treasurer was not present. Mr. Haslam put forward the idea that the County money should be in a central fund rather than in each Section separately.

Secretary's report Mr. Haslam said that Mr. Harold^{Franklin} was retiring as Chief Tournament Director of the E.B.U. in the summer, and that Mr. Roy Higson would be taking over for a period of three years. It was agreed that the Committee should write to him thanking him for all he has done for bridge for a very long time. The Secretary also said that the E.B.U. proposed holding membership seminars in different parts of the country. E.B.U. subscriptions would be going up from £1 to £4 in 1983/4.

Stationery. Mr. Pain said that in the past the S.W. Section had purchased all the County stationery, and it was decided that in future the County central fund should buy this.

Tournament Secretary's report. The Tournament Secretary said that entries for events held in certain parts of the County were difficult to obtain. She said that she felt it was very important for prize money and cups to be awarded at the time the event was played. She also asked for guidelines for the amount of prize money to be given. It was agreed that there should be more liaison between the Section Secretary involved in the competition and the Treasurer and herself, so that the expenses of the competition could be worked out and prize money awarded accordingly.

Torquay Congress. Mr. Haslam said that he would not be available to run the Torquay Congress again. He was not sure how much future this Congress has, but a provisional booking has been made for next year with the E.B.U. He did not think it would be possible to hold it at the Palace Hotel in future. The Committee thanked him very much for all the hard work he has put into this Congress for very many years.

Hon. Secretary Mr. Haslam also said that he would be resigning from the post of Honorary Secretary at the end of the season. His resignation was received with much regret from the Committee, who felt that this post would be hard to fill.

Ian Popplestone. Mr. Allen told the Committee that Ian Popplestone had been selected to play for the Great Britain Junior team in Ostend. He had to find £120 as the E.B.U. did not pay all the expenses. Mrs. Ali Khan proposed and Mr. Allen seconded that the County should give him £50 towards this. Carried.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10p.m.

Phyllis M Jones.

Chairman
May 10th. 1983.

<u>Present.</u>	Mrs. P. Jones (Chairman) Mr. C. R. Haslam (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. R. Stevens, Mrs. H. Haydon, Mrs. K. Slee, Messrs. R. Ray, J. Woolcott, D. McFarlane, K. Slee.
<u>Apologies.</u>	Mr. J. Pain, Mr. T. Hammett.
<u>Minutes.</u>	The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.
<u>Matters arising.</u>	<u>Jack & Jill Cup.</u> The Secretary brought this to the meeting and it was duly presented to Mr. Woolcott. <u>Devon Pairs Cup.</u> The Chairman said that she had now purchased a really nice cup to be awarded for this competition. <u>Ranked Pairs Cups.</u> The Chairman said that she had not yet purchased three identical cups for this event in case it was decided to change the format next year. <u>Bidding Boxes.</u> These had been purchased and are now in the possession of Mr. Slee. <u>Ian Popplestone.</u> His partner had been unable to play with him in the Great Britain Junior team at Ostend, so Mr. Popplestone had returned the £50 to the County with his thanks. <u>Complaints of unethical behaviour.</u> The Chairman said that Harold Franklin had said that it was up to us to either produce concrete evidence of cheating or to scotch the rumours. There had been several other complaints but no real evidence. <u>Laws & Ethics Committee.</u> Mr. Haslam had not yet asked Mr. Haydon whether he would agree to serve on this committee, but said that he would ask him.
<u>Secretary's Report.</u>	Mr. Haslam said that he would be prepared to stay on as Honorary Secretary for a further year if the Committee so wished. The Committee were delighted to accept this offer. Mrs. Lamb said that Mr. John Pain might be prepared to take on this position in the future. <u>Complaint.</u> The Secretary said that he had received a letter from a Mr. Cresswell in Plymouth. He read the letter to the Committee, but Mr. Cresswell had not specified in the letter exactly what the complaint was. Mr. Haslam to write to him asking for more details if he wished the Committee to consider the matter.
<u>Treasurer's report.</u>	The Treasurer said that she did not have a great deal to report. We had just about broken even again this year. The competitions had been more expensive to run. She said that Mr. Pain had asked her to ask the Committee to recommend the promotion of Mr. David Sharp to a 'B' director.
<u>Torquay Congress.</u>	Mr. Haslam said that the Congress had just made a very slight profit this year. It was agreed to ask Mr. John Pain if he would take over the job of Congress Chairman. The dates for next year had been agreed by the E.B.U. The possibility of holding the congress in Plymouth with a different format was discussed. It was agreed that if Mr. Pain turned the job down Mrx the Congress Committee was at liberty to ask anyone else they thought would be suitable.
<u>Financial arrangements</u>	It was agreed that the Section Secretaries, the Section Treasurers and the Tournament Secretary should hold a meeting immediately before the A.G.M. to discuss financial arrangements in the County.

A.G.M.

The date of the A.G.M. was arranged for Saturday, 25th June, 1983, at 6p.m. Teams of four to be played afterwards.

All the officers agreed to stand again.

Rules for Competitions

Mrs. Stevens asked that the same rules for arranging dates with opposing teams as were used in the Gold Cup should be used for local competitions such as the Western Morning News. It was agreed to print this in the programme next season.

Claims for expenses for Tollemache.

Mr. Ray suggested that members of the Tollemache team should submit their claims for expenses through him rather than individually to the Treasurer. This was agreed.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 5th July, 1983, at 7p.m.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10p.m.

Phyllis M. Jones

July 5th. 1983

Chairman.

<u>Present.</u>	Mrs. P. Jones (Chairman) Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) Mr. C. Haslam (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. Ali Khan, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Haydon, Mrs. Wilks, Mrs. Slee, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Hammett, Mr. Ray, Mr. Woolcott, Mr. Pain, Mr. Slee.
<u>Apologies.</u>	Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Porter, Mr. McFarlane.
<u>Minutes.</u>	The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.
<u>Matters arising.</u>	<p><u>Laws & Ethics Committee.</u> Mr. Haydon had written to say he would be glad to serve on this Committee. The members of this Committee therefore are:— Mr. H. Haydon, Mrs. P. Jones, Mr. C. Haslam, Mr. B. Ray and Mr. K. Slee.</p> <p><u>Complaint from Mr. Cresswell.</u> Mr. Haslam said that he had heard no more from Mr. Cresswell and it was assumed that this had died a natural death.</p> <p><u>Bidding Boxes.</u> Mr. Slee said that these had been used for the final of the Western Morning News Cup. All the players found them easy to use.</p> <p><u>Mr. D. Sharp.</u> Mr. Haslam said that the E.B.U. had informed him that Mr. Sharp was not registered as a Trainee Director and therefore could not be considered as a 'B' Director. Mr. Pain said that the E.B.U. must have made a mistake as he knew that Mr. Sharp had had confirmation of his appointment as a Trainee Director. Mr. Haslam agreed to bring the matter up with the E.B.U. again.</p>
<u>Section Representatives</u>	<p><u>North.</u> Mr. Cowper, Mr. Hammett, Mr. Porter, Mrs. Irwin. <u>East.</u> Mr. Ray, Mrs. Stevens, Mr. Woolcott, Mr. McFarlane. <u>South.</u> Mr. Slee, Mr. Haslam, Mrs. Ali Khan, Mrs. Slee. <u>West.</u> Mrs. Lamb, Mr. Pain, Mrs. Wilks, Mrs. Haydon.</p>
<u>Treasurer's report.</u>	The Treasurer said that she was concerned about the affairs of the East Section. Mr. Woolcott said that there were problems with the previous administration in that section but that these should all be ironed out at the beginning of the next season. She said that she had not received all the subscriptions from the North Section. Mr. Cowper, however, had brought these to the meeting.
<u>Qualifying Rounds.</u>	There was some discussion about the entry money for County event qualifying rounds in the Sections. It was agreed that entry money for all qualifying rounds for County events should be £1.50 of which 50p must be sent to the County to go towards expenses of the final, and the remainder after expenses to be divided as the Section thinks fit between prize money and the Section funds. With regard to internal Section events, these could be run as the Section thinks fit.
<u>County Competitions</u>	The Treasurer wished to make it clear that in all County events (e.g. Swiss Teams, Ladies & Men's Teams etc.) all the revenue should go to the County intact, and the Treasurer would be responsible for paying all expenses with regard to the event. It was agreed that all County events should pay out at least a first and second prize regardless of whether that particular event had made a profit.

Mr. Woolcott asked that a central directive be sent to all Sections with regard to running the various County Competitions in their Section. This was agreed by the Secretary who said he would do this.

Venues.

It was agreed that next season the venues for events would be as follows:-

Jack & Jill) East Section (Budleigh Salterton)
Mixed Teams)
Swiss Teams West Section (Moorland Links)
Ranked Pairs South Section (Torquay Bridge Club)
Devon Pairs Final North Section (Braunton Motel)
these events

Venues for/s to be decided each year and not necessarily to stay the same as previous years.

It was also decided to hold the Intersection Teams of 8 in the Southern Section, The Club Handicap Teams of 8 in the Northern Section and the Mens and Ladies Teams in the Western Section.

Tollemache Trials.

Mr. Ray said it was proposed to hold these on August 23rd, and he asked Section representatives to put forward names of any suitable pairs.

Dates of Meetings.

September 6th 1983
November 22nd 1983
February 21st 1984
May 8th 1984.
All these to be at 7.30p.m.

Expenses.

Expenses for representative events to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.50p.m.
The Secretaries of the Sections then met to arrange the Winter calendar.

Phyllis M. Jones.

Chairman

Sept 6th. 1983

<u>Present.</u>	Mrs. P. Jones (Chairman) Mr. C. Haslam (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. H. Haydon, Mrs. J. Wilks, Mrs. K. Slee, Messrs. J. Pain, J. Woolcott, T. Hammett, W. Cowper, R. Ray, K. Slee.
<u>Apologies.</u>	Mrs. M. Lamb, Mrs. R. Stevens, Mr. D. McFarlane.
<u>Minutes.</u>	The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.
<u>Matters arising.</u>	Mr. Pain confirmed that Mr. David Sharp is recognised by the E.B.U. as a Trainee Director. His name will be put forward to be considered as a 'B' Director when he has had the necessary experience. <u>Northern Section Subscriptions.</u> The Chairman said that the Treasurer of the North Devon Section had sent the subscriptions to her instead of to Mrs. Lamb. Also he had enclosed a list of names, but no addresses. <u>Tollemache Trials.</u> Mr. Ray said that there had not been a very good response from the Sections with names of pairs and many of the pairs of Tollemache standing were unable to play on the date suggested. He had therefore decided reluctantly that he would select a team without holding Trials.
<u>Expenses.</u>	The subject of expenses for representative matches was discussed in some detail. It was decided that these should be as follows:- <u>Entry Fee, 2p per mile per person, plus the cost of one night (bed and breakfast) at the rate of the official hotel, or less if the player elects to stay at a cheaper hotel. Receipts must be produced for the hotel. If a player elects to stay at a more expensive hotel, he will have to pay the difference himself.</u> <u>For one day representative events the expenses to be entry fee plus 2p per mile per person.</u> <u>The events covered by the above regulations will be Tollemache, Pachabo, Corwen Trophy, Presidents Pot and Pat Walton Cup.</u>
<u>Secretary's report.</u>	The Secretary apologised for not sending out notices of the meeting and for sending only one copy of the Central Directive for Sections. This was due to a burglary at his business. Further copies of the Directive would be sent. He reported that the E.B.U. are concerned that the Master Points system is not being correctly operated. Their sale of Master Points books is not as high as it should be, and Counties are reminded that Master Points should be awarded for each event separately and not in bulk. The E.B.U. put forward the idea that Counties should have a paid membership secretary. The E.B.U. are also considering the idea of having preferred clubs for whom Master Points would be cheaper. There is to be a special Bridge promotion week, probably during next September. Mr. John Pain has been promoted to an 'A' Director. The Committee congratulated him on this well deserved promotion.
<u>Affiliated Clubs.</u>	Mr. Haslam requested that Section Secretaries should provide him with an up-to-date list of affiliated Clubs.

in the County Programme

Victor Ludorum.

It was pointed out that/the Jack and Jill competition had not been marked with an asterisk to show that it is one of the competitions contributing towards the Victor Ludorum. Mr. Haslam said that he would inform the members of this in his next County newsletter.

Devon Pairs Final.

As the date for the Devon Pairs Final clashes with a Green Point one day event at Bristol, it was decided to change the date of this. A possible date is Saturday 2nd June 1984 rather than the present published date which is Sunday 3rd June.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10p.m.

Phyllis M. Jones. 14.20nd 1983.

Chairman

Present.

Mrs. P. Jones (Chairman)
Mr. C. Haslam (Hon. Secretary)
Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. U. Haydon, Mrs. R. Stevens,
Mrs. Burland, Mrs. K. Slee, Messrs. W. Cowper, T. Hammett,
J. Pain, J. Woolcott, K. Slee.

Apologies.

Mrs. M. Lamb, Mrs. E. Wilks, D. McFarlane, R.I. Ray.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Burland, the new Treasurer from North Devon, to the Committee.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Matters arising.

Change of date. It was confirmed that the Devon Pairs Final would be held on the 2nd of June 1984 instead of the 1st of June, so as not to clash with a one day Green Point event at Bristol.

It was pointed out that the Sobranie area final coincided with the Jack and Jill Final. As the Sobranie date was arranged after the County calendar had been arranged, it was impossible now to change the date of the Jack and Jill

Expenses. The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Allen who had received only £5 expenses for the President's Pot. he had travelled by train which had cost him £16.50 and had not stayed at a hotel, and had therefore been paid only the 2p per mile as agreed at the last meeting and no overnight expenses. The Committee agreed that as Mr. Allen had incurred no overnight expenses, he should be reimbursed the whole of the £16.50.

As a result of this, it was decided to add a codicil to the agreed procedure over expenses that in the Tollemache, President's Pot and Pat Walton Cup, the selector should be allowed to use his discretion in such a situation as occurred with Mr. Allen. In the case of the Corwen Trophy and Pachabo, the Treasurer should be allowed to use her discretion.

Secretary's report.

Once again, the Secretary asked that he should be given the names of all affiliated Clubs in the County and also anyone else who would like to receive the County newsletter.

Tables. Mr. Pain said that the Treasurer had reported that 4 bridge tables were missing from Ivybridge. It was suggested that in future bridge tables should be security marked.

Membership Drive. The Secretary said that the 17th to 23rd September 1984 had been earmarked by the E.B.U. publicity agents for a membership drive, and Clubs were asked to keep these dates free from competitions as far as possible. The E.B.U. is looking for someone in each County to be responsible for coordinating activities during that week.

E.B.U. magazine. This is to be produced in a different format and will appear six times a year instead of the present four.

Subscriptions. E.B.U. subscriptions will remain unchanged during 1984-85.

Tournament Directors Seminar. Mr. Pain attended this seminar and said there were many interesting points that cropped up, and that he would produce a document listing these at the next meeting.

One Day events. The Secretary said that he had applied for Devon to hold a one day Green Point event on June 2nd 1985.

Pachabo. The E.B.U. had suggested that the Pachabo should be altered to be an all play through event. Mr. Slee said that this format had already ruined the standard of the National Pairs and that the event became a lottery. He proposed that three board matches should be played as before with a fourth session on the Sunday. The Committee all agreed about this.

Master Points. The E.B.U. were suggesting that all Master Points should be issued direct instead of locally. The Committee were all very much against this.

Golden Jubilee. 1986 would be the Golden Jubilee of the E.B.U. and a history was being prepared. Members were invited to contribute to this.

D.C.C.B.A. Members.

Mrs. Haydon reported that some members in her Section had joined the ~~ExBrix~~ D.C.C.B.A. but not the E.B.U. and Mr. Hammett said that several members in North Devon also were members of the D.C.C.B.A. but not the E.B.U. The County rules were referred to and these stated quite categorically that members of the D.C.C.B.A. must also join the E.B.U.

Green Point event.

Mr. Hammett asked if there was a possibility of holding a Green Point event in North Devon in aid of Cancer Relief. He was informed that there was absolutely no chance of the E.B.U. agreeing to this.

Inter-Section teams of 8.

This had been turned into something of a non-event due to two of the sections producing a second rate team. It was agreed that this should be held later in the season next year in the hope that more of the top players in the County would be available.

Tollemache

One of the selected pairs had fallen out and refused to play with one another again which had necessitated a slight change to the team. The team selected is as follows:-

M. Allen & J. Popplestone
D. Howard & S. Jury
Mr. & Mrs. K.J. Slee
Mrs. S. Nichols & R. Blackmore
K. Woods & P. Bowles.
Non-playing captain R.I. Ray.

Match with Cornwall.

Mr. Slee said that Cornwall were anxious to hold a match against Devon, and he agreed to try and arrange this.

Honours Boards.

Mr. Woolcott asked that the Honours Boards be brought up to date. Mrs. Ali Khan said that as it was too expensive to bring these up to date picture frames had been purchased for each event and were waiting for someone to type in all the results. Mr. Haslam said he would arrange for someone in his office to do this if Mrs. Ali Khan would provide him with the lists of names and dates.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.45p.m.

Phyllis M. Jones Feb 21st

<u>Present.</u>	Mrs. P.M. Jones (Chairman) Mr. C. Haslam (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs. Burford, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Slee, Messrs. Cowper, Hammett, Woolcott, McFarlane, Pain, Ray.
<u>Apologies.</u>	Mrs. Haydon, Mrs. Wilks, Mrs. Ali Khan, K. Slee.
<u>Minutes.</u>	The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.
<u>Matters arising.</u>	Mr. Pain passed round copies of the document he had produced bringing out the main points covered at his Tournament Director's seminar.
	<u>Expenses.</u> There was some discussion about Mr. David Howard's claim for expenses for the Tollemache which had been for a higher amount than it should have been. He had returned some of this. The Committee agreed not to ask for any more to be returned as Mr. Howard was unaware of the guidelines laid down at the last Committee meeting.
	<u>Membership Drive.</u> It was decided to leave it to the next Committee to appoint a person or persons to be responsible for organising the membership drive being held in September.
	<u>Honours Boards.</u> Mr. Haslam said that he had not received the lists of past winners of County events from Mrs. Ali Khan, so he had been unable to proceed with the completion of the boards.
<u>Secretary's report.</u>	<u>Psyches.</u> A letter was produced showing a psyche that had been made at a Western Morning News match. The Committee discussed the question of playing matches in separate rooms, but it was decided that it was not possible to make a rule insisting upon this. Mr. Pain explained briefly the difference between green, amber and red psyches.
	<u>Master Points.</u> The Secretary said that the Master Points system was being modified to avoid confusion of all the various scales of points at present in operation.
	<u>One Day Event.</u> Mr. Haslam said that it had been agreed by the E.B.U. to hold a one day Green Point event in the County on June 2nd 1985. The venue had to be decided and it was generally agreed by the Committee that Exeter would be the most central. Mr. Ray agreed to make enquiries about the Great Hall at the University.
	<u>Bridge Week in September.</u> Posters will be distributed to the Sections who were asked to give them as much prominence as possible throughout their section.
	Ian Popplestone had written a letter of apology to the County for not turning up to play in the Tollemache. He had unfortunately confused the weekends.
<u>Tollemache.</u>	Mr. Ray said that this year's Tollemache had been a very different matter than previous ones held at Bristol. At Birmingham, our team had been drawn into the most difficult group of Counties and even if the team had played well it would have been doubtful if Devon would have achieved a good result. As it was the team had not played well and he felt that there was not enough dedication on the part of some members of the team. It had been a salutary lesson for the team however, and they were determined that a

	Better effort would be made next year.
<u>Results.</u>	It was decided that in future the Tournament Director would send results of competitions direct to Mr. Haslam who would then distribute copies to all interested parties.
<u>Subscriptions.</u>	Mrs. Lamb asked that Section Treasurers should add the members' addresses to their lists of members when sending their subscriptions to her. When possible, changes of address should also be sent to her.
<u>Insurance.</u>	In future all trophies in the County are to be insured on one County policy. Section Secretaries were asked to notify the Treasurer of all County trophies in their Section.
<u>North Devon weekend.</u>	Mr. Cowper said that he had spoken to various members of the Committee about holding another North Devon weekend in September. They had thought it a good idea. Mr. Hammett had found a sponsor, the Western Counties Building Society, who were willing to donate a trophy worth £50 and £75 for this year, as long as we were prepared to guarantee that the event would run for at least three years. They could not promise that the £75 would be forthcoming after the first year. As the sponsors had wanted an immediate answer, Mr. Cowper had agreed. The Committee approved. The date agreed was 29th & 30th September, 1984.
<u>Trainee Director.</u>	The nomination of Mr. Peter Ashcroft as a Trainee Director was confirmed.
<u>County League.</u>	It was suggested that in order to try and improve the standard of bridge in the County an annual inter County League might be organised. Mr. Haslam agreed to speak to other County Secretaries in the area. It was also suggested that a League be held incorporating teams from all over Devon to play matches by mutual arrangement within certain dates.
	There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.45p.m.

Phyllis H. Jones

Chairman.

May 8th. 1984

Present. Mrs. P. M. Jones (Chairman)
 Mr. C. Haslam (Hon. Secretary)
 Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)
 Mrs. Slee, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Hammett, Mr. Ray,
 Mr. Slee.

Apologies. Mrs. Ali Khan, Mrs. Burland, Mrs. Haydon, Mrs. Stevens,
 Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Pain, Mr. Woolcott.

Minutes. The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and
 signed.

Matters arising One Day Green Point Event 1985.
 Mr. Ray had made enquiries at Exeter University, but it
 was not found to be suitable. He agreed to make enquiries
 at the Rougement and Imperial Hotels in Exeter. Mrs. Lamb
 said that she would also make enquiries at the Novomotel
 in Plymouth.

Insurance.
 Mrs. Lamb said that she had been given a list of all the
 cups in the County, and she would like to be informed if
 any new ones were purchased.

Inter-County League
 Mr. Haslam had not had a lot of response from neighbouring
 counties with regard to setting up an inter-county league,
 but a provisional date had been agreed in September for a
 match between Devon, Cornwall and Somerset.

Devon County League.
 Further discussion took place about the formation of a
 league for teams of possible Tollemache standard. It was
 decided that Mr. Ray should select six captains who would
 form their own teams. Matches should be played on fixed
 dates, preferably at one venue, although it was realised
 that this would be probably not always suitable, i.e. when
 two teams from one area were playing each other, they would
 not want to travel somewhere else to play. A Tuesday
 was thought to be the best day of the week.

Secretary's report. The Secretary said that he had no report to make. Mr. Slee
 asked if the Rules and Ethics Committee had met since the
 Torquay Congress. Mr. Haslam said that they had had
 meetings but that they did not keep him informed of the
 results of these meetings.

Treasurer's report. The Treasurer said that the insurance premiums were being
 worked out for the Cups. She also said that the Books
 had been sent to the Accountants.

Tables.
 The Treasurer said that a lot of tables in the County were
 in need of refurbishing. The Committee felt that if
 tables were to be recovered, a good quality baize should be
 used. It was also suggested that they should be marked
 and numbered. The Committee asked Mrs. Lamb to obtain an
 estimate.

Computer.
 Mr. Pain had been making enquiries about computers. He
 thought the best one for the County would be the BBC Model
 B disc operating system, which can be used in parallel with
 the E.B.U. computer. The cost he estimated would be about
 £2,100. The Committee discussed this and agreed with the
 idea in principal. They decided to wait until the
 accounts were completed to see how much money was available.

Typewriter.
 Mrs. Slee asked if the Committee would consider buying a
 typewriter for her use as Minutes Secretary and Tournament
 Secretary. Mr. Haslam said he would make enquiries in his
 firm.

Director's fees. Mrs. Lamb said that she had received a complaint from Mr. Parker about the reimbursement he received for running the Ranked Pairs at Torquay. It has always been the E.B.U.'s policy to upgrade a director to the next grade if he was in sole charge of an event. He had been paid £13 plus £2 travelling expenses. The Committee discussed this and felt that the payment was ample for that event which consisted of only nine tables. It was agreed that for a Director in charge of one of the major County events he should be paid one grade higher, but not for the smaller events. A figure of 8p per mile was agreed for travelling expenses if by car. If by motor bike the actual petrol used should be paid.

Congress Accounts. Mr. Haslam said he had no definite figures of the profit made on the Congress, but that he estimated it at between £500 and £750. Mrs. Lamb thought it was rather less than that.

Winter Programme. Mr. Fain had asked that the programme should be drawn up earlier than the usual time of late July. The Committee agreed, and a meeting was fixed for June 19th to arrange the winter programme.

Annual General Meeting. The Date for the A.G.M. was decided for Saturday June 30th at 6p.m. with pairs bridge afterwards. All the Officers were prepared to stand for re-election.

National Bridge Week It was decided that the major clubs should hold open days during the week with the offer of some free tuition to anyone who was interested to follow. Mr. Haslam said he wished to be kept informed of dates of events being held during that week by the various Sections.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.15p.m.


Chairman

<u>Present</u>	R.I.Ray (Chairman) C.R.Haslam (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. Slee, Mrs. Ali Khan, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Haydon, Messrs. Pain, Woolcott, Cooper, Hammett, Russell.
<u>Apologies</u>	Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Irwin, Mrs. Burland, Mrs. Stevens, D. McFarlane.
<u>Section Members</u>	The following are the representatives from the four Sections:- <u>East.</u> J. Woolcott, Mrs. M. Stevens, D. McFarlane and one other. <u>West.</u> Mrs. M. Lamb, Mrs. U. Haydon, J. Pain, B. Russell. <u>South.</u> Mrs. Ali Khan, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Slee, C. Haslam. <u>North.</u> Mrs. Irwin, Mrs. Burland, W. Cowper, T. Hammett. The Chairman proposed that in the interests of the Committee Mr. K. Slee should be co-opted on to the Committee. Mr. Pain seconded this and the motion was carried unanimously.
<u>Minutes</u>	The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.
<u>Matters arising</u>	<u>Tables.</u> Mrs. Lamb has not yet obtained an estimate for renovating the tables. <u>Typewriter.</u> Mr. Haslam said that his firm had a second-hand Silver-Reed electric typewriter in stock for which the price was £125 + VAT. The Committee discussed this and decided that as a very inferior portable non-electric model would cost £80 or £90, this was obviously a good buy. It was agreed that Mrs. Slee should try it out. <u>Inter-County Match.</u> Mr. Haslam reported that Dorset & Wilts did not seem very interested in playing a match against Devon, but he felt they might be prepared to if the Devon team travelled to Dorset for the first match. He said he would approach them with this proposal.
<u>Secretary's report</u>	Mr. Haslam said that the new EBU magazine, English Bridge, would be published this August, and thereafter in November, January, March, May, July, September, and November. He also reported that there was a distinct possibility of Devon being given the chance of staging the Camrose match between England and N. Ireland if we were prepared to change the date of the Torquay Congress in 1986 to March 15th & 16th and hold the Camrose match during the Congress at the Palace Hotel. The Committee voted against holding both events simultaneously, but voted to apply to hold the Camrose match in Devon on the 15th & 16th of March whilst leaving the Congress on the following weekend, even though this meant less likelihood of Devon getting the Camrose match. A possible venue was the Imperial Hotel in Exeter. The EBU were pleased that the number of Devon members had risen by about 8 or 9% during the past year.
<u>Programme</u>	The proofs of the Winter Programme were perused by the Committee and final adjustments made.
<u>Inter area League</u>	It was agreed that Mr. Ray should approach the following with a view to forming a team to play in a County League:- Mr. K. Slee, Mr. M. Allen, Mr. A. Bridgman, Mr. J. Woolcott, K. Woods, K. Hands. If Mr. Allen was unable to enter a team, Mrs. J. Thomas should be asked.
<u>President's Pot</u>	Mr. Ray said that he intended to ask Mr. M. Allen & Mr. I. Popplestone to play in the President's Pot with one other pair, even though they do not play in many regular County events. The Committee agreed. Mrs. Slee proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Ray for his duties as Selector for carrying out a very difficult task so well. Seconded by Mrs. Ali Khan and carried.
<u>One Day Green Point Event</u>	Mr. Woolcott said that St. Georges Hall in Exeter would hold this event for £135, although this might go up a little by next year. Mrs. Sharp would be able to arrange for a caterer to do a buffet for £2.50 per head.

The Committee told Mr. Woolcott to go ahead and book it. Mr. Haslam to inform the EBU.

EBU Diaries

Mr. Haslam said that if 50 or more EBU diaries were ordered, the price for each was reduced to £1.80.
It was agreed that 50 should be ordered for the County.

National
Bridge Week

Mr. Haslam asked that the Sections write to him telling him what events they had planned for the week and on which nights they were to be held. Mrs. Jones suggested an Acol only night.

Seminar for
Directors

Mr. Haslam said that it was proposed to hold a one day seminar for Club Directors. Several members of the Committee said that they would be interested.

County of
Primary
allegiance

The Committee decided that if members had stated that Devon was not their County of first allegiance, they should not be allowed to enter for any competition which would qualify them to play for the County if they did well. i.e. they should not be allowed to enter the Western Morning News or the Devon pairs. Also these members should have no voting powers at County meetings.

Laws & Ethics
Committee

Mr. Haslam read out a statement from the Laws & Ethics Committee who had interviewed Mr. K. Kelmere and Mr. C. Kelmere at their meeting in London. The Committee had found them not guilty of cheating. He also read a letter from Mr. Kelmere who said that he hoped this would be the end of the matter.
The Committee accepted the report of the Laws and Ethics Committee.

Computer

Mr. Pain circulated photocopied details of the Computer he proposed to purchase. It was decided that he should get it and that each Section should pay part of the cost in proportion to their means and that the County should pay the rest. The following amounts were suggested:-
West - £443
North - £39
South - £268
East - £73
The County main account to pay £1175 thus making the total of £1998.

Gold Cup

Mr. Haslam said that there was a possibility of having a heat of the Gold Cup in Plymouth in 1985, and asked the Committee's views on this. The Committee were interested and thought it might be possible that more local teams would be encouraged to play.

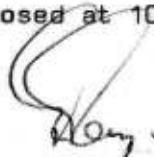
'B' Director

Mr. Pain was pleased to report that Mr. David Sharp has now been made a 'B' Director.

Dates for
Meetings.

September 4th 1984
December 4th 1984
February 12th 1985
May 14th 1985
June 18th 1985 (Programme meeting)
all at 7.30p.m.
AGM June 29th 1985 at 6p.m.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.35p.m.



Chairman

<u>Present</u>	R.I.Ray (Chairman) C.R.Haslam (Hon. Secretary) Mrs.M.Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs.G.Ali Khan, Mrs.P.Jones, Mrs.U.Haydon, Mrs.K.Slee, W.Cowper, T.Hammett, J.Pain, D.McFarlane, K.Slee. <i>Mr Russell</i>
<u>Apologies</u>	Mrs.R.Stevens, Mrs.Burland, Mrs.Irwin, J.Woolcott.
<u>Minutes</u>	The minutes having been circulated before the meeting were confirmed and signed.
<u>Matters Arising</u>	<u>Inter-County Match.</u> Mr.Haslam said that he had not had any reply from Dorset and Wilts with regard to holding a match against Devon and it did not seem as though they were interested. He said he would try again. <u>Typewriter.</u> Mr.Haslam said that the price of £125 + VAT quoted in the previous minutes had been incorrectly quoted and the correct price should have been £95 + V.A.T. Mrs. Slee said that she had tried the typewriter and found it very satisfactory. Mrs. Lamb said that she thought it was too expensive for the amount it would get used. It was proposed by Mrs.Jones and seconded by Mr.Cowper that a cheaper one should be obtained. The motion was defeated by one vote. It was therefore decided that the typewriter should be kept on the understanding that it would be available for use at the Torquay Congress. <u>One Day Green Point Event.</u> Mr. McFarlane said that catering had been arranged, but that the buffet would consist of items individually priced and not a plate at £2.50 as originally stated. <u>E.B.U. Bye-Laws.</u> Mr.Slee asked if there was a copy of these laws available. Mr.Haslam said he would find a copy.
<u>Bridge System</u>	Mr. Pain told the Committee that Mr.Kelmefe had been refused a licence for his system on the grounds of insufficient bridge merit.
<u>Secretary's report</u>	Mr.Haslam had little to report. He asked that anyone who had any interesting news for English Bridge about bridge in the County should let him know.
<u>Treasurer's report</u>	Mrs.Lamb said that the computer had now been purchased. Some parts had not yet arrived but were due shortly. Mr.Pain had brought the computer to the meeting to demonstrate it. She reported that she had been so far unable to find any baize of sufficiently good quality for recovering the tables. Mr.Hammett said that he knew of a source, and he was asked to get a quotation for it both by the metre and by the bolt.
<u>Selection report</u>	Mr.Ray said that Mike Allen was unable to play in the President's Pot and he had therefore selected Ken Woods and Peter Bowles to go with Ann and Kevin Slee. <u>County League.</u> Mr.Ray said that the following six captains had agreed to form teams:- A.Bridgman, J.Woolcott, K.Woods, K.Slee, K.Hands and Mrs.J.Thomas. The dates for the matches would be as follows:- 30th October, 27th November, 29th January, 19th February, 19th March. He stressed once again that he would like extra pairs brought in to the teams and that players would be judged by their performance as pairs, not as teams. <u>French exchange.</u> Mr. Ray said that the French were very interested in restarting the visits that had been held in the past. He felt that the players who took part in this should not necessarily be our top players, but those who wanted an enjoyable weekend in France and who were prepared to give hospitality in return.
<u>Tournament Director</u>	Mr. Pain reported that Mr.S.Parker had now been made a 'B' Director, and asked if the County was willing to sponsor Mr.Parker for a seminar at Birmingham for £14. The Committee agreed.
<u>Honorary Secretary</u>	Mr.Haslam informed the Committee that he would not be standing for re-election at the next AGM. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.30p.m.

Present
R.I.Ray (Chairman)
C.R.Haslam (Hon. Secretary)
Mrs.M.Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)
Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. P. Jones, Mrs. R. Stevens, Mrs. H. Haydon,
Mrs. K. Slee, W. Cowper, T. Hammett, K. Slee, J. Woolcott, B. Russell,

Apologies
J. Pain, A. Glaskin.

Minutes
The minutes having been circulated before the meeting were confirmed and signed.

Matters
arising
There were no matters arising.

Secretary's
report
The Secretary had received a letter from Mr. Pain bringing several matters to his attention.

1. That reminders had been sent about EBU subscriptions to individual members rather than to the County Treasurer. In some cases these members had already paid, and in others they had resigned from the EBU some time ago. The Committee asked Mr. Haslam to make every effort to get the EBU to send the list of unpaid subscriptions to the County Treasurer.

2. Plymouth Congress. Two letters of complaint about the catering at the Moorlands Link Hotel had been sent by members direct to the hotel, as a result of which the hotel were no longer prepared to hold the congress there, although they were still happy to hold one day events. The Committee felt very strongly that complaints should have been made in the first instance to the Congress Committee. Luckily the Congress Committee have been able to find another venue for 1985 at the Novomotel from 1st to 3rd November.

3. Mr. Pain gave notice that he wished to resign as Chief Tournament Director at the end of the season due to increased commitments at work and also because he would like to play more competitive bridge himself. In particular, he wished to be relieved from responsibility for the one day competitions. Mr. Woolcott said that he would be greatly missed and that he should be thanked for all the effort and hard work he has put in to the job. The Committee wholeheartedly agreed.

National Bridge Week The feeling of the Committee was that the week had been a complete disaster in spite of a tremendous amount of effort put into it by the various Sections, and the Secretary was asked to pass their views on to the EBU. The Secretary said that the feeling was fairly general throughout the country.

Newton Abbot Bridge Club The Secretary had received a letter from the Secretary of this Club asking if they could become affiliated to the EBU. The Chairman of the Southern Section, Mr. Slee, to contact them.

Ivybridge Swiss Teams An application had been received from Ivybridge to hold an open Swiss Teams on June 23rd 1985. The Committee agreed.

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Treasurer's
report
The Treasurer passed round a sample of the baize she had purchased to refurbish the County's tables. It was agreed that each Section should pay for the labour involved for doing the tables in their own Sections. The Treasurer said that she was worried that day to day expenditure in the County was exceeding income. Mr. Cowper suggested that an estimate of expected expenditure and income should be made at the beginning of each year so that economies could be made if necessary. It was agreed that a Sub-Committee should be set up to do this. Mrs. Lamb, Mr. Woolcott and Mr. Cowper were elected to the Sub-Committee.

Selector's
report
Mr. Ray said that he had selected the following pairs for the Tollemache
M.Allen & I.Popplestone
P.Bowles & R.Parkins
K.Slee & Mrs.K.Slee
Mrs.S.Nichols & R.Blackmore
J.Woolcott & J.Griffiths
with K. Heads, J. P. Woodcock, J. P. Woodcock, J. P. Woodcock

Mr. Ray said that he had been disappointed in the response by teams to play in the special league. This was partly due to some members having other commitments on the dates arranged. It was agreed to continue on the dates agreed for this season with the possibility of further teams to be asked to play. It was also agreed to continue on the same lines next season, but for definite dates to be set aside in the calendar for next season, not all of them on the same day of the week.

Appeal

Mr. Slee presented an appeal from a team in the Southern Section League at which he had been directing. The Committee upheld the Director's decision.

Section Leagues

Mrs. Lamb asked if teams from other Sections were allowed to play in Section Leagues. The Committee confirmed that teams were allowed to enter any of the Leagues.

Dates Clash

Mr. Woolcott said that once again the Sullivan Powell Challenge (previously the Sobranie) clashed with the dates arranged for the Jack & Jill Final and the Mixed Teams in February. It was agreed that the possibility of changing the dates of these events to 9th & 10th March be looked into.

Director's
Yellow Book

Mr. Slee felt that the Sections should have a copy each of the Director's Yellow Book which went into the rules in much more detail. It was agreed that the Sections should purchase their own copies.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.



Chairman

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Mr. Noel
Vincent

A letter had been received from Mr. Noel Vincent saying that he and his wife were not intending to play any more duplicate bridge. The Committee asked the Chairman to write to Mr. Vincent thanking them for all the hard work he had put into the County and for all he had put into bridge for very many years.

<u>Present</u>	R.I.Ray (Chairman) C.R.Haslam (Hon. Secretary) Mrs.M.Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs.G.Ali Khan, Mrs.P.Jones, Mrs.U.Haydon, Mrs.K.Slee, J.Pain, W.Cowper, T.Hammett, J.Woolcott, B.Russell, K.Slee.
<u>Apologies</u>	Mrs.R.Stevens, Mrs.P.Burland, Mrs.Irwin, A.Glaskin, D.McFarlane.
<u>Minutes</u>	The minutes of the last meeting having been circulated before the meeting were confirmed and signed.
<u>Matters arising</u>	<p><u>Dates Clash</u> Mr. Woolcott said that he had had several complaints about the change of dates for the Jack & Jill final and Mixed Teams owing to the clash with the Sullivan Powell Challenge. The Committee deprecated the fact that the date for the latter was arranged after the original calendar was drawn up.</p> <p><u>Jack & Jill Final & Mixed Teams</u> John Pain said that there was difficulty in obtaining a director for these events. It was agreed to see if Mr. Parker was available, and if not Mr. & Mrs. Slee agreed to direct and play.</p> <p><u>Treasurer's Sub-Committee</u> Mrs. Lamb said that this Committee had not yet met but were hoping to do so in the near future. It was hoped that some saving would be made by reducing outgoings rather than increasing subscriptions or entry money.</p>
<u>EBU subs</u>	Mr. Haslam reported that the EBU's policy now is to write to the County Treasurers of Membership Secretaries with a list of non paid-up members for their comments before contacting these people direct. Mr. Slee asked how the County could be sure that members playing in our County main events actually called Devon their county of first allegiance. Mrs. Lamb said that normally if they paid their EBU subscription through our county then Devon was their county of first allegiance. Mrs. Slee agreed to send the Treasurer lists of entrants for the Western Morning News Cup and the Devon Pairs so that she could confirm the county of first allegiance of these players.
<u>Bridge Teaching</u>	Mr. Woolcott had been approached by a Mrs. Palk of Crediton who wished the County to recommend her for a course with Rhoda Lederer with a view to teaching bridge. The Committee heard that this was a player with no Master Points who was very inexperienced and they did not feel that at this stage she was a suitable person to recommend.
<u>Mr. Noel Vinson</u>	The Chairman read out a letter from Mr. Vinson thanking the Committee for their good wishes and wishing the County all the best in the future.
<u>Secretary's report</u>	The Secretary reported that the EBU were hoping to make awards for services to bridge and it was agreed that the Sections should put forward any possible names.
<u>Tournament Directors Seminars</u>	Mr. Pain said that it was proposed to hold Tournament Directors Seminars in the counties if there was sufficient demand. He said that these could take the form of either of two one day programmes or of a two day programme. Mr. Roy Higson would probably come to run the Seminar. It was agreed that the Sections should find out how many in their Sections would be interested in attending.
<u>Gold Cup 1985</u>	It has been arranged to hold a heat of the Gold Cup at the Novomotel in Plymouth on September 7th and 8th this year.
<u>Officers for 1985 - 86</u>	Mr. Pain wishes to stand down from the post of Chief Tournament Director although he is happy to continue as Vice-Chairman. It was agreed to ask Mr. David Sharp if he would consider taking on this post. Mr. Haslam is resigning as Honorary Secretary. Mrs. Slee agreed to stand for this post if no one else was anxious to stand forward.

- Programme for 1985-86 Mrs. Ali Khan agreed to continue the responsibility for getting out the programme for the next season.
- County Swiss Teams As the Swiss Teams championship had to be postponed because of the weather a new date for this was arranged for Sunday June 30th 1985 and it was decided to hold the AGM on the same day, starting at 1p.m. Mr. Woolcott said that it would not be possible to get the original venue of the Imperial Hotel, Exeter, for this date, so it was agreed that it should be held at the Torquay Bridge Club. Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. Jones were asked to purchase a trophy for this event.
- Smoking The EBU are introducing a new policy about smoking at their events. Either there will be two sections, one for smokers and one for non smokers, or where this is not possible smoking will be banned for the first hour and a half of the session. Counties are free to make their own policies. After some discussion, Mr. Slee proposed that smoking should be prohibited for the first hour and a half of each session in all County Finals and single events. The Sections should be free to make their own policy for qualifying rounds and their own Section events. It was agreed that this proposal should be put to the members at the AGM.
- Tollemache report Mr. Ray reported that although we did not do well this year he was a lot happier with the team spirit. We had started off quite well, but as always seems to happen in the last session the team did not perform so well. People were getting more practice this season with the introduction of the County League, and it was hoped that the team would be more successful next year.
- Victorial Park Club Mr. Woolcott reported that the Victoria Park Club was being rebuilt and asked whether there were any chances of obtaining a loan from the EBU to help with this. Mr. Haslam said that the EBU were changing their policy with regard to loans but told him to put in an application.
- One Day Event Mrs. Lamb asked what percentage of the profit the County would get from the one day Green point event to be held in June. Mr. Haslam said that it was 50% although if a loss was made the County would have to bear this.
- Mrs. Haydon The Committee were informed that this was the last meeting that Mrs. Ursula Haydon would be attending. A vote of thanks was given to her for all her work.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.25p.m.



Chairman

Present

R.I.Ray (Chairman)
C.R.Haslam (Hon. Secretary)
Mrs.M.Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)
Mrs.G.Ali Khan, Mrs.P.Burland, Mrs.P.Jones, Mrs.R.Stevens, Mrs.K.Slee
P.Ashcroft, W.Cowper, T.Hammett, A.Glaskin, K.Slee, P.Cresswell,
Dr.Stratton.

Apologies

J.Pain, J.Russell, J.Woolcott.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Matters

arising

It was decided that in future copies of the minutes would be sent to each member of the Committee rather than to Section secretaries.

Sub-Committee for finance. Mrs. Lamb said that the Sub-Committee had not managed to meet. Mr. Ray asked that this Sub-Committee get some positive ideas together before the next meeting about ways of saving expenditure so that the Committee can consider these at their next meeting.

Membership. Mr. Haslam reported that Mr.Woolcott consulted him as to whether a member whose primary allegiance was to Somerset should be allowed to play in the qualifying round for the Devon Pairs. She had already played in the qualifying round for the main Somerset Pairs. Mr.Haslam said that she could not play unless she played merely to make up a half table and not to be eligible to qualify. Mrs. Slee reported that Mr.Woolcott had also consulted her and that she also said this member could not play. However, the member concerned did play. It was agreed that this should not happen except to make up a half table and that the player should not be eligible to qualify. It was also reported that the Treasurer for the Eastern Section had joined Cornwall for the next season as the county of primary allegiance. He would not be attending County committee meetings. It was agreed that under these conditions he could not be allowed to continue as Treasurer of the Section.

Tournament Director Seminar. Mr. Haslam reported that this was being held over for the time being.

Swiss Teams Cup Mrs. Jones showed the Committee the cup which she had purchased for this event at the cost of £27. The Committee approved of it.

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer reported that most of the competitions had made a slight profit although we were showing a loss of £400 overall. £200 had been taken from the Torquay Congress and the rest from the Building Society. There had been a lot of capital expenditure this year which of course would not have to be repeated in future years. Baize for recovering tables had cost £173, typewriter £109, and in addition there had been the cost of the computer etc.

Expenses.

Mrs. Lamb asked what the County's policy was regarding the payment of expenses for players attending the Inter-Section teams of 8 and also for friendly matches, such as the match between the North and West Sections and Cornwall. The Chairman said that the whole question of autonomy of the Sections should be discussed and agreed first. It was proposed by Mrs. Slee and seconded by Mrs. Jones that in view of the county's aim to cut expenses that no expenses should be paid to players participating in friendly matches. An amendment by Mr. Hammett that the Sections should have financial autonomy in this matter was defeated. The original proposal was carried. It was proposed by Mr. Haslam and seconded by Mrs. Lamb that in the matter of the Inter-Section teams of 8 players could, at the discretion of their Section committee, claim either the actual cost of petrol of 2p per mile per person, whichever was the lesser. An amendment proposed by Mr. Cresswell and seconded by Mrs. Slee that no expenses should be paid for the Inter-Section teams of 8 was defeated.

The original proposal was carried.

A.G.M.

As the Chairman would be away at the time of the A.G.M. the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Pain would take the Chair.

Programme Meeting

Mr. Haslam requested that the Section Secretaries come prepared as far as possible with their dates and venues for events in their Section.

Southern League

Mr. Slee requested the Committee's guidance with regard to an occurrence in the Southern League. A member of a team fell ill at half time during a League match when his team was winning by 29 imp s. What score should be awarded to both the winning team and the losing team. Mrs. Lamb proposed and Mr. Hammett seconded that if a team in a winning position has to withdraw at half time they should lose the match 11 - 9. If a team in a losing position has to withdraw at half time then the other team should double the number of IMPs scored for their final result. If a match is abandoned before half time the match shall be deemed not to have been played. If a match is abandoned after half time the rule will apply as if the match has been abandoned at half time. This proposal was carried.

Bridge Award

Mr. Hammett asked the Secretary to put the name forward of Mr. Eric McVitie Clarke to the EBU for an award for services to bridge. He had done a great deal for bridge in North Devon and would shortly be emigrating to New Zealand.

Rules

Mr. Cowper suggested that it was time the County rules were checked and reprinted.

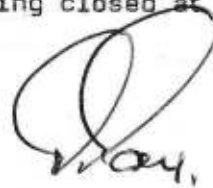
Cards

Mr. Slee said that it had been reported to him that at the Club Handicap Teams of 8 at Ivybridge the cards had been in a filthy state. Mrs. Lamb said that the Director had probably taken the wrong set of boards to the event but that this would not happen again.

Winter Programme

Mr. Ray asked that the dates for the County League teams should be put on the calendar for next season and that the dates should be possibly on different days of the week so that as many teams would be able to take part as possible. He would like one date set aside in October, November, January, February and March.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.35p.m.



Chairman.

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<u>Present</u>	<p>R.I.Ray (Chairman) Mrs. K.J.Slee (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. M.Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs. G.AliKhan, Mrs.P.Jones, Mrs.R.Stevens, Mrs.J.Swift, J.Pain, P.Ashcroft, W.Cowper, A.Glaskin, K.Slee, Dr.A.Stratton, J.Woolcott, C.Haslam.</p>
<u>Apologies</u>	<p>Mrs.P.Burland, B.Russell, T.Hammett.</p>
<u>Section Members</u>	<p><u>East.</u> Mrs. R.Stevens, Mrs.J.Swift, A.Glaskin, J.Woolcott.</p>
	<p><u>South.</u> Mrs.G.Ali Khan, Mrs. P.Jones, Mr.& Mrs. K.J.Slee.</p>
	<p><u>West.</u> Mrs.M.Lamb, J.Pain, B.Russell, Dr.A.Stratton.</p>
	<p><u>North.</u> P.Ashcroft, W.Cowper, T.Hammett, Mrs.P.Burland.</p>
<u>Minutes</u>	<p>The minutes of the last meeting, having previously been circulated, were taken as read.</p>
<u>Matters arising</u>	<p>Mr. Woolcott had been disturbed to find that his previous Treasurer had heard about the decision of the Committee at the last meeting before he had had the chance to speak to him. It was reiterated that the deliberations of the Committee are confidential, and should not be discussed outside the Committee.</p>
<u>Award for Services to Bridge</u>	<p>Mrs. Slee read a letter from Mr. McVitie Clarke thanking the Committee very much for putting his name forward for this award. It was agreed that the name of Mr. Noel Vinson should also be put forward.</p>
<u>Secretary's report.</u>	<p>The Secretary said that it was her very pleasant duty to make a presentation to the retiring Secretary, Mr. Charles Haslam, for which purpose he had kindly agreed to attend this meeting. She said that having been Secretary for only a short time she was already realising just how much hard work Mr. Haslam had done for the County during his many years of office.</p> <p>The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Roland Bolton who was organising an appeal for the Ann Staveley memorial fund. The Committee agreed to send £5 for this fund.</p> <p>The EBU had asked Devon if they would wish to be considered for holding a One Day Pairs event on 26th September 1986. Unfortunately this clashed with the North Devon weekend, so the Secretary was instructed to decline, but to say that Devon would like to be considered for a One Day Pairs event in 1987.</p> <p>The Secretary reported that the EBU had approached her with a view to organising a celebration on April 3rd 1986 for Mrs. Julia Chadwick, who would be 100 years old on that day. Mr. Patrick Jourdain had said that he would arrange all the publicity etc., and the EBU were willing to help with expenses. Mrs. Slee said that she would try and get more details of what was proposed to put before the next meeting, when it might be necessary to appoint a small sub-committee to work out the arrangements.</p>
<u>Treasurer's report.</u>	<p>The Treasurer reported that this year so far we have 509 paid-up members.</p> <p>She said that she had been approached by a member for a copy of the list of DCCBA members who wished to use this list for commercial bridge reasons, and she asked how the Committee reacted to this application. John Woolcott proposed that we offer to post the envelopes for this member if he provides the envelopes sealed with the contents and stamped, for a fee of 5p per envelope. Seconded by Mrs. Slee. Carried. It was felt by the Committee that by doing it this way lists could not be sold to any commercial enterprise for advertising purposes. The contents of the envelopes must be purely in the interests of bridge and subject to the approval of the Secretary or Treasurer.</p> <p>The Treasurer reported that the Treasurer's sub-committee found it impossible to get together. In the meantime, Mr. Cowper had produced a paper which he circulated to Committee members. As they had not had a chance to read this paper before the meeting, it was agreed that the</p>

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members of the Committee should peruse it before the next meeting, when a full discussion would take place.

Mrs. Lamb also expressed concern that against the advice of the Auditors the North Section had their money in a deposit account at the bank. It was agreed by Mr. Cowper that this money should be placed in a Building Society account.

Selector's
report.

Mr. Ray reported that in accordance with policy he had selected a team for the Walton Cup of players who were approaching Tollemache standard and who had supported his County League Teams last season. The team selected were:- Mrs. J. Thomas & Mr. T. Waldock

Mr. & Mrs. L.C.Bell.

He had to report that they did not do very well, but he felt that it was very good practice.

For the President's Pot the two pairs selected are:-

Mr.I.Popplestone & M.Allen

R.Blackmore & P.Bowles.

Mr. D. Sharp had been unable to play, and Mr. P.Bowles had been selected in his place.

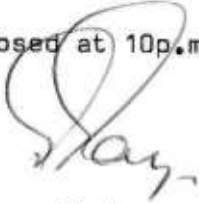
Scrambled
Mitchells

A proposal from Mrs. K. Menhinick that Scrambled Mitchells should be abolished in County qualifying rounds had been received too late to discuss at the AGM, but it was agreed at the AGM that it would be discussed at the next Committee meeting. This was discussed at some length, Mr. Glaskin producing written evidence with mathematical proof that Scrambled Mitchells were the fairest way of deciding qualifiers (written by a mathematician who was also a bridge player). It was proposed by Mr. Ray and seconded by Mrs. Stevens that Scrambled Mitchell movements should be continued to be played in qualifying rounds. Carried.

Prizes

Mr. Slee asked that there be a regular policy for the amount of prize money given at County events. Mrs. Lamb replied that there is already a policy for this, a fixed percentage of the entry fee being awarded.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10p.m.


Chairman

Present

R.I. Ray (Chairman)
Mrs. K.J. Slee (Hon. Secretary)
Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)
Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. P. Jones, Mrs. J. Swift, J. Pain, J. Woolcott,
P. Ashcroft, W. Cowper, A. Glaskin, K. Slee, Dr. A. Stratton,
B. Russell, D. Greenaway.

Apologies

Mrs. R. Stevens.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Greenaway to the Committee in place of Mr. T. Hammett.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting, having previously been circulated, were taken as read and were signed.

Matters

arising

Mr. N. Vinson. The Secretary said that she had written to the EBU proposing Mr. Vinson for a Dimmie Fleming award and was awaiting their decision.

Ann Staveley Memorial Fund. The Secretary said that she had received a letter of thanks for the County's donation to this fund. A trophy was to be purchased to award to the winners of the Masters and Star Masters event. The sum left over was to be given to the Imperial Cancer Research fund.

Mrs. Chadwick. Mrs. Slee said that she had brought the Torquay Bridge Club committee into this, and that at present negotiations were going on with the Grand Hotel in Torquay with a view to holding the celebration there. It was still not clear how far the EBU were intending to cooperate financially. Mrs. Ali Khan said that Mr. Haslam was going to a Director's meeting at the EBU on the following day, and he would try to obtain more details.

Secretary's
report.

The Secretary reported that in view of the EBU's proposed increased expenditure in the next few years, both for the acquisition of new premises and for the European Championships in 1987, the membership fees would be increased by £1 next year and probably a further £1 the following year. Club affiliation fees would remain unchanged. Direct membership fees would be increased by £2 next year.

Ian Popplestone and David McCarthy had been selected to play in the trials for the Junior Camrose.

Max Bavin is to take over as Chief Tournament Director after the 1985/86 playing season.

The new master points system had now been completed and would be effective from July 1986.

Oracle, on Channel 4 television, now publish a bridge page with forthcoming events, a bridge problem and a competition. Counties may put any news on it for no charge.

The Secretary proposed that Mr. Charles Haslam be appointed as an ex-officio member of the Committee. He is a Director of the EBU and as such needs to know what is going on in the County. He would also be available to go to EBU council meetings if neither of the two delegates were able to attend. The Committee voted unanimously that he be co-opted to the Committee.

The Secretary reported that it was proposed to hold the 1987 EBU Summer meeting at the Conference Centre at Torquay, as the European Championships would be held in Brighton that year. It was pointed out that the Conference Centre might not be completed in time for this event.

Mr. John Beard had applied for permission to hold various bridge weekends in the County during the next season. The Committee granted this.

The Secretary reminded Sections that minutes of their meetings should be sent to her.

Treasurer's
report

The Treasurer said that she was very pleased how well the subscriptions had come in this year. Only 23 who paid last year haven't paid this year. She had purchased some new playing cards and also some stationery.

The Treasurer said that she had contacted the member who wished to have a copy of a list of members and told him of the Committee's decision on the matter, and he did not want to go ahead with this. She expressed concern that the Treasurer for the North Devon section did not come to County Committee meetings. Mr. Cowper said he would make the feelings of the Committee known to her. She also expressed concern that cheques from the North Devon Section were still coming through from a private account and not from the bona fide Section account. Mr. Cowper to discuss this also with her.

Finance

The Committee discussed the paper which Mr. Cowper had produced and which had previously been circulated. Mr. Slee pointed out that under the heading 'Income', neither the Torquay Congress, the Plymouth Congress nor the North Devon congress were taken into account - all of which could be called upon to contribute to funds if needed. It was agreed that at present the finances were fairly healthy.

Selector's report

Mr. Ray reported that Mike Allen and Ian Popplestone were unavailable to play in the Tollemache this year. He had selected the following team:-

Mr. & Mrs. K.J.Slee
P. Bowles & R. Blackmore
J. Woolcott & J.J. Griffiths
R.I.Ray & D. Sharp
Mr. & Mrs. L.C.Bell
Mrs. J. Woolcott.

He said that several of these players were able to play with different partners and that he would not necessarily play them in the combinations given above. He felt that the team would go with more of a sense of team spirit than in recent years. The team was going to get together before the Tollemache for a briefing.

European Championships

Mrs. Slee said that the European Championships were to be held at Brighton in August 1987, and that an appeal fund had been launched to assist in relieving the considerable financial burden to the EBU. It was hoped that counties would hold events in aid of this fund. The Committee agreed to hold a Simultaneous Pairs event next season at clubs throughout Devon. Mrs. Slee was instructed to ask the EBU if a higher rate of Master Points could be issued to encourage more players to take part.

Bridge exchange with Calvados

Mr. Ray said that he had been in touch with the bridge players from Calvados with a view to exchanging visits. They had suggested the weekend of June 28th for the first visit. The Committee agreed to this in principle and left it to Mr. Ray to organise.

Honiton Bridge Club

Mr. Woolcott said that Mr. Hutchinson had been in touch with him with a view to holding a regular district night at the club open to DCCBA members. The Committee asked the Secretary to find out from the EBU whether clubs were able to do this in order to give extra Master points. Mrs. Lamb said that a Club in the Plymouth area already held a regular restricted event and an inter-club league, at both of which extra points were given. Mrs. Slee agreed to raise all this with the EBU.

Bridge Week

Mrs. Jones asked that the final figures for the EBU Bridge week be made available.

Incident at Torquay Bridge Club Congress

Mrs. Lamb brought to the Committee's attention the fact that one of the members of the West Section had walked out during the Swiss Teams Competition. Luckily Mrs. Mary Bell had kindly offered to take her place and so the competition was not affected. Mrs. Slee agreed to speak to the Tournament Director involved to see whether he wished to put in a report, as it was felt that if he did not, it was not really up to the County Committee to take action.
There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.35p.m.