

Present

R.I.Ray (Chairman)
Mrs. K.J.Slee (Hon. Secretary)
Mrs. M.Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)
Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. P. Jones, Mrs. R. Stevens, Mrs. J. Swift,
P. Ashcroft, D. Greenaway, Dr. A.Stratton, J.Richards, C.R.Haslam,
B.Russell, K.J.Slee.

Apologies

A.Glaskin, J.Pain, W.Cowper.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read.

Matters

arising.

Award for Services to Bridge(Dimmie Fleming award). Mrs. Slee was pleased to inform the Committee that Mr. Noel Vinson had been awarded this accolade by the EBU and had been presented with it at the January EBU Council meeting. She read a letter from Mr. Vinson thanking the Committee for putting his name forward.
European Championships. The Secretary said that the EBU could not award any more than the usual scale of points for a possible Simultaneous Pairs event held in aid of this. It was suggested that Devon get together with Cornwall, Somerset and Dorset & Wilts. for a combined Simultaneous Pairs event in aid of the Championships. Mrs. Lamb promised to contact these counties to see if they would be interested.

Bridge Week figures. Mrs. Slee regretted that she had been unable to get hold of any figures for the Bridge Week held in September 1984.

Secretary's report

The Secretary reported that Mr. Arthur Brown had contacted her with a view to holding a Devon v Cornwall match of Tollemache players on the weekend between the Plymouth Congress and the Torquay Grand Hotel Congress. The Committee agreed with this in principal, but the date suggested was the date of the EBU Autumn Congress, to which several of Devon's probable Tollemache team went. It was therefore agreed that Mrs. Slee should write to Mr. Brown and suggest that this match take place sometime during the summer when the bridge calendar was not so full.

Honiton Bridge Club. The Secretary had received a reply from the EBU about Honiton's request to hold a District night once a month. As the whole question of how many districts we should be allowed after the new Master Points handbook comes out in July was doubtful, and as it seems that as a County we are already holding as many District nights as we shall be allowed, the Committee turned down the proposal. The Secretary said that the EBU Master Points Secretary wished to be informed of all the County districts now operating in Devon who issue Master Points at district level. She asked that all Sections send a complete list of players and results in qualifying rounds for County events, preferably a photocopy of the actual results sheet. This would make her job a lot easier when ties have to be split or reserves have to be brought in.

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer reported that we now have 700 paid-up members. Our present building society balance is £3281. She requested the Committee's permission to purchase a trolley for the County's computer, which at present resides on her dining room table. She said that a reasonable one could be obtained for about £100. The Committee gave their consent for her to get one.

Torquay Congress. Mrs. Lamb said that the Swiss Pairs competition was now full, and that 300 entries had been received so far. She asked that the North Section when sending out points for their congresses send them to each Section secretary rather than to individuals.

The Treasurer was still very concerned that cheques were still being written on private accounts from the North Section. Mr. Ashcroft said that they would look into this again. ~~Mrs. Garland is no longer their treasurer.~~

Report from
EBU Council
meeting

Mr. Haslam said that it looks as though the new EBU headquarters would be in Aylesbury, which is about ten miles from Thame. Property there is very much cheaper than in Thame. A new Director's Guide (yellow book) is being prepared. It was felt that each section should have a copy when it is available.

Selector's
report

Mr. Ray said that the Tollemache team played well and with a great sense of team spirit. Devon had come third in their group and had been the only team to beat the winners of the group in their match. He said that it had been somewhat onerous to carry out the Captain's duties and also play himself, as there is a considerable amount of paperwork to be done between matches. Bridge Exchange with Calvados. Mr. Ray said that the date for the French to come over in June was not convenient for them, and they had suggested that our team go over there in the first instance, possibly in September. Two possible weekends were available in September and Mr. Ray is to try and arrange a visit on one of these.

EBU Sub-
Committees

The Chairman had received a letter from the EBU with regard to recruiting some younger members to their sub-committees. He had been asked to look out for any members of the county who might be interested in putting themselves forward for election.

Appeals

Mr. Woolcott asked the Committee whether there might not be a case for collecting a fee for frivolous appeals in the county, as do the EBU. It was considered that most appeals made in the county were not frivolous ones, but if this did become a problem in the future then it could be considered.

Mrs. Chadwick's
birthday

It was still not clear what the EBU were prepared to contribute to Mrs. Chadwick's birthday celebrations, or exactly what form these should take. The Secretary said that her feeling was that the Torquay Bridge Club should hold the party, possibly with a small duplicate session followed by a reception to which other people would be welcome. She said that she was to have a meeting with John Williams and Patrick Jourdain about it the following weekend. After some discussion about a present for Mrs. Chadwick, Dr. Stratton suggested a trophy in her name. The Committee agreed that this was a good idea, and that the trophy should take the place of the present Devon Pairs Cup, being our premier pairs event, which would then become the Julia Chadwick trophy. Mrs. Slee said that she would ask John Williams how much they were prepared to contribute towards this.

Dimmie Fleming
award

Mrs. Jones proposed that Mrs. Ali Khan's name be put forward for this award. Mrs. Slee said that while Mrs. Ali Khan was an obvious candidate for the award she thought that it was really intended only for members no longer in active office. She agreed to enquire into this.

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

13/5/86.


Chairman.

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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, Mrs. B. Rennie,
Mrs. R. Stevens, J. Woolcott, D. Greenaway, P. Ashcroft, Dr. A. Stratton
A. Glaskin, K. Slee.

Apologies

J. Pain, C. Haslam.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read and were signed.

Matters arising

Match v Cornwall. The Secretary reported that she had written to Mr. Arthur Brown and he had suggested Sunday, August 24th, for the match. He had also suggested that the match be between both 'A' & 'B' teams of eight. The Committee agreed that this would be a good idea. It was made clear that players would go at their own expense. Plymouth Bridge Club was suggested as a venue, but Mrs. Lamb said that there might be difficulties in arranging such a match there on a Sunday. The Secretary said that she would contact the secretary of the Club, Mrs. Cross, to see if it could be arranged. If not, it was suggested that a venue just inside Cornwall might be able to be arranged by Mr. Brown.

Secretary's report

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. S. Parker saying that he had not been too happy with the handicapping at the Club Handicap Teams of 8. The Committee felt likewise, and Mr. Slee proposed that guidelines be set out for organisers of these events in the County. He proposed that when handicapping an event, 20% of the total points should be the spread in a pairs event, and 40% in a teams event. Seconded by Mr. J. Woolcott. Carried.

Mrs. Slee reported that the EBU had turned down Devon's request to hold a One Day Green Point event in 1987/88.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. John Pain and his wife thanking the Committee for their wedding present.

Requests from Mr. Russell to hold an open Swiss Pairs/Teams congress on 20th & 21st June 1987, and from Mr. J. Beard to hold a bridge week from 21st to 26th March 1987 were granted by the Committee.

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer reported that during the year ending 31st March 1986, we had broken even without having to take any money from the Torquay Congress account.

She was perturbed that Mr. Cowper had not closed his deposit account for the North Section when requested to do so, although this had now been done. She felt that because of this amount which would have to be declared to the Inland Revenue, she should also ascertain how many players not from Devon played in the last two or three Torquay Congresses in case the Inland Revenue wished to charge Corporation Tax.

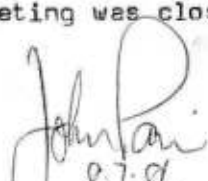
The Treasurer said that Dorset & Wilts and Somerset were willing to join with Devon in holding a Simultaneous Pairs event in aid of the European Championships. The Committee agreed a date of 25th September for the event. Mrs. Lamb agreed to organise the publicity. Mr. Pain had agreed to produce the hands.

Mrs. Lamb said that the cup awarded to the Men's teams of four was in very bad condition, and she suggested that the cup which had now been replaced by the Julia Chadwick trophy might be used for this event. The Committee agreed.

She asked the Secretary to find out the size of the Julia Chadwick Trophy so that it could be insured.

The Treasurer asked the Committee if they would consider purchasing

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	<p>accessories. She was asked to fine out the price of this for the next meeting.</p>
<u>North Devon accounts</u>	<p>The Chairman welcomed the new North Devon treasurer, Mrs. Rennie, to the Committee.</p> <p>Mrs. Lamb said that she was concerned at the brief way the accounts for North Devon for the past year had been presented. Mrs. Rennie said that there had been problems in the Section during the last year, but hopefully these were now sorted out, and she fully intended that North Devon would fall into line with the other Sections from now onward. She would welcome any help from Treasurers of the other Sections. The Chairman thought it would be a good idea for all the Treasurers to get together to sort things out.</p>
<u>Selector's report</u>	<p>Mr. Ray said that he did not intend to continue with the County League next season, as it was extremely difficult to fit the dates into the already crowded calendar, and many of the players who should be playing in it were unable to attend. He therefore felt that it served no great value.</p> <p>The team selected to play in the Pat Walton Cup at Bristol Bridge Club on May 25th is as follows:- Mr. & Mrs. J. Woolcott T. McDermott & J.J. Griffiths.</p> <p>He said that with regard to the French exchange visit, Calvados have invited a team from Britain to go over from September 26th - 29th. He said that 8 to 12 people could be accommodated and asked the Committee how he should set about deciding who should get the first opportunity to go. The Committee agreed that any members of the Committee who wished to go should receive the first option, and after that the clubs could be notified. Mr. Ray said that he needs to know the names of those who wished to go by the end of June.</p>
<u>Annual General Meeting</u>	<p>It was decided that the AGM would be held at Torquay Bridge Club on Sunday, June 29th, at 2.15 p.m. and that bridge would be played afterwards. All the officers agreed to stand for re-election. The Chairman retires according to DCCBA rules, and the Vice-Chairman, Mr. John Pain takes over the office. It is the turn of North Devon to produce the new Vice-Chairman, and the North Devon delegates selected Mr. David Greenaway to take this office.</p>
<u>Teacher's workshop</u>	<p>Mr. Glaskin said that Mrs. Pat Husband was holding a Bridge Teacher's workshop at Ivybridge on 21st June, and said that if anyone was interested in attending they should contact him.</p>
<u>Swiss Pairs weekend</u>	<p>Mr. Ashcroft said that North Devon would like to add a Friday evening session to their Swiss Pairs weekend, and asked the Committee's approval. They agreed to this.</p>
<u>East Devon</u>	<p>Mr. Slee suggested that as the other three Sections each had a weekend event which brought funds in to the Section concerned, East Devon should make the Jack & Jill & Mixed Teams weekend their own event. Otherwise they would find it very difficult to be self-supporting. There was some discussion about this, but no decision was reached.</p> <p>There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 10.10 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">  8.7.86 Chairman </p>

Present

Mr. J. Pain (Chairman)
Mrs. K.J. Slee (Hon. Secretary)
Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)
Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. P. Jones, Mrs. R. Stevens, Mrs. J. Swift,
Mrs. B. Rennie, C. Haslam, K. Hands, K. Slee (representing Mr. Woolcott)
P. Ashcroft, Dr. A. Stratton, J. Richards.

Apologies

Mrs. E. Wright, J. Woolcott, R. Ray, D. Greenaway.

Minutes

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

Matters arising

Match v Cornwall Mrs. Slee reported that the match versus Cornwall had been arranged for August 24th at Plymouth Bridge Club. Mr. Pain said that larger tables would be available for the match. Mr. Ray to be asked to select an A and a B team of eight for the event.

Section representatives

<u>South</u>	Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. P. Jones, Mr. C. Haslam, Mr. K. Hands
<u>West</u>	Mrs. M. Lamb, Mrs. E. Wright, Dr. A. Stratton, J. Richards
<u>East</u>	Mrs. J. Swift, Mrs. R. Stevens, Mrs. K. Slee, J. Woolcott
<u>North</u>	Mrs. B. Rennie, D. Greenaway, P. Ashcroft, ?

It was agreed to co-opt Mr. R.I. Ray to the Committee as the County Selector.

Secretary's report

The Secretary reported that the new Master Points handbook should now be in use and that if anyone had any problems with the understanding of it, they should ask either John Pain or herself. She was asked to obtain ten more handbooks for the County.

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer thanked the North Section for at last falling into line with the other Sections due to the efforts of Mrs. Rennie, their treasurer. She asked the Secretary to find out exactly what was paid for the Julia Chadwick Trophy, and said that a band would need to be purchased so that names of winners could be engraved on it. The Treasurer asked permission to purchase a new plinth and band for the Jack and Jill trophy. She said that new containers for boards would cost £3.60 each. The committee agreed that she should purchase these.

Mrs. Lamb requested that the West Section be allowed to donate some of the profits from the Plymouth Congress to charity. After much discussion Mr. Haslam proposed that the County approved the gift of £400 from West Section funds to charity. Seconded by Mrs. Rennie. Mrs. Jones proposed an amendment that £250 be given by the West Section to charity. Seconded by Mrs. R. Stevens. The amendment was defeated and a vote was taken on the original proposal. This also was defeated. It was decided that County policy of gifts to charity should be discussed at the next meeting.

Selector's report

Mr. Slee reported that Mr. McDermott had been unwell and his place in the Walton Cup had been taken by Mr. R. Blackmore (the team being Mr. & Mrs. J. Woolcott, J. Griffiths & R. Blackmore). They had come 6th out of 13.

Rules

Mrs. Slee said that the County rules needed updating. Some members of the Committee thought that some action had been taken two or three years ago and Mrs. Slee was requested to look up the old minutes. It was thought that no new reprints of the rules were made at that time. Mrs. Ali Khan proposed that a sub-committee be appointed consisting of Mrs. P. Jones, Mr. C. Haslam and Mr. K. Slee.

Competitions

There was some discussion about the best way to get more members to enter for county competitions. It was agreed that Mrs. Slee should send out a newsletter every two months or so to be put around at the various clubs for members to see.

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

Present J. Pain (Chairman)
 Mrs. K.J. Slee (Hon. Secretary)
 Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)
 Mrs. J. Swift, Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. P. Jones, Mrs. E. Wright, R.I. Ray,
 J. Woolcott, Dr. A. Stratton, P. Ashcroft, D. Greenaway, J. Richards.

Apologies Mrs. B. Rennie, Mrs. R. Stevens, K. Hands, C. Haslam.

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

Matters arising

Section Representatives. The North Section reported that their fourth representative on the County Committee was still undecided.

Master Point Handbooks. The Secretary said that she regrettably had only just ordered the 10 more handbooks, but that she should have them shortly.

Julia Chadwick Trophy. The Secretary gave Mrs. Lamb a copy of the EBU statement of the cost of this trophy. This was £250 + VAT, plus £10 for the engraving. The Committee instructed Mrs. Lamb to pay the EBU our share of this, which was £100, and to get a band attached to the plinth.

Rules. Mrs. Slee said that the rules had been amended in 1982 and the amendments had been put to the AGM of that year. Unfortunately, it seemed that these had never been printed, and the amendments had been mislaid. It was agreed that the sub-committee set up at the last meeting should go ahead with re-amending the rules.

Secretary's report. Mrs. Slee reported that she had received an application for permission to hold a Swiss Teams event from Mr. Cornish of Saltash Bridge Club on February 22nd, 1987. The Committee agreed to this, but as the actual venue for the event was to be in Cornwall, it was felt that Mr. Cornish should also ascertain that the event did not clash with any Cornwall event.

Treasurer's report

Mrs. Lamb reported that we have 585 paid up members with about 180 still outstanding. All the previously affiliated clubs had paid their fee, with the exception of Exeter University. The Treasurer made a plea that all holders of County trophies should have them engraved whilst in their possession. She said that some containers for boards had already been purchased and the rest would be purchased soon. She showed the Committee a leaflet advertising special containers for carrying the computer and its accessories, and requested that the County purchased three of these. This was put forward as a formal proposal by Mrs. Lamb, seconded by Mr. Richards, and carried. The Treasurer said that enough County programmes had not been printed and requested that Mrs. Slee have another 200 done. The Secretary said that next year the programme meeting should be earlier, so that the programmes and accompanying literature could be ready for circulation at an earlier date. The Treasurer said that our headed notepaper was out of date and that she had had a quotation for £12.50 for the first 100 sheets and £4 per 100 sheets thereafter. It was pointed out that the notepaper Mrs. Lamb had in front of her was not the most recent batch, and that new notepaper had been printed last year. Mrs. Slee said that she still had ample stocks of this notepaper and agreed to let anyone who needed supplies to have some.

Selector's report

Mr. Ray reported that we had had a very enjoyable match against Cornwall. Both our A and B teams had won, and he was very pleased that all the team which he selected had played.

President's Pot.

The following two pairs had been selected:- Mr. & Mrs. K. Slee and Mr. & Mrs. J. Woolcott.

Exchange Visit to France. Two of the original pairs had cancelled and there were now 4 pairs going plus Mr. & Mrs. Ray.

Mr. Pain requested that names of selected pairs and teams should be put on the County newsletters, so that Clubs could post these on their notice boards.

Gifts to
Charity

The policy of the County with regard to gifts to charity from County funds was discussed in some detail. Mr. Ashcroft felt strongly that gifts to charity should not be made directly from County funds. Mr. Woolcott supported this view. Mrs. Ali Khan suggested that the matter should be put before the AGM to vote upon. Mrs. Jones said that she felt that members would ask for subscriptions to be reduced rather than agree to this. After a lot more discussion, Mrs. Lamb proposed that no gifts to charity be made from County funds. Seconded by Mrs. Slee. Carried. It was agreed that the County might possibly hold a special charity event next season.

European
Championship
Fund

Mr. Pain reported that 27 clubs had so far entered for the Simultaneous Pairs event being held in aid of this fund, with an estimated 1300 players participating. This would mean that we would be able to contribute about £400 to the fund.

Torquay
Congress

Mr. Pain reported that it was likely that a new venue for the Spring Congress would have to be found after next year. He showed committee members a leaflet advertising the new Riviera Centre, which was a possible new venue. Unfortunately the cost there would be rather high, being £700 per day, but he had been offered the cut rate of three days for the price of two.

Western
Morning
News.

Mr. Richards said that there was now a new managing director of the Western Morning News, and he suggested that we write to them telling them of our Western Morning News competition and suggesting that perhaps they would like to help sponsor this event. Mrs. Slee agreed to write to the managing director.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.50p.m.

John Pain
Dec 2nd. Chairman.
1986

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J. Pain (Chairman)
Mrs. K.J. Slee (Hon. Secretary)
Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)
Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. J. Swift, Mrs. P. Jones, Mrs. E. Wright,
R.I. Ray, J. Richards, P. Ashcroft, Dr. A. Stratton, J. Woolcott,
D. Greenaway, C. Haslam, K. Hands.

Apologies

Mrs. R. Stevens, Mrs. B. Rennie, Mrs. B. Randall.

Minutes

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Matters

arising

Section Representatives. The Northern Section named Mrs. B. Randall as their fourth representative.

Rules. Mrs. Jones put forward several amendments to the rules. Mr. Woolcott proposed and Mrs. Slee seconded that the Section Secretaries should now take these back to their Sections for perusal and that the matter be brought up again at the next meeting. Carried.

Secretary's report

Mrs. Slee read a letter from the Chief Tournament Director, Mr. J. Pain, requesting that his wife, Mrs. Gill Pain, be added to the list of Tournament Directors for Devon. The Committee agreed to this.

Entries for the Garden Cities were coming in very slowly and Mrs. Slee said that she hoped to see most of the affiliated Clubs in Devon putting in an entry for this new competition. She said that Devon did not now have to be the County of first allegiance for players in this competition, but they did have all to be members of the same club.

The Secretary reported that the Northern Section's Jack & Jill qualifying round had been held as a straight Mitchell instead of a scrambled Mitchell, which was contrary to the motion passed by the Committee on 3rd September, 1985. Mr. Greenaway said it was due to an oversight on their part.

Mrs. Slee had received a letter from Mr. J. Pescott-Day asking that he be sent copies of results in the County for publication in the Torquay Herald. Mrs. Slee said that she herself did not receive copies of all the results in the County, and it was agreed that when Mr. Pescott-Day required results he should apply to the organisers of the events.

The Secretary said that she had received a complaint from a member that all the qualifying rounds for the Julia Chadwick trophy clashed with national events. The Committee felt that it was impossible to arrange dates that did not clash with anything, and that it should be possible for most members to arrange to play in one or other venue.

Treasurer's report

Mrs. Lamb reported that the Section Treasurers had made a very good effort in getting in subscriptions, and that most of these were now paid. The Simultaneous Pairs held in aid of the European Championships had raised £500 for the fund. She had received letters from the EBU and the BBL thanking us for the donation and complimenting us on our effort.

The Treasurer also reported that an unlicensed event had been held at the Civil Service Club in Plymouth and that points had been awarded on too high a scale. There had been some correspondence with Max Bavin on this matter. Mr. Bavin said that the points must be recovered and altered to the correct scale, and he felt that the organiser should apologise to the County Committee for not applying for a licence. The Secretary said that she had received no apology so far.

Selector's report

The Selector, Mr. R.I. Ray, said that Devon had done very well in the President's Pot - Mr. & Mrs. Slee having come third and Mr. & Mrs. Woolcott fourth.

He announced the team for the Tollemache as follows:-

- Mr. & Mrs. K.J. Slee
- Mr. & Mrs. J. Woolcott
- P. Bowles & R. Blackmore

D. Sharp & Mrs. L. Nichols
P. Hasluck & K. Hands
Captain R.I. Ray.

Mr. Ray said that the team were having a meeting this coming weekend to discuss policy and play.

Trip to
France

Mr. Woolcott reported that after slight problems before leaving, when it appeared that the trip might be cancelled by the French, the whole party had been heartily welcomed and they had been wined and dined most lavishly from the moment they arrived to the moment they left. The bridge itself tended to be more social than competitive, but they had all enjoyed themselves immensely. He thanked Mr. Ray very much for arranging the trip. Mr. Ray said that the return trip was to be on September 6th next year. He suggested that a report be sent to English Bridge for publication under the Devon heading.

Oracle

The Secretary was requested to send results of important events in the County to the Channel 4 teletext, Oracle.

Exeter League

Mr. Woolcott reported that at the last Exeter League one of the teams was nearly fifteen minutes late in returning after the interval. The opposing team protested about this, and Mr. Woolcott applied Law 99 and gave the non-offending side the option of curtailing the match by two boards, which they accepted. He asked the Committee's approval for this action, which they gave.

Appeals

Mr. Woolcott proposed that at County events when an appeal was lodged, a deposit of £5 should be paid which would be returnable unless in the opinion of the Appeals Committee the appeal was deemed to be frivolous. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hands. Carried.

Bidding Boxes

Mr. Pain suggested that bidding boxes might be used in County Finals. This would entail purchasing more boxes (the County at present own 8 of these for use in the Western Morning News final). There was some discussion about this and also about the type of boxes which might be best. Mrs. Slee agreed to bring the boxes the County already owns to the next meeting so that the Committee could examine them.

AGM

Dr. Stratton asked whether the Annual General Meeting could move its venue around the different Sections in succeeding years. It was agreed that the Section Secretaries should find out how their members feel about this and it would be discussed again at the next meeting.

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

Chairman

Present

D. Greenaway (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs. K. Slee (Hon. Secretary)
Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)
Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. J. Swift, Mrs. R. Stevens, Mrs. P. Jones,
Mrs. E. Wright, Mrs. D. Millett, J. Woolcott, R. Ray, C. Haslam,
K. Hands.

Apologies

Mrs. B. Rennie, Mrs. Randall, J. Pain, Dr. A. Stratton, J. Richards,
P. Ashcroft.

Minutes

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

Matters arising

Bidding Boxes. The Secretary showed the Committee the bidding boxes which the County own. The Committee decided to carry on using these for Western Morning News final rounds, but not to purchase more for use at other County finals.

Oracle. Mrs. Slee said that she had not yet sent any results to be shown on Channel 4's Oracle. It was felt that only the more important results should be sent, i.e. Torquay Congress results, Western Morning News final, and Julia Chadwick final.

Secretary's report

The Secretary reported that the Western Morning News had sent the County £50 to assist with the expenses of the Pachabo. She stressed that this was for this year only and was unlikely to be repeated in future years. The Editor had expressed a wish to have a small bridge column in his paper. Mrs. Ali Khan proposed and Mr. Hands seconded that Mr. Kevin Slee be asked if he would be willing to take this on. Carried.

Mrs. Slee said that she had received two responses to her query in the last newsletter as to why more players did not participate in County events. They both said they found it difficult to find a partner and suggested having a pool of such players. The Committee agreed that they would try this, and Mrs. Slee was asked to put a notice in her next newsletter asking such players to send their names to Mrs. Lamb.

The EBU have asked for tenders for one day Green Point events on the following dates:- 2nd October 1988, 12th March 1989, 21st May 1989 and 18th June 1989. It was agreed to put in a tender for all these dates in the hope of getting one of them.

The Secretary had received a letter from a member complaining of her treatment when arriving for a qualifying round without having entered for it. It was agreed that in such circumstances members should be treated in a courteous manner even if they have to be turned away. A request from Mr. GCH Fox to hold a bridge weekend in Devon from December 4th to 6th was granted.

Selector's report

Mr. Ray reported that the team had not done too well this year in the Tollemache, mainly due to a disastrous first session. The team, however, showed great team spirit and fought hard for the rest of the weekend. The draw had not been so kind as last year. There was a great deal of discussion about the future of Devon in the Tollemache. One suggestion was that Devon and Cornwall should send a combined team, but the Secretary said that she had spoken to Max Bavin about this and that it was out of the question. Mr. Ray was anxious to avoid having a long discussion about whether Devon should continue to send a team, which happened every time Devon had a poor result. Mr. Woolcott proposed and Mr. Haslam seconded that Devon should continue sending a team every year. Carried.

There was then some discussion as to whether team members should contribute towards their own expenses in the Tollemache, President's Pot and Walton Cup. It was decided that as long as the County's finances were in a healthy state expenses should continue to be given on the same basis as before.

Treasurer's
report

The Treasurer reported that the finances were in a healthy state with subscriptions still coming in. She suggested that Section Treasurers should put up notices in their Sections telling members that the new subscription is £8 (£6 EBU and £2 DCCBA).

Rules

Mrs. Jones went through the final draft of the amended rules. It was decided that perhaps these should be typed and photocopied rather than go to the expense of printing. It was agreed that Mr. Haslam and Mrs. Lamb would decide the best way of doing it and then go ahead with it.

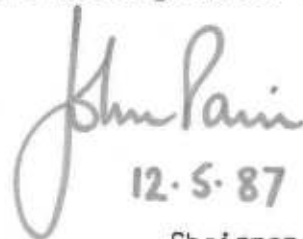
AGM

Dr. Stratton had suggested that the AGM should be held in a different Section each year. The Committee felt that this would not be very practicable as some Sections would have difficulty in finding a venue. Torquay Bridge Club, on the other hand, offered the use of its premises free. Mrs. Slee proposed and Mrs. Swift seconded that the AGM continue to be held at Torquay. Carried.

EBU Board of
Directors

Mr. Haslam expressed a wish to sit on the EBU Board of Directors again. The Committee all felt that this would be very advantageous, and the Secretary was asked to propose him when the time came.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.50p.m.



12.5.87

Chairman.

Present

J. Pain (Chairman)
D. Greenaway (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs. K. Slee (Hon. Secretary)
Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)
Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. J. Swift, Mrs. P. Jones, K. Hands, P. Ashcroft,
C. Haslam, J. Smith, P. Daymon, F. Tucker, J. Lankshear.

Apologies

Mrs. R. Stevens, Mrs. E. Wright, Mrs. B. Rennie, J. Woolcott,
Dr. A. Stratton.

Announcements

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Smith, Mr. Daymon, Mr. Tucker and
Mr. Lankshear to the Committee.

Minutes

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

Matters
arising

The amended rules had now been printed and were ready for
distribution.

Green Point event. The Secretary said that she had heard from the
EBU that Devon had been given a Green Point Swiss Teams event on
12th March 1989.

Secretary's
report

The Secretary reported that the North Section are making every
endeavour to fall into line with the other Sections and had ironed out
most of their problems.

Pachabo. The team that has won the Western Morning News cup this
year is unable to go to the Pachabo because of illness. The
Secretary asked the Committee what she should do about the sponsorship
of the Western Morning News paper for £50 for Pachabo expenses. The
Committee requested her to write to the editor and offer to send the
money back but to suggest that this might be retained for 1988 instead.

Pat Walton cup. The Secretary said that the date for this falls on
the same day as the Julia Chadwick pairs final. She had written to
Mr. Samuels to ask whether he would like us to send a team from those
who do not qualify for this final or whether he would rather we did
not send a team this year. He had written back telling us to send
a team of some description. Mr. Ray has been asked to select a team
from the non-qualifiers.

The Secretary said that Mr. Ian Murray had taken on the post of
writing articles for the Western Morning News.

EBU represen-
tative's
report

Mr. Haslam had attended the last EBU Council meeting as both Mrs. Slee
and Mr. Pain were unavailable. He reported that the EBU were
considering either extending the length of their Council meetings by
starting at an earlier time so as to get through the business in time
for delegates to catch their train home, or by increasing the number
of meetings in a year to five instead of four. The Committee agreed
that our delegate should vote for increasing the number of meetings
to five, as this would enable the delegate to benefit from the
'London Sever' fare and would work out cheaper for the County.

Treasurer's
report

The Treasurer said that she was still not happy about the format of
North Devon's accounts. She had a private discussion with Mr.
Greenaway about this and sorted most of this out. Mr. Greenaway said
that Mrs. Rennie felt that Mrs. Lamb's dissatisfaction was a personal
affront to her, but Mrs. Lamb said that no such affront was intended.
Mr. Lankshear suggested that a blank format for the accounts be sent
to each Section, so that they could all be carried out in the same
manner. Mr. Greenaway said that he now understood that County
qualifying rounds should be organised and run by the Sections and not
by Clubs.

Mrs. Lamb said that she had not yet received any names for her
computer list of players wanting partners for events. When she had
such a list she would send this list to the players in question so
that they could find a suitable partner.

The Treasurer said that she would like to see the East Section
organise a weekend event, the proceeds of which would go towards their
needs. Mrs. Slee asked to ask Mr. Woolcott about this.

Camrose match

Mrs. Lamb reported that one of the members of the West Section had suggested that Devon host a Camrose match. Mr. Haslam said that this required a great deal of organising, especially when the organisers came from different Sections. Mrs. Slee was asked to write to John Williams to get an idea of the budget that the EBU allowed for such an event.

Aims of the
EBU

Mrs. Lamb said that she had been asked whether the EBU printed a pamphlet setting out their aims and objects. Mr. Ashcroft said that he had such a pamphlet and would send a copy to Mrs. Lamb.

Swiss Teams

Mrs. Slee said that she had received a request from Plymouth Bridge Club to hold a Swiss Teams event in June in aid of Club funds. The Committee agreed to grant a licence on the understanding that this was for this year only and that points would be awarded at District level.

Annual General
Meeting

The date for this had already been fixed for June 27th. It was decided to start at 6.30 p.m. and to hold bridge afterwards if numbers permitted.

Officers. Mrs. Slee said that she would like to stand down from the post of Tournament Secretary. Mrs. Gill Pain had expressed her willingness to take over this post.

Mrs. Slee also said that she would also like to stand down as Honorary Secretary. Mrs. Pain might also be prepared to stand for this post. The Committee felt that it might be preferable for Mrs. Slee to continue as Honorary/^{sec} for another year until Mr. John Pain had finished his two years as Chairman. Mrs. Slee agreed to this. All the other Officers were prepared to stand for re-election.

Tournament
Directors

Mr. Pain said that all Devon's Tournament Directors were going to a seminar run by the EBU to familiarise themselves with the new rules that would shortly be coming into practice. After this, he intended to hold seminars for any Tournament Directors who are currently directing unofficially in the County and also for any would-be Tournament Directors.

Open Pairs
event

The North Section asked the Committee's permission to hold an open pairs event in aid of the European Championship fund. This was given.

A meeting to arrange the winter programme will be held on May 19th, and Section secretaries were asked to sort out as many of their dates and venues as they could in time for the meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.

John Pain
1.9.87
Chairman

Present

Mr. J. Pain (Chairman)
Mrs. K.J. Sles (Hon. Secretary)
Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)
Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. P. Jones, Mrs. R. Stevens, Mrs. J. Swift,
Mr. C. Haslam, Mr. J. Woolcott, Mr. J. Lankshear, Dr. A. Stratton,
Mr. P. Ashcroft, Mr. D. Greenaway, Mr. P. Daymon.

Apologies

Mrs. E. Wright, Mrs. B. Rennie, Mr. K. Hands, Mr. R. Ray.

Minutes of last meeting

Omission Mr. Greenaway had asked that the accounts be seen by the Committee at the meeting previous to the AGM.
Mr. W. Cowper had been re-elected to audit the North Section accounts.
Subject to the above amendments, the minutes were confirmed and signed.

Matters arising

East Section event. Mr. Woolcott said that it had not been possible for the East Section to organise an event for this season, but they hoped to do so next year.

Section representatives

EAST Mrs. K. Sles, Mrs. R. Stevens, Mrs. J. Swift, Mr. J. Woolcott
NORTH Mrs. B. Rennie, Mr. D. Greenaway, Mr. P. Daymon, Mr. P. Ashcroft
SOUTH Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. P. Jones, Mr. C. Haslam, Mr. K. Hands
WEST Mrs. M. Lamb, Mrs. E. Wright, Mr. J. Lankshear, Dr. A. Stratton

It was confirmed that Officers of the Committee, with the exception of the Chairman, automatically became one of the representatives of the Section to which they belonged, the total from any one Section to be four.

Matters arising from AGM

Subscriptions by Direct Debit. This was discussed in some detail. Mr. Haslam proposed and Mrs. Sles seconded that the Treasurer consults with the Section treasurers and comes up with a proposal in good time for next year.
Mr. Ashcroft proposed an amendment that the grass roots players be consulted. No seconder.
The original proposal was carried.

Format of County Pairs Finals. Mr. Pain produced a paper suggesting three ways of amending these formats to produce adequate player comparisons. The Committee studied these and it was agreed unanimously that the format whereby the movement is split into three mini sessions was the best. It was agreed to ask Mr. Sles to produce some written evidence to show that the present format was not completely satisfactory.

Section Rules on Smoking. The Committee agreed that Sections had complete autonomy to make their own rules about non-smoking.

Computer. Mr. Pain said that the present computer was not really adequate for what it was required to do. The Committee agreed. It was proposed by Mrs. Lamb and seconded by Mrs. Jones that we should buy another computer compatible with our present software as long as the present computer could be sold for not less than £200. Carried. Mrs. Sles had received requests from Mr. J. Beard and from Mr. G.C.H. Fox to hold bridge weekends in Devon. The Committee agreed to both these. A request from the West Section to hold a Charity Pairs event in July 1988 was also granted.

Secretary's report.

A letter from the Gloucestershire association was read to the Committee which set out their objections to the new directives on the use of conventions in the majority of competitions. The Committee agreed with the content of the letter and the Secretary was instructed to write to the EBU to inform them of this.

Conventions. The Secretary informed the Committee that they were allowed to sanction the use of conventions with a restricted licence in their main teams and pairs events. The Committee agreed that restricted licences should be allowed in the Western Morning News cup (all rounds) and in both the qualifying and final rounds of the Julia Chadwick trophy.

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer reported that the subscriptions had been coming in very well. Mrs. Jones asked whether the Tournament ^{Sec.} checked with the treasurer that entrants for competitions had paid their subscriptions. Mrs. Lamb said that she provided the Tournament Secretary with up-to-date lists of paid up members. Mrs. Slee said that when she had been Tournament Secretary it had not been possible to check the people playing in qualifying rounds, as she did not see these names until the qualifying round had been played. It was up to the Sections to check that players entering for qualifying rounds were paid up members.

Mr. Greenaway said that the levy for the South West pairs had been paid by the North section last year and that he was in possession of the cheque counterfoil. Mrs. Jones said that there had been a misunderstanding, and that it was diaries in 1985 that had not been paid for.

EBU representative's report

Mr. Pain said that the EBU were proposing to raise the subscriptions substantially. The proposal was either to raise them by £4 in the next season, or to raise it more gradually - say £1 a year for the next four years. The Committee asked the representative to press most strongly for the gradual raise, rather than the sharp increase. Mrs. Lamb requested that she might see copies of minutes from EBU meetings. Mrs. Slee was asked to request that an extra copy of all meetings be sent to Mrs. Lamb.

Selector's report

Mr. Ray was not present, but Mr. Woolcott said that selection for the President's Pot was under way. Mr. Woolcott said that the return visit of the French was this coming weekend and that arrangements had been made to accommodate them and arrange bridge competitions and entertainment for the weekend. He asked whether the County would consider contributing towards the expenses. The Committee discussed this, and it was proposed by Mrs. Lamb and seconded by Mrs. Slee that £50 should be given. Carried.

Camrose Match

Mrs. Slee had received a reply from the EBU setting out the requirements for holding a Camrose match in the county. It was agreed to tender for the match v Wales on 21st & 22nd January, 1989, as long as it involved the County in no expense.

Inter-County League

The Secretary had received a letter from the Tournament Secretary of Somerset which suggested holding a Western or South Western league. Mrs. Slee was asked to write back approving wholeheartedly of this.

Western Morning News draw

Twenty six teams had entered and the draw was made.

Dates of Committee meetings

The following dates were arranged:-
1.9.87, 1.12.87, 9.2.88, 17.5.88, AGM 25.6.88

AGM Venue

~~J. Hamkshoar~~
~~Dr. Stratton~~ raised the question of different venues for the AGM. It was pointed out that this had been raised at the Committee meeting on February 10th when it had been decided to keep the AGM at Torquay. These minutes were upheld.

Ivybridge event

Dr. Stratton said that because the EBU had failed to print the name of the sponsors of the Swiss weekend and had also failed to print the results, the sponsorship had now been lost. Mr. Haslam suggested that the Club write to Mr. Keith Stanley about this.

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



Chairman

1.12.87

Club on Tuesday, December 1st, 1987, at 7.30 p.m.

Present

J. Pain (Chairman)
 Mrs. K. Slee (Hon. Sec.)
 Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treas.)
 Mrs. Ali Khan, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Swift, C.Haslam, K. Hands, P.Ashcroft,
 Dr. A.Stratton, D.Greenaway, P.Daymon, K.Slee (for J.Woolcott).

Apologies

Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Rennie, Mrs. Pain, J.Lankshear,
 J. Woolcott, R. Ray.

Minutes

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

Matters
arising

There were no matters arising except for those to be dealt with later
 on the agenda.

Secretary's
report

Camrose The EBU have agreed to Devon hosting the Camrose match
 between England and Wales in January, 1989. Mrs. Slee suggested
 that John Pain formed a sub-committee for the purposes of organising
 this and arranging a venue.
Green Point Swiss Teams Event The EBU have agreed to Devon holding
 a one day Green Point Swiss Teams event in March, 1989. It was
 suggested that Mr. Ray be asked to enquire about the University in
 Exeter as a possible venue, and the Committee were asked to think
 about possible alternative venues. Barton Hall was suggested as a
 possibility.

Treasurer's
report

The Treasurer said that she had made enquiries with the bank about
 the possibility of subscriptions being made by Direct Debit but had
 not received a very satisfactory answer from them. Mr. Haslam said
 that he would look further into it.
 Mrs. Lamb said that subscriptions were coming in a little late from
 the North Section. Mr. Greenaway said that arrangements were being
 made for the subscriptions for next year to be collected punctually.
 A new computer has been bought and the old one sold for £200.
 Unfortunately there is a fault with the new computer which has to be
 put right before it can be put to use.
 The Treasurer said that she had the opportunity to buy a large quantity
 of good quality playing cards at a substantial discount. The
 Committee agreed that she should do this.
 A receipt for engraving had been received but no details of what the
 engraving was for had been given. It was agreed that the receipt
 should be returned to the sender with a request for more details.

Selector's
report

As Mr. Ray was not able to be present Mrs. Slee read out a letter which
 he had sent. The team for the Tollemache was announced as follows:-
 R.W. Blackmore & D.Sharp
 Mr. & Mrs. K.J.Slee
 Mrs. L.Nichols & W.Solomon
 P.Bowles & D.McFarlane
 R.H.K.Evers & A.Bridgman
 R.I.Ray.
 The two pairs who had played in the President's Pot were:-
 Mrs. L.Nichols & W.Solomon
 R.W.Blackmore & P.Bowles.
 The Committee wished the Tollemache team every success in the coming
 Championships.

Registration
of players

The Secretary read a letter from Keith Stanley in which it was
 suggested that Clubs collect £1 per player for all those players who
 were not members of the EBU. This would not make these players
 members of the EBU but would enable them to take advantage of the
 benefits of playing in an EBU affiliated Club. Clubs would no longer
 be required to pay an affiliation fee. The Committee were very much
 against this and instructed our delegate to put forward these opinions
 at the next Council meeting.

Movements for
County Finals

The Committee had considered Mr. Pain's proposals for County Finals which he had put forward at the last meeting. Mr. Slee had produced a paper explaining why he felt the division of the event into 3 sessions was a fairer way of getting an accurate result. Mr. Pain pointed out that this would entail a lot of sharing of two boards and would lead to a lot of delay. It was eventually decided to arrow switch half the boards in the Mitchell, but otherwise to leave the movement as it was at present.

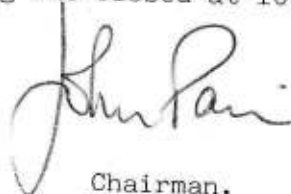
County League

The Secretary read a letter from Cyril Samuels from Bristol saying that several of the Counties asked were interested in forming a County League. It only remained to sort out the details. He suggested some dates for a meeting of delegates from the Counties to meet and discuss various points at Bristol Bridge Club. The Committee agreed to ask Mr. Ray to go to the meeting. The Committee felt that an A and B team of four would probably be best, with the A team being of Tollemache standard and the B team possibly being a team of players who had never played in the Tollemache. It was agreed that Devon would contribute towards a trophy.

Torquay
Congress

Mr. Pain said that John Williams from the EBU had approached him with a view to running an EBU Congress in Torquay each March or April. This would obviously mean that Devon would no longer be able to run a Congress in the Spring. Mr. Pain said that although we had managed to get a reduced rate at the Riviera Centre for 1988, this would not be possible in the future. The only alternative would be to hold a much smaller Congress at somewhere like the Grand Hotel. If the EBU took it over at the Riviera Centre it would be a Green Point event. The Committee took the view that if the EBU were prepared to pay Devon for the privilege of taking over our Spring Congress on a regular basis, then this might be a very good idea, producing regular revenue without the risk, and also ensuring that Devon had an annual Green Point event. Mr. Pain was asked to speak again to John Williams.

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



Chairman.

16.2.88.

<p><u>Present</u></p>	<p>Mr. J. Pain (Chairman) Mrs. K.J. Slee (Hon. Sec.) Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treas.) Mrs.G. Ali Khan, Mrs. P. Jones, Mrs. M. Stevens, Mrs. J. Swift, D. Greenaway, P. Daymon, C. Haslam, R. Ray, Dr. A. Stratton, J. Woolcott.</p>
<p><u>Apologies</u></p>	<p>Mrs. E. Wright, Mrs. G. Pain, P. Ashcroft, J. Lankshear, K. Hands.</p>
<p><u>Minutes of last Meeting.</u></p>	<p>The minutes of the Committee meeting dated 1st December were confirmed and signed, having been circulated previously.</p>
<p><u>Matters arising.</u></p>	<p><u>Camrose match.</u> Mr. Pain said that he was still trying to find a venue for this. Mr. Ray said that he had not made enquiries at the University but that refreshments were likely to prove a problem there. (For the One Day Green Point Swiss Teams event) <u>Direct Debit.</u> Mr. Haslam said that he had not looked into the question of paying subscriptions by Direct Debit with the bank, but would try and do so before the next meeting. <u>Computer.</u> Mrs. Lamb said that there had been a fault with the new computer but this had now been exchanged for another computer. The disc drive on the old computer had been repaired and the sale of it for £200 should now go through. <u>Registration of Players Scheme.</u> Mr. Haslam said that the EBU had now dropped this idea after there had been a lot of opposition from the Council. <u>New Format for County Finals.</u> Mr. Pain said that there had now been two County Finals using the new movement and that the players seemed to have coped with it very well.</p>
<p><u>Secretary's report.</u></p>	<p>Mrs. Slee said that the meeting in Bristol with regard to forming an inter-county league had not yet taken place but that it was due to take place on March 5th and Mr. Ray had agreed to attend. The Secretary read letters from Ivybridge and Saltash asking for the County's permission to hold events. The Committee agreed to all three of these. The Secretary also read a letter from the Chairman of Seaton Bridge Club in which it was said that in the Garden Cities Trophy the Seaton team went home thinking that they had the highest score only to hear a few days later that they had come second after the scores had been checked. They asked for copies of the relevant results so that they could see where their scoring differed from that of the Tournament Director, but were told that all relevant paperwork had been destroyed. The Committee felt strongly that all score cards, travellers etc. should be kept for at least three weeks after the event had taken place to enable players to appeal if necessary. Mrs. Slee was asked to write to the Chairman of Seaton Bridge Club and apologise for what had happened and to say that the Committee had taken steps to see that this never happened again. Mr. Pain said he would notify all Tournament Directors to this effect.</p>
<p><u>Treasurer's report.</u></p>	<p>The Treasurer reported that the EBU subscriptions were going up to £7.50 in April and suggested that this would be a good time to put up the DCCBA subscriptions to £2.50 from £2.00 thus making a round figure of £10.00. She put forward a formal proposal to this effect. Mrs. P. Jones seconded this and the motion was carried. Mrs. Lamb asked that the levies for County finals be sent direct to her in future. The Treasurer was concerned that Tournament Directors were now claiming expenses for food at County events which had not been the case in the past. After much discussion Mr. Haslam proposed and Mrs. Slee seconded that Tournament Directors should be given an allowance of £2 for lunch if they had to arrive at an event before lunch and if it was away from home. In addition they should have an allowance of £2 for a meal between sessions, but not if the event was of one session only. This was seconded by Mrs. K. Slee and carried.</p>

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EBU represen-
tative's
report.

Mr. Haslam confirmed that the EBU subscriptions were going up to £7.50 from April. He said that the rise could easily have been more - the vote was very close. He reported that Worcestershire were forming their own County Association. He said that he had had to leave the Council meeting before bringing up a matter which a member from the North Section had asked him to raise. He had therefore left this with Grattan Endicott.

Selector's
report.

Mr. Ray reported that Devon had not done very well in the Tollemache. He felt that all members of the team did not play as well as they had done in the past although morale was very good. He said that he would like to change the procedure for selection. After being the only selector for several years he felt it would be a good idea to have representatives from the Sections to sit on a selection committee, although he felt that in general the best players in the County do play in the County team. It was decided that each Section should try to produce a representative and that Mr. Ray should chair such a committee.

Torquay
Congress.

Some concern was expressed at the number of entries received so far for the Torquay Congress. Mr. Pain said that at the moment we had 50 full tables. He was taking over as Chief Tournament Director for the event and there would be only four Directors in total, which would effect some saving. Mrs. Stevens proposed that the Grand Hotel be approached with a view to holding a smaller Congress next year. This was seconded by Mrs. Lamb and carried.

Life Member.

Mrs. Jones proposed that Major G.F. Stone be proposed as a Life Member of the DCCBA at the next AGM. He had been an active participant in County competitions for very many years and was now on the point of giving up most of his competitive bridge. Mrs. Slee seconded this proposal. Carried.

Publicity.

Mrs. Slee said that she had been asked by Mr. Ian Murray if more news and results of events could be sent to him for publication in his articles in the press.

Appeals
Committee
Seminar.

Mr. Pain said that there was to be a Seminar for players who might be sitting on Appeals Committees to be held at West Bromwich in July. The cost of this would be £40.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.40p.m.

Mr Greenaway asked that certain accounts were brought to the meeting prior to the A.G.M. and that it be put on the agenda

Chairman.

J. Greenaway
17/5/88

Present:	D. Greenaway (Chairman) Mrs. K.J. Slee (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. P. Jones, Mrs. R. Stevens, Mrs. J. Swift, Mrs. G. Pain, P. Ashcroft, P. Daymon, J. Garthwaite, K. Hands, J. Lankshear, R. Ray, J. Woolcott.
Apologies:	J. Pain, C. Haslam.
Minutes:	The Minutes of the meeting of 16.2.88 had been previously circulated. An item concerning the presentation of Section accounts to the Committee at the meeting immediately prior to the AGM had been omitted and was added to the minutes. The minutes were then confirmed and signed.
Matters arising:	<u>Direct Debit.</u> As Mr. Haslam was not present at the meeting, it was not known whether he had made further enquiries. <u>Computer.</u> Mrs. Lamb reported that the sale of the old computer had now been effected. <u>Seaton.</u> Mrs. Slee said that she had written to the Chairman of the Seaton Bridge Club and the apology of the Committee had been graciously accepted. <u>Selection Committee.</u> The North Section reported that Mr. Amos Bridgman would represent them on the County Selection Committee. The other Sections had not yet decided on their representative. <u>Torquay Congress.</u> Mrs. Ali Khan said that she was pleased to be able to inform the Committee that the Congress only made a loss of about £100, which was much better than she had expected. Mrs. Jones asked why, when an Appeals Committee was convened at the Congress, the County Laws and Ethics Committee was not asked to act in this capacity. It was agreed to ask the Chief Tournament Director to do this in future if the Committee were present.
Secretary's report:	The Secretary reported that she had received a letter from Derbyshire County Association asking for our support in trying to promote a two tiered EBU subscription. The Committee agreed unanimously that this would be impossible to implement and therefore they did not support this proposal. The Secretary said that she had heard, but only indirectly, that the team that had won the Western Morning News Cup were not intending to go and play in the Pachabo to represent Devon. If this in fact was the case, it was the second year in succession that this team had not taken part in the Pachabo. It was agreed that the Tournament Secretary should write and congratulate them on their win and inform them that it was expected that they would now play in the Pachabo. It was also agreed that in future it would be a condition of entry to the Western Morning News competition that the winning team would represent Devon in the Pachabo.
Treasurer's report:	The Treasurer reported that the subscriptions were coming in very well. She said it was essential that she be informed of the postal codes of all members as the EBU were insisting on this. She said that the EBU have now moved to their new premises at Aylesbury. The Sections presented their accounts to the meeting - all the Sections showing an increase in profits from the previous year. The North Section Treasurer was congratulated by Mrs. Lamb on producing a very clear set of accounts having only taken over the post very recently.
Selector's report:	Mr. Ray reported that the following players had been selected to represent Devon in the Pat Walton Cup:- Mr. & Mrs. M. Benorthan Miss B. McElroy & Mr. K. Cockayne. He also reported on the outcome of the meeting regarding the new South Western League being organised by Somerset. Six Counties were taking part:- Devon, Cornwall, Dorset, Somerset, Wiltshire and E.Wales.

	<p>One match would be played against each County per year (3 home and 2 away matches one year, and 2 home and 3 away matches the following year.)</p> <p>There would be an A team and a B team. Each team to consist at any one match of 4, 5 or 6 members. The A and B teams would play at the same venue on the same day with the same boards. 40 boards would be played in a match. These boards would <u>not</u> be prepared in advance. Somerset have undertaken to do all the paper work. The season will start on 1st August and it was hoped to complete all the matches by June or July when an event for all the Counties would be held. The Wessex Building Society had agreed to purchase the trophies.</p> <p>It was agreed that the newly formed Selection Committee should meet very soon.</p>
Camrose Trophy	<p>Mrs. Pain said that Mr. Pain had booked the Mayflower Post Hotel for the Camrose match in January. He was liaising with the EBU on this.</p>
One Day Green Point event:	<p>Mrs. Pain had received a quote from the Riviera Centre at Torquay for £700 for the use of the Forum for the day. Mr. Ray had received a quote from the University of Exeter for £847.</p> <p>It was proposed by Mrs. Slee and seconded by K. Hands that we go ahead with the Riviera Centre as a venue. Carried.</p> <p>In order to carry out the arrangements for this event it was decided to form a Sub-Committee. Mrs. Ali Khan was asked and agreed to be a member of such a Sub-Committee and it was agreed to ask Mr. Haslam and Mr. Pain to complete the Committee.</p>
Annual General Meeting:	<p>It was decided that as Mr. Greenaway was not available on the previously agreed date of June 25th, and as he had been nominated for Chairman, the date of the AGM should be moved to Tuesday, June 21st at Torquay Bridge Club at 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>So far no proposals had been received for the vacant post of Honorary Secretary.</p>
Programme Meeting:	<p>This was arranged for Tuesday, 31st May, at 7.30 p.m.</p>
EBU Simultaneous Pairs:	<p>Mr. Daymon asked if non EBU members were allowed to compete in this event. He was told that they are. He also asked whether members playing in the Julia Chadwick Final should be paid-up members of the DCCBA. He was informed that anyone entering a qualifying round for this event must be a paid-up member and this enabled them to play in the Final even if the Final took place in the following financial year. The event was deemed to have been part of the financial year in which the qualifying round was played.</p>
Trophies:	<p>Mrs. Lamb asked that an up-to-date list of DCCBA trophies held by the Sections should be sent to her for insurance purposes.</p>
North Section event:	<p>The North Section raised the subject of holding an event with one qualifying round in each Section for County Masters and below. It was pointed out that the AV Morris had been run on a similar format in the past (not with qualifying rounds) and had not been successful. It was, however, agreed that the North Section should organise such an event.</p>
	<p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.40 p.m.</p>

J. Greenaway
13/9/88

Chairman.

BRIDGE CLUB ON JUNE 21st 1988 AT 8.30 p.m.

Present

D. Greenway (Chairman)
 Mrs D.C. Sharp (Hon. Secretary)
 Mrs M Lamb (Hon Treasurer)
 Mrs Ali Khan, Mrs P. Jones, Mrs M. Stevens, J Woolcott, Mrs J Swift
 C. Haslem, Mrs Elliot, Capt. P Ashcroft.

Mr Dreenaway invited Mrs Slee to remain as the puropse of the meeting was to discuss the resignations of Mr & Mrs Pain.

Mrs Slee read Mr Pain's letter of resignation dated 12.6.88. and also a letter dated 21.6.88 in which Mr Pain outlined the commitments within the County that he was prepared to honour as he now no longer wished to direct anything other than West Section events.

Mr Greenway asked who were the County Directors and was told that apart from the Pains there were three - David Sharp, Stanley Parker and Peter Ashcroft.

There was much discussion, and it was agreed to ask Mr Kevin Slee to take over as Chief Tournament Director as this post did not have to be held by an enpannelled director, just someone who was willing to do the administration. Mrs Lamb Proposed and Mr Haslem seconded and Mr Slee agreed., on the understanding that heis not expected to give up playing. The Committee agreed. It was also agreed to send an E.B.U. type availability chart out to the remaining Directors as this would help the Committee know exectly who was available for which events.

Camrose Match

Mr Pain said he was willing to carry on as Match Co-ordinator if that was the wish of the Committee. It was felt that he should ocntinue for the sake of the smooth running of the event. The Secretary to write and confirm the appointment.

Mrs Lamb made the provisb that all monies for the event should come from County and not from the West Section. Carried.

Green point
Teams event

As this is an E.B.U. appointment, the County has no jurisdiction over the Directors.

Mrs Lamb was prepared to take the entries and accordingly her name will appear on the brochures., with Mr Haslem taking responsibility for the advertising.

Torquay
Congress

The Committee were of the opinion that Mr Pain should not continue as Congress Secretary. Mrs Ali Khan proposed and Mrs Sharp seconded the Motion that Mr Slee becomes Secfetary. Carried.

E.B.U. Delegate

1. Mr Haslem
 2. Mrs Lamb
- Secretary6 to wirie to Thame.

Tournament
Secretary

Mr Slee suggested Mrs ^{Barbara} ~~Alison~~ Pollack. Mr Greenway agreed to ask her. Mr Woolcott said that if she did not wish to do it then he would approach Mrs Janet Woolcott. This was agreed. In the meantime, Mrs Lamb was willing to take entries.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.½

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 13/8/88

PRESENT

D. Greenaway (Chairman)

K. Hands (Vice Chairman)

Mrs D. Sharp (Hon. Sec.)

Mrs M. Lamb (Hon. Treas.)

Mesdames N. Elliot, P. Jones, G. Ali Khan, J. Swift, P. Benovthan
M. Barton

Messrs J. Woolcott, K. Slee, J. Lankshear, P. Ashcroft, P. Dayman

The meeting opened at 7.32.

The Chairman paid tribute to Charles Haslam whose sudden death shocked the members. The Committee observed a minutes silence as a mark of respect.

APOLOGIES

Mr. Ray, Mrs Stephens, Mr. Smith

MINUTES OF
PREVIOUS
MEETINGThe minutes of the meeting of 17th May having previously been circulated, were taken as read.MATTERS
ARISINGSelection Committee - The Section representatives had been agreed. Amos Bridgman (North) John Woolcott (East) Mrs Mary Bell (South) John Pain (West) Bob Ray (Chairman). The result of the meeting was deferred to later in the meeting.Trophies - Mrs Lamb reported that she had increased the insurance, but still required detailed valuations from the sections.A.V. Mems - Mr. Dayman enquired whether E.B.U. directors had to be used. Mr. Slee replied that this was not necessary.MINUTES OF
EMERGENCY
MEETINGThe minutes of the Emergency meeting of 21st June were read.MATTERS
ARISINGTournament Secretary - Mrs Janet Woolcott had agreed to become Tournament Secretary.1-Day Green Point event - Mrs Lamb had received the entry forms and posters. The Secretary said she had returned corrected advertising proofs to Scotts but feared they were held up in the postal dispute. Mr. Woolcott expressed concern that Oxford were also holding a Swiss Teams on the same day. It was agreed that the Secretary should write to the E.B.U. and express the Committee's concern.

SECRETARY'S
REPORT.

J. Beard Bridge Courses - The Committee had no objections and considered that the clash with the 1-day green point on March 12th would have no effect on either event.

Saltash Bridge Club - It was agreed to defer this until later in the meeting.

1-day Green Point 1990 - The Secretary had tendered for, and obtained a Swiss Teams Green Point event on 17th June 1990. The Committee agreed providing it did not clash with Oxford again.

Men's and Ladies Pairs - Mrs. Pain had written and asked permission to hold the Men's and Ladies Pairs, normally held on the Friday of the Plymouth Congress, on November 13th, as a separate event. After some discussion it was agreed to defer this until later in the meeting.

National Swiss Teams - Permission had been sought from the EBU to hold a heat of the National Swiss Teams in Devon. The Committee agreed that this would be an asset in the calendar and the Secretary will confirm with the E.B.U. The date is May 14th 1989 and Mrs Lamb agreed to investigate the Novotel as a suitable venue.

Portland Pairs - It was agreed that Devon does not wish to hold a heat of the Portland Pairs.

Major Freddie Stone - The Secretary read an amusing letter from Major Stone thanking the Committee for his Honorary Life Membership of the Association.

General Correspondence - The Secretary read an apology from the W.M.N. winners for not having played in the Pachabo.

Following a request for details of clubs in Devon for inclusion in a bridge directory, the Secretary had replied that it was not the policy of the County to give such details for such a purpose.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

The Treasurer reported that subscriptions were coming in slowly and were not quite as good as last year. Some of the defaulters had been seen playing at the Summer Meeting at Brighton. However, after a stern letter from Mrs. Lamb, they had paid up meekly.

It was agreed that the Simultaneous Pairs computer disc which had been bought for £100 from the monies received from that event, would continue to be returned to Stephen Brown for scoring, when required. SAGA had hired the County's tables for £100 and Mrs Lamb was awaiting the cheque.

TREASURERS
REPORT CONT.

also that each section should have a Director's Manual.
It was also agreed to buy two new sets of bidding boxes.
The Treasurer requested that EBU vouchers are not accepted for entries for County events.

E.B.U. DELEGATE
REPORT

Mrs. Lamb reported a long-winded meeting with the odd flash of acrimony. At one point there was a vote of no confidence in the Chairman which was soundly defeated.
A report had been made on a member who defaulted on an hotel bill after playing in an EBU event. The EBU had paid the bill and banned him from competitions and were taking steps to recover the debt. Mrs. Lamb reported that a member of the West Section had defaulted on an hotel bill at the Cornwall Congress which caused considerable embarrassment to Cornwall C.B.A. and she invited the Committee to consider what action, if any, they wished to take. There was much discussion and it was felt that this reflected very badly on the Association. Mr. Hankshear proposed that the D.C.C.B.A. should pay the hotel and ban her from County events until such time as the matter is settled. Seconded by Mr. Daymon. Carried.
Mr. Woolcott said that this member had entered for the Western Morning News draw and asked what the Committee wished to do. It was agreed that the three remaining members of the team were eligible and should be given the chance to find a 4th member.
Mr. Ashcroft volunteered. Carried.

EBU DELEGATE

During the refreshments the draw for the Western Morning News was made as follows.

Preliminary heat:- Mrs W. Newbury v R. Fox
W. Oke v K. Cockayne

Round 1

J. Woolcott	v.	W. Solomon
W. Oke or		
K. Cockayne	v	R. Blackmore
Mrs J. Swift	v	K. Kelmere
Mrs R. Stephens	v	Mrs W. Newbury or
		R. Fox
I. Murray	v	H. Hutchinson
J. Edwards	v	Mrs J. Thomas
Mrs P. Benavthan	v	J. Pain
K. Sice	v	T. Hammett

WESTERN
MORNING NEWS

TORQUAY
CONGRESS

Mr. Slee reported that the proposed venue for the 1989 Congress, the Grand Hotel, were charging £1750 for the weekend. It was not possible to go to the Riviera Centre instead as the only available date clashed with the Jersey Congress. He regretted that a loss was likely for 1989. The Committee agreed to go to the Grand and go back to the Riviera Centre for 1990 and 1991 to try to re-establish the event.

CIVIL SERVICE
BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. Lamb drew the Committee's attention to the fact that Mr V. Cummings, Secretary of the C.C.B.C. was advertising a Charity Swiss Teams event on November 6th as being an EBU licenced event when this was not so. At no time had Mr Cummings applied to the Committee for a licence and neither had the E.B.U. The Secretary said she had taken this up with Max Bavin and he had agreed to write to Mr. Cummings pointing out the error of his ways.

Mr. Lankshear expressed regret that the Section Committee had not had a chance to discuss this matter before it came before the County Committee. The Secretary replied that she felt unable to ask them to do so without the . . . of the County Committee.

The Secretary was asked to write to Mr. Cummings setting out the correct procedure and to send a copy to the Chairman of the Club.

ALLOCATION
OF EVENTS

On the secession of Cornwall from the DCCBA, the Committee divided the events into an equal number per section. Lately more and more events had been creeping in so that entries to County events were down.

Mr. Slee suggested that section Secretaries bring a list of events in their section to the next meeting which can then be checked against the M.P. entitlement. Agreed. It was further agreed not to licence any events between now and then, including the Men's and Ladies Pairs.

Mr. Lankshear reported that the Saltash Club were probably looking for a different date for their Swiss Teams as it clashed with the Plymouth heat of the National Pairs.

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS

Mr. Daymon requested that the EBU be asked to consider holding a heat of the National Newcomers Pairs in Devon. Seconded

A-O-B. CONT.

Data Protection Act It was agreed to ask all members to agree to having their records kept on the computer when they next pay their subs. This avoids having to pay a registration fee.

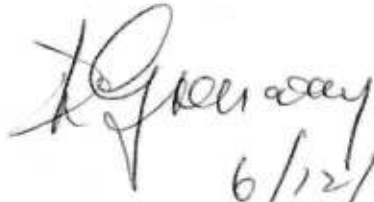
Selector's Report Mr. Woolcott made the report in the absence of Mr. Ray. Travelling expenses will not be paid. Sections will be notified of teams and results. Both the A+B team won their matches against East Wales.

Mr. Snee suggested that a series of practice matches would be useful and it was agreed that he and the selectors should try to organise this.

The sum of £90.00 was set aside for hospitality for home matches per season.

West Section Boards. Mrs Lamb will continue to store them.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.40pm.


6/12/88

CHAIRMAN.

PRESENT	<p>D.Greenaway (Chairman) Mrs D.Sharp (Hon.Secretary) Mrs M.Lamb (Hon.Treasurer)</p>
	<p>Mesdames N.Elliot, P.Jones, G.S.Ali Khan, P.Benorthan, M.Barton J.Swift, M.Stephens. Messrs J.Woolcott, K.Slee, P.Ashcroft, B.Randall, J.Lankshear, R.Ray. (Chairman of Selector)</p>
APOLOGIES	Messrs K.Hands, P.Daymon, J.Smith
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.	The Minutes of the meeting of 13th September having been previously circulated were taken as read, confirmed and signed.
MATTERS ARISING	<p><u>Unpaid bill</u> - This is dealt with in the Treasurer's report. It would appear that the banning of members during a season is a 'grey' area in the County rules, which can be changed only at an A.G.M. or E.G.M. <u>Civil Service Bridge Club</u> - This is dealt with in the Secretary's report. <u>National Newcomer's Pairs</u> - The Secretary to request a regional final of this event be held in the County. <u>Selector's report</u> - Sections had not been advised of the result of the S.W.League match v. Cornwall as previously agreed. Mr Ray apologised for the omission, Mr Woolcott whose responsibility it is had been away at the time and it had been overlooked. Mr Woolcott had the latest results with him for circulation.</p>
SECRETARY'S REPORT	<p><u>Civil Service Bridge Club</u> - The Secretary said that after some pressure from the E.B.U. it was agreed to let the event go ahead. She had phoned Mr Cummings and explained the position and confirmed the call in writing. She had received a letter from Mr Cummings apologising for any seeming lack of courtesy to the Committee. It then transpired that non-E.B.U. members had taken part and Mr Cummings was still proposing to award points at County level. Mrs Benorthan said that the points had actually been awarded at District level, which was the correct level. Mrs Lamb, as E.B.U. delegate, agreed to bring up the ambiguous wording of the M.P. handbook at the next Council meeting, with specific regard to the word 'geographical' which can be interpreted as being 'outside' a club, rather than a County. <u>Menorcan Bridge Congress</u> - A request had been received from Arthur Brown of the Cornish C.B.A. for a list of Devon clubs so that he could send details of the Congress direct to them. There was some discussion and the Secretary read the Minutes of 3.9.85 confirming that lists would not be sent for events of a commercial nature. It was agreed that the Secretary would contact Mr Brown to explain this but to say that if he would forward 29 filled, stamped, unsealed envelopes and a cheque for £5.80 we would be happy to do it for him. <u>English Bridge</u> - The Secretary requested details and/or results to go in the 'County News' section of English Bridge.</p>
TREASURER'S REPORT	<p><u>Green point Event</u> - The Treasurer reported that entries were coming in slowly. She had received a letter from Somerset which said that the entry form had not been in the magazine as it should have been, which was slightly worrying. <u>National Swiss Teams heat</u> - The Champagne Suite at the Novotel in Plymouth had been booked provisionally, and this was acceptable to the E.B.U. <u>Unpaid hotel bill</u> - The Treasurer had requested the hotel to forward details of the monies outstanding which was duly done. Before any further action could be taken, the bill was settled</p>

SELECTOR'S
REPORT

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1/2/89

S.W.League - Mr Ray apologised for the result v Cornwall not having been circulated, ~~due to Mr Woolcott being away at the time.~~ He was pleased to report that Devon was doing very well in the competition, and were 16V.P.s ahead of the opposition. In the match against Dorset:

- 'A' team won by 49
- 'B' team won by 79

Mr Ray felt that the teams were playing very steadily and it was going better than had been anticipated. It was a valuable competition for inexperienced players to gain experience.

Tollemache - This was a different matter. The Selection Committee felt that they 'hadn't got it right' yet, they were forced by circumstance to make the selections too late, and thought that they ought to be starting as soon as the competition was over.

The matter was then opened to discussion. The Secretary read a letter from Mrs Slee expressing disapproval of the non-selection of a pair who have had a very good season so far, and dissatisfaction with some of the others who had been selected.

Captain Ashcroft read a letter from Mr Bridgman also expressing dissatisfaction with both the mechanism and approach to the selection of the team and to the selected team. He was prepared to sponsor the county to the tune of £5000 if the right format could be found to bring good players to the county's attention. This provoked much spirited discussion.

Mr Slee put forward a suggestion from David Sharp for 'training' potential Tollemache players. He suggested that applications be invited from potential players who would meet once a month to play. He would be prepared to direct (when available) and pre-deal 'interesting' boards if necessary. These sessions would be Butler scored and could act as a guide for the Selectors. The actual team could be picked earlier than this year and use the monthly meetings for practice.

Captain Ashcroft thought that it would work very well with Mr Bridgman's offer of sponsorship, as he thought that Mr Bridgman was thinking in terms of 2 or 3 weekends which could be used for 'training'.

Mrs Lamb enquired whether the Committee wished to accept such a large sum of money. The feeling was that it did. ^{asked by Mrs Lamb how much} Mr Woolcott ^{reservations} asked what Mr Bridgman expected in return for his money. Mr Greenaway replied that his understanding was that he wished to approve the format but not to have overall control.

After further consideration Mr Woolcott proposed that Mr Sharp's suggestion ^{on Mr Bridgman's offer} be put to the Selection Committee for their approval. ^{Seconded} Mr Slee. Mrs Jones then put an amendment that the decision of the Selectors be referred back to the County Committee. This was approved. A vote was taken, 14 For, 1 Against. Carried. It was agreed that the Secretary should write to Mr Bridgman and thank him for his generosity but without committing the Committee to acceptance.

LICENCING

Applications for licences had been received from Saltash B.C., G.C.H.fox and I.Murray (via E.B.U.). All were approved. The Chief T.D. agreed to collate a list of each section's events for consideration at the next meeting.

TOURNAMENT
DIRECTORS

Terry Hammett had asked to be considered as a trainee T.D. for the County. Mr Slee said that he would arrange for him to assist at County events with an experienced Director.

TORQUAY
CONGRESS

The Secretary asked permission of the Committee to change the signatories of the Torquay Congress cheque book to the current officers. This was agreed.

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS

Change of Rules - It was agreed that the Rules of the County be updated with especial regard to the section on Membership in time for any proposed change to be included at the A.G.M.

A.O.B....

The Tournament Secretary wished to point out that the rules of the W.M.N. stated that signed cards from both teams must be forwarded to her, but a small number of teams had failed to do so. Should she apply the disqualification rule?
Mr Slee and Mrs Benorthan apologised for their omissions.

The next meeting will be on 7th February 1989.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.20p

H. Greenaway
7/2/89

CHAIRMAN

PRESENT

D.Greenaway (Chairman)
Mrs D.Sharp (Hon Secretary)
Mrs M.Lamb (Hon Treasurer)

Mesdames N.Elliot, P.Jones, J.Swift, M.Stevens, P.Benorthan,
G.Pain
Messrs K.Slee, J.Woolcott, P.Ashcroft, C.Hall, P.Daymon
J.Lankshear, R.Ray

APOLOGIES

Mrs G.Ali Khan

The meeting opened at 7.30pm
The Committee observed a minutes silence as a mark of respect to Ken Hands, the County Vice-Chairman who had died suddenly on New Years Day.

MINUTES OF
PREVIOUS
MEETING

The minutes had previously been circulated. Mr Woolcott asked that the line 'due to Mr Woolcott Having been away at the time' in the Selector's report be deleted as it was not his job to circulate the results of the S.W.League. The offending line was deleted.

The minutes were then agreed and signed.

MATTERS
ARISING

National Newcomers Pairs The Secretary reported that the venue for the regional final was in Bristol, this venue having been settled well in advance of the event. Mr Daymon requested that the E.B.U. be urged to consider a final in Plymouth.

SECRETARY'S
REPORT

The West Section had applied for a licence to hold their Lord Mayor's Charity Pairs on April 11th. This was agreed. Matters on a newsletter (copy attached) were discussed, the Secretary will report back to Aylesbury.

Warwickshire C.B.A had submitted a copy of a proposal to be presented at the next E.B.U. Council meeting that a two-tier membership be introduced. This was discussed but the Committee were not in favour and decided not to support this proposal.

Subscriptions for 1989/90 will remain at £10.00.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

The Treasurer said that she had been looking into the possibility of the money offered by Mr Bridgman for the Tollemache team attracting the interest of the Inland Revenue. The Auditor did not foresee a problem but thought it would be as well to put it in the current, rather than the Deposit, account.

1 Day Green Point Event Entries were at present standing at 40 tables, the estimated outlay was £2,300.

Subscriptions were still arriving in dribs and drabs.

Camrose Match This will be covered more fully later, but the Treasurer reported that it was very successful.

E.B.U. Council Meeting - Much of the business had been covered in the newsletter to the Secretary. Mr D. Parry, who had been a source of some embarrassment to his County Association, had resigned at their request.

The post of General Manager at the E.B.U. had not been filled following Mr Fix's resignation as no suitable person could be found and the job would be shared around existing staff.

A proposal to move the venues of the meetings to Birmingham or Manchester perhaps did not prove popular.

Somerset and Avon are now two separate counties. Mr Slee said that he had told the Somerset Chairman that he was sure Devon would be pleased to assist in whatever way was needed, a feeling shared by the Committee.

Tollemache - Although Devon finished bottom of their group, Mr Ray said he was more satisfied than in previous years. The team had had good sessions on the Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, but a poor Saturday evening. Although the score did not look too good, past tams had done worse, and the team spirit had been good. The inexperienced pair had played steadily, but as the Tollemache was such a different competition from anything else, Mr Ray stressed the need to have 5 good 90-board pairs with the S.W. League being used to bring on less experienced players.

Mr Slee expressed his satisfaction in Mr Ray as Captain.

Last meeting - This had been held to discuss Mr Bridgman's offer and Mr Sharp's suggestions for training the possible/probable Tollemache team.

Mr Bridgman's ideas being of a somewhat radical nature, the Selectors had agreed not to pursue his offer any further at present and concentrate on Mr Sharp.

His detailed proposal is as follows:

1. A venue e.g. Torquay Bridge Club to be approached by the Selectors to use 1 evening per month to run training matches. Table money would be charged.

The Selectors suggested using Plymouth and Exeter as well

SELECTOR'S
REPORT

2. Each evening to be used for 8-10 pairs playing a Butler-scored Howell, using bidding-boxes, restricted licences and a director. 21 or 28 boards for 4 tables, 18 or 27 boards for 5 tables.

The Selectors had no objections and felt it would be better to play the smaller number of boards to allow time for a 'post-mortem'.

3. This format to continue for 6 months or so, each pair having 2 or 3 opportunities to play.

No objections from the Selectors.

4. Selectors to be guided by the results of probable players to select the Tollemache team. Then to continue with the same format, or play probable v possible, or increase meetings to 2 per month.

5. Selection. Pairs are invited to apply if they wish to be considered for the team.

The Selectors were not happy with this, people may have to be refused, and as Devon is short of first class players they felt it was important to pick the best pairs from the start. The S.W. League could be used to bring on the 'possibles'. They also felt that players rather than pairs should be selected which might throw up new partnerships to the benefit of the County, but they did wonder whether there would be more loyalty to a partnership than to a County. They had also all written down who they considered should be in the team and independently had come to the same conclusion - but did not reveal who they were!

Mr Ray said that the Selectors were of the opinion that Mike Allen should be involved in some way if at all possible and they were in favour of asking him to coach the team.

After an interesting discussion Mr Slee proposed that the Selectors be allowed to implement the above suggestions.

Seconded Mrs Pain, carried nem, con.

It was agreed that Mr Ray would write to players selected for events rather than putting notices on club boards, and in reply to Mr Slee said he thought the first training evening would be in mid-April.

CAMROSE
MATCH

The Secretary read the match report from Mr Pain, the match manager. His concise report showed that the event had been extremely successful, both from the English point of view as they won, and from the County's interms of Mr Pain's excellent organisation. Apart from one technical hitch, soon remedied,

the weekend had run very smoothly. The Chairman of the E.B.U., Keith Stanley, and both teams had praised the venue and the hotel and Keith Stanley indicated that a return to Plymouth would be viewed favourably.

It was agreed to request that Plymouth be used for the 1991 Camrose and John Pain be asked to be match-manager again. The Secretary will write and thank Mr Pain for his hard work and pass on the congratulations of the Committee.

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS

A.V.Morris - Mr Daymno enquired whether there were prizes other than the Trophy. Mrs Lamb said there were, depending on the number in the final

The Tournament Secretary had received a letter from a member in Saltash complaining that the Plymouth heat had been cancelled as it had only $2\frac{1}{2}$ tables, and he was very annoyed that he was unable to play. Torquay had also had to cancel their heat due to lack of entries, again $2\frac{1}{2}$ tables. It was agreed that the minimum number of tables -3 - will be incorporated into the rules of this event.

The Tournament Secretary had received money form pairs who had not qualified for events and requested that until the section Secretary has been notified officially they refrain from telling people in their sections.

Mrs Swift requested a D.C.C.B.A.night at the club. This was refused.

The County Treasurer brought to the attention of the Committee a newsletter that had been put up on the notice board of Plymouth club that she found personally offensive. There was a slightly heated exchange between the County Treasurer and the Chairman of the West Section, and opinions from other members. It was finally agreed that the offending notice be removed from the club and that the WestSection Secretary must be more careful in her choice of words in future.

The question of financial autonomy of the sections having been mooted in the previous item led to another discussion. Mr Haslam had written a paper on this topic some time ago and the Secretary agreed to circulate this to the Committee prior to the next meeting for discussion then.

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 9th May
The date of the programme meeting will be Tuesday 23rd May
The date of the A.G.M. will be Tuesday 27th June.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.40pm

PRESENT	<p>D. GREENAWAY (CHAIRMAN) MRS D.C. SHARP (HON. SEC.) MRS M. LAMB (HON. TREASURER)</p> <p>Mesdames: P. BENORTHAN, P. JONES, J. SWIFT, G.S. ALI KHAN Messrs: K. SLEE, P. ASHCROFT, J. LANCSHIRE, J. WOOLCOTT, P. DAYMON I. WATSON.</p>
APOLOGIES	<p>MRS. R. STEVENS, MRS. N. ELLIOT, B. RAY</p>
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	<p>The minutes of the previous meeting of 7-2-89 having been previously circulated were agreed as correct and a copy signed. This was due to the Secretary having forgotten the Minute Book. The original (unsigned) and the signed copy are both in the Minute Book.</p>
MATTERS ARISING	<p><u>NATIONAL NEWCOMERS PAIRS</u> - Mr. Daymon had written on his behalf to the E.B.U. but had heard nothing from them.</p> <p><u>CAMROSE 1991</u> - The Secretary confirmed she had written to both Mr. Pain and the E.B.U. but had heard nothing from either.</p>
VICE-CHAIRMAN	<p>Due to the death of Ken Hands the Committee was without a Vice-Chairman. South, whose turn it is, cannot fill the position and have passed it on to the East Section. It will revert to the South in a year's time. Mr. Woolcott was asked, and agreed to serve as Vice-Chairman. Carried Nem. Con.</p>
SECRETARY'S REPORT.	<p><u>CORWENT TROPHY</u> - The Secretary reported that due to a mistake by the Grand Hotel in Birmingham, the Corwen would now be held at the De Vere Hotel in Coventry.</p> <p><u>CHAIRMAN OF SELECTORS</u> - The Secretary reported that she had received a letter of resignation from Bob Ray, the Chairman of the Selectors and also County Captain, to take effect from the A.G.M. It was decided to take no action at present in the hopes that Mr. Ray could be persuaded to continue as his services would be missed.</p>
TREASURERS REPORT.	<p>The Treasurer said she had little to report, the subscriptions were coming in and she was waiting to finalise the accounts.</p>
SECTION ACCOUNTS	<p><u>NORTH</u> - Showed a loss for the year to 31/3/89 of £169.53. The January weekend had made a loss of £100.00. Some Capital items had been bought.</p> <p><u>SOUTH</u> - Showed a profit of £229.44 with £500 being added to the Building Society. Mrs. Jones, the South Section Treasurer announced she was retiring from that position and was warmly thanked for her hard work over several years. Mrs Pat Moyle will be South Section Treasurer and Mrs Jones would remain on the Executive Committee as a Section representative.</p>

SECTION ACCOUNTS.

EAST - Showed a profit of £203.13. All areas were up on previous years with the exception of the League.

WEST - Showed a loss of £34.11. The monies from the League and the Plymouth Congress were both less than the previous years.

The Hon. Treasurer requested that the League Director's payment be shown as an honorarium and not T.D. fees in future accounts.

LAWS + ETHICS COMMITTEE.

There is no standing Laws + Ethics Committee. Further discussion was postponed.

PUBLICITY OFFICER

The Chairman said he felt that the County would benefit from a Publicity Officer who could keep the members up-to-date on events etc and be responsible for publicity in 'English Bridge' and on 'Oracle'.

The Committee were in favour of this and it was agreed to approach Ian Murray and if he ~~was~~ ^{was} not interested, to circulate the clubs for interested parties.

SELECTORS REPORT.

Mr. Woolcott, on behalf of Bob Ray, reported that Wiltshire had cancelled their match against Devon in the Western Counties League. This would give Devon an Average ^{score}, which may not be sufficient for them to win the 'A' division of the League.

Tollemache Trials: Two had been held so far. Bob Blackmore + Kevin Slee had directed the 1st + 2nd trials respectively and had provided copies of the hands and summaries for those taking part.

Mike Allen had been approached with a view to coaching the Tolle team. His payment would be made at Devon County Council rates of £10.50/per hour plus expenses. After much discussion Mr. Lancshier proposed that the County Committee spend the estimated £1,000 on Mr. Allen's fees. Seconded by Mr. Ashcroft.

Mr. Slee proposed an amendment that the format of the trials carry on as at present without a coach. Seconded by Mrs Jones.

The Committee voted on the amendment :- For 8, Against 2. The amendment was carried.

Mrs. Lamb requested that the incoming Committee review the procedure in 1990 after the Tollemache.

The discussion continued and it was agreed that the trials go on as before and the Chairman would make an informal approach to Amos Bridgman with regard to his previous offer of money, with the Secretary following up if necessary.

ALLOCATION OF EVENTS.

For Master Points purposes the County is divided into 2 districts and each district is allowed to run and give M.Ps for the following events:-

- 1 major pairs 1 major teams
- 2 leagues 1 ladder
- 1 regular game per week - 52 in all

For administration purposes the Committee divides the County into 4 Sections and each district is awarded approximately half of a districts games allocation. These have been taken up as follows.

<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>West</u>
1 league	1 league	1 league	1 league
	1 ladder		
26 reg. games	34 reg. games	12 reg. games	0 reg. games.

The West has no D.C.C.B.A. right when a member of another section can play at a club without being signed in.

Mr. Slee asked if it was the wish of the West Section that the 32 'spare' regular games which they could, but do not, use, be divided between the other 3 sections. Mr. Lankshear replied that this would have to be discussed in Section Committee.

FINANCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

Mr. Slee proposed that a Financial Sub-Committee be set up after the A.G.M., made up of the County Treasurer and Section Treasurers. It would look at all aspects of the County and Section finances. Secouded Mrs. Jones. Carried nem. con.

POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE

Mr. Greenaway suggested the setting up of a Policy Sub-Committee to look at the administration. He thought that Mr. Woodcott, Mr. Slee and Mrs Ali Khan could prepare an initial document for presentation to a sub-committee consisting of the County Secretary, County Treasurer Section ~~T~~ Secretaries and himself. The financial sub-committee would pass their findings to the Policy Sub-Committee. This was agreed to.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Julia Chadwick Trophy - Mr. Slee reported that all the prospective Tournament Directors had qualified to play in the final. Mr. Greenaway was asked, and agreed, to direct. The venue had changed to the North Devon Motel, Barnstaple.

Garden Cities Trophy - After a question from Mr. Daymon, Mr. Slee said he would check whether team members had to be EBU members or just members of the club.

Computer. - The Secretary requested that the Committee agree to a

A-O-B.

new computer for scoring purposes, leaving the B.B.C. for admin. and as a back-up / second scoring computer.

Mrs Ali Kham proposed that the County buy a new computer and printer for scoring purposes. Seconded Mr. Slee.

Voting: For 11, Against 1, Abstention 1. Carried.

An upper limit of £1,400 was set for the computer, printer, + programs.

The Secretary said it should be IBM compatible to take the EBU programs which were not quite ready for sale due to legal technicalities.

The Treasurer proposed that the Sections should contribute per capita as they did when the BBC was bought. Seconded Mr. Watson. Carried.

MRS. JONES.

Mr. Woolcott proposed a formal vote of thanks to Mrs Jones. The County Treasurer said she would be very sorry to lose her as she was a first class section Treasurer.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10:25 pm.


5/9/89.

CHAIRMAN.

MINUTES OF DEVON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMITTEE

held on Tuesday 5th September, 1989 at
Torquay Bridge Club.

Present: D. Greenaway (Chairman)
J. Woolcott (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs. D.C. Sharp (Hon. Secretary)
Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)

Mesdames: M. Barton, P. Benorthan, N. Elliot,
G.S. Ali Khan, J. Swift P. Moyse.

Messrs : P. Ashcroft, J. Lankshear, K. Slee,
R. Ray.

Apologies: Mr. P. Daymon. Mr. Woolcott stated that Mrs. Stevens had resigned for various reasons.

Before continuing the meeting, the Chairman announced that, with the permission of the Committee, he had arranged for Mrs. P. Rowe from the Northern Section, to take on the task of Minute Secretary. This was approved by the meeting.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th May, 1989 were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising:

(a) Mr. Ray stated that he was prepared to continue as Selector, at least for the time being, as his work load had been eased with the able assistance of John Woolcott.

(b) Computer. Mrs. Lamb stated that she was still waiting to hear from EBU but, apparently, due to the legal aspects involved, the programmes were not ready for sale and it seemed pointless buying a computer until the situation had been resolved.

2. Secretary's Report.

Mrs. Sharp reported that she had received a request from Mr. Cummings of the Civil Service Bridge Club to run a Swiss Teams event which was granted as it did not interfere with other County events. She also advised him, after consulting the Handbook of the Master Points Scheme, that he could award MP's at District level. However, when Mr. Cummings applied to the EBU for a licence, he was told that he could award MP's at County level. Mrs. Sharp felt, and the Committee agreed, that this undermined the County's authority. It was decided that Mr. Greenaway should write a letter of protest to the Chairman of the EBU.

3. Gold Cup

It was agreed, at this stage, to discuss this item which was causing concern amongst various members. Mrs. Lamb stated that the director, John ^{Williams} Payne, had booked the Novotel, Plymouth for this EBU event (which is to be hosted by Cornwall); the reason this venue had fallen through was due to the dillatory behaviour of the EBU in not confirming bookings so the hotel in question had, without receiving the mandatory confirmation, gone ahead and booked another function. This event would now take place at Ivybridge in the main hall of the school.

Several members expressed concern that, as this event is now to be held within Devon, any comebacks due to the change of venue might be reflected on Devon in spite of the fact that Cornwall are the official organising body. It was finally agreed to wait and see what, if any, repercussions might be forthcoming. However, an interest was expressed for Devon to ask to organise this event next year.

4. Treasurer's Report.

Mrs.Lamb reported that calendars and envelopes were ready and had been given to representatives for sectional distribution. Subscriptions were coming in quite well. It had been necessary to purchase a new Admin. Programme which would give room for 1,000 members whereas the existing programme was only geared up to 800.

Mrs.Lamb said she was satisfied she had arranged a good deal as and when a new computer became available. A quantity of best quality playing cards had been bought and these were available to sections, etc. at the price paid by the Treasurer.

The Treasurer was asked if there were any accounts available for the Torquay Congress and would any be presented to the County Committee. It was agreed that copies of the accounts would be available at the next meeting.

It appeared that the Torquay Congress was run ^{with some secrecy} as a "secret society" and, indeed, some felt this event should be brought in line with the others run by sections who were more diligent in presenting accounts.

The Treasurer thought this matter should be discussed by the Finance Committee who would then put forward their recommendations to the County Committee.

Mr.Slee then informed the Committee that he, personally, had received a summons from the Grand Hotel for the balance they said was outstanding for meals ordered for the buffet, namely a sum of £809. He had been in the throes of moving house and had contacted Solicitors to deal with the matter. Mr.Slee stated that a member of the Hotel staff had asked how the tickets for the buffet were selling and, on being told they were not selling at all well, had asked what numbers could be anticipated and, when told 40, said that was the number they would cater for. The Hotel insisted that the number had been 180 which was the number originally anticipated.

Mr.Ashcroft expressed concern that legal costs could well come to more than the amount the Congress is being sued for and felt there should be a limit imposed on the amount of the legal costs.

It was agreed to leave the matter with Mr.Slee and the Solicitors.

5. Publicity Officer's Report,

The Chairman welcomed Ian Murray who had agreed to take on this post.

Mr.Murray stated that little had happened since he had taken on this job in June. The Plymouth Congress would be included on Oracle on Friday next and it would be interesting to see if this would make any difference to the entry.

He hoped that the Torquay Congress would go in during the following week.

The North Devon Weekend would be advertised in the Western Morning News next Tuesday.

Mr. Murray asked the Committee whether they wanted to leave the general publicity to him or did they want special events publicised as they came along?

The Committee asked that the results of major events be publicised within 48 hours and further suggested that Section Secretaries should contact the Publicity Officer direct when they wanted publicity.

The Secretary asked if the Publicity Officer would be able to produce a Newsletter and he thought this might be possible with the co-operation and information from Section and Club Secretaries.

6. Selector's Report

Mr. Ray was glad to report the success in the Western League where Devon won the first division and were second in division 2, being beaten only by Cornwall who took the trophy. He was very pleased with the way the teams had performed and had experimented by mixing players and changing partners in both divisions. This year's programme is well under way. Wiltshire had dropped out but had been replaced by Glos. and, as Avon and Somerset were now separate entities, there would be an extra team.

At the end of the season there was a get-together of all participating Counties and Devon had entered three teams, all of which had been drawn to play each other. Our best result was 3rd and it had been a most enjoyable event held in Bristol.

The organisers of the Presidents ^{for} Cup had stressed they would like strong ^{play} teams only to enter this event and as Devon normally selected different players each year this was a problem the Selectors would have to bear in mind. Tollemache Trials had gone ahead. Three had been held so far and 3 more were programmed.

The results of the trials together with details and comments on some of the hands played, were circulated to members of the Committee. The Selectors were looking not only for ability but also reliability and good conduct at table.

A letter had been sent to Mike Allen about coaching stating that, by the time a decision could be made, it would be too late for this season.

7. Finance/Policy Sub-Committee Report

The Treasurer stated that they had now made a start. Mr. Woolcott was in the process of formulating a plan and this should be finalised in time for the next meeting.

8. Any Other Business.

(a) Western Morning News Cup - The closing date for this event had been put back to 13th September. To date, 14 entries had been received. Last year's final total had been 19 teams.

The Chairman was concerned that the printer did not get the information until 23rd July which meant the programme would be out too late for some sections to be aware of the closing date for this event; he had thought the purpose of having a Programme Meeting in May was to sort out this kind of problem.

Mrs.Lamb suggested putting this event on the tail-end of the ^{Calendar} season as it always overlapped.

Mr.Ashcroft apologised for the delay in printing the programmes; the whole process normally took three weeks but, due to difficulties, this year had taken five weeks. It was anticipated the the Publicity Officer would, in future, advertise this event which should ease the situation.

(b) Heart Foundation Cup

This event had previously been organised by ^{West Section} Plymouth but had latterly attracted a smaller entry and had now been taken over by the Southern Section.

(c) Dates for County Committee Meetings

The following dates were agreed :-

Tuesday	5th December, 1989
"	6th February, 1990
"	1st May, 1990
"	22nd May, 1990 (Programme Meeting)
"	26th June, 1990 (A.G.M.)

It would be necessary to hold another meeting to discuss Finance and Policy.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.


5/12/89

PRESENT

D. GREENAWAY (CHAIRMAN)
 J. WOOLCOTT (VICE-CHAIRMAN)
 MRS D.C. SHARP (HON. SECRETARY)
 MRS M. LAMB (HON. TREASURER)

Mesdames: J. Swift, P. Moyses, M. Barton, P. Benorthan

Messrs : J. Lankshear, P. Daymon, M. Young, K. Slee

APOLOGIES

Mrs N. Elliott, Mrs P. Rowe, Mrs G.S. Ali Khan, Mrs P. Jones, Capt P. Ashcroft.

The Chairman had called the meeting to discuss the Torquay Congress - Grand Hotel dispute in more detail as he felt it had been left in an unsatisfactory state at the meeting of 5/9/89. Before so doing he referred back to the Civil Service Bridge Club dealt with at the previous meeting and also the Plymouth Congress which was on the agenda for this meeting.

CIVIL SERVICE
BRIDGE CLUB.

The Chairman had written to the Chairman of the EBU as requested by the Committee at the previous meeting. He had received a reply which stated that the correct procedure had been followed by Mr. Cummings in applying to the E.B.U. for a licence as they are the correct licencing authority for an 'open' event. The County do not appear to have the right to suggest the status of points to be awarded for open licences, even if they do not consider the estimated number of tables to include a substantial number from outside the district (or equivalent thereof).

The E.B.U. has agreed to monitor the entry to check on the status for M.P.s and report back to Devon. Mr. Lankshear said that those members of the Committee who were playing in the event would also report back at the Committee meeting in December.

The Vice-Chairman asked the Committee to bear in mind that open events run by the County can increase the potential liability on the County to Corporation Tax (Events held by the clubs are not affected by this tax) Corporation Tax and V.A.T. liability is based on gross takings, not on nett profit.

After discussion, it was agreed to review the position next year if the Civil Service Club requested evidence of non-objection to the event prior to applying to the EBU for a licence.

PLYMOUTH
CONGRESS

It had been brought to the attention of the Secretary that the Plymouth Congress had an open licence, when, as far as she was aware, this was a closed event limited to members of the DCCBA. The EBU confirmed an open licence had been issued in November 1988 for October 1989. In view of previous discussions in Committee regarding permission to apply for open licences and after consultation with the Chairman, the matter was put on the Agenda for the Special Meeting.

Mr. Lankshear (Chairman of the West Section) said that an open licence had first been applied for in May ~~1988~~¹⁹⁸⁷ and was in the West Section minutes. This was confirmed by the County Secretary. However, at no time had the Committee been asked for evidence of non-objection by the West Section, which it should have done in May 1987, and after discussion the Committee felt that this should be done for future years.

The Vice-Chairman enquired whether Devon Victor Ludorum points could still be awarded in events that are not restricted to Devon members. Victor Ludorum points are not awarded at the Torquay Congress for precisely that reason. After discussion Mr. See proposed that the Victor Ludorum points should no longer be awarded at the Plymouth Congress. Seconded Mrs Lamb. A vote was taken: For 7, Against 3. Carried.

The Vice-Chairman then advised the Committee that advice should be taken regarding Corporation Tax and VAT now that the Congress was open and the County Treasurer agreed to do so.

TORQUAY
CONGRESS

The Chairman re-iterated that he and the Vice-Chairman considered that the matter of the disputed bill and subsequent summons had not been left in a satisfactory manner at the last meeting.

The Chairman said that he had had various unofficial opinions from various solicitors + hoteliers, and that he had spoken to the Manager of the Grand Hotel, Torquay, unofficially, to see if a compromise might be reached as he felt it was in no-one's interest to pursue the matter. The manager had at first been very belligerent but later indicated they might be prepared to accept $\frac{2}{3}$ nds of the disputed bill of £809 plus legal costs.

The Chairman was of the opinion that they might settle for half the amount.

The original charge was for 135 meals @ £7.50, a total of £1012.50 the reason for the summons being for £809 was not known.

The Chairman asked the Committee for their views.

Mr. Slee said it had been agreed at the last meeting to leave the matter with him until such time as he had heard more from the Solicitors, and he felt that the Chairman might have admitted liability for the debt.

The Chairman disagreed and said he thought he was acting in the best interests of the County.

Mrs. Lamb said that she had also spoken to a solicitor who felt that a second verbal contract had been made between Mrs Sharp and the duty manager limiting the covers to 40, and this contract cancelled the original estimate of 180 covers.

Mr. Lankshear proposed that the matter be left in the hands of the Solicitor to await his advice. Seconded Mrs. Barton. A vote was taken; For 9, Against 0, Abstention 1. Carried.

After a further exchange between the Chairman + Mr. Slee, Mr. Slee resigned as Congress Secretary and Chief Tournament Director of the County. He was willing to remain as Congress Secretary until such time as the matter is resolved. Mr. Slee then left the meeting.

The Vice-Chairman felt that the matter was getting out of hand. The Chairman had discussed it with him and they were both very concerned that the matter was being left on the shoulders of 2 or 3 people when it could be shared with the whole Committee and said he would ask Mr. Slee to reconsider.

The Chairman retracted any remarks he made that might have caused offence to Mr. Slee and said if it was the wish of the Committee he would write to him. The Committee so wished.

Discussion then took place over the 1990 Congress. Mrs. Sharp said that the only venue that might be suitable and was

available was the Gypsy Hill Hotel, Pinhoe. Some doubt was expressed as to whether people who went to Torquay for a Congress would wish to go to Exeter for one. It was agreed that Mrs Sharp would look further into it, and also the Pontins Holiday Camp at Paignton.

As the Congress dates clashed with the regional final of the National Pairs, Mrs Sharp suggested that the date be brought forward a week to March 30th, 31st + 1st April. It was noted that this would clash with the Land's End Congress.

Mrs. Sharp expressed her concern at organising the Congress without a Congress Secretary.

During more general discussion the Chairman expressed displeasure at not having known about the summons before the meeting on the 5th of September. He said it was being discussed by the general members of Torquay Bridge Club, but this was denied by Mr. Young + Mrs. Moyle, both of whom are members of the club. Mr. Lankshear said there had obviously been a breakdown in communication between the Congress Committee and the Chairman which was an error.

The Vice-Chairman had managed to speak to Mr. Slee on the telephone and he wished to stand by what he had said but he was willing to receive a letter from the Chairman and he would reply to him.

The Committee expressed its confidence in Mr. Slee and regret at the action taken.

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



CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DCCBA ON 5.12.89. AT TORQUAY
BRIDGE CLUB.

PRESENT

J.Woolcott (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs D.C.Sharp (Hon. Secretary)
Mrs M.Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)

Mesdames P.Jones, N.Elliott, J.Swift, P.Benorthan, M.Barton,
Messrs M.Young, J.Smith, J.Lankshear

APOLOGIES

Mesdames G.S.Ali Khan, P.Mpyse
Messrs D.Greenaway (Chairman)
R.I.Ray, L.Roberts, P.Daymon, P.Ashcroft

The Chairman's car having broken down on the way to the meeting
the Vice-Chairman took the Chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Chairman had asked via a phone call to the Vice-Chairman that
approval of the minutes be withheld as he had some queries on both
sets. However, as other members had queries it was agreed to
continue.

26.9.89

The Secretary read a letter from Mr Daymon querying the minutes
of 26.9.89. At the request of the Committee the minutes were read.
Mrs Jones, a past Chairman of the DCCBA, in response to a paragraph
in Mr Daymon's letter, confirmed that the post of Chairman was not
an elected one, only one elected Chairman (herself) had taken office
and that was at the time when Cornwall had left the Association
and the Chairman at that time had been a member of Cornwall.

In response to Mr Daymon's query regarding the penultimate paragraph,
the Committee confirmed that they had expressed confidence in Mr
Slee although no formal vote was taken. Mr Lankshear proposed, seconde
Mrs Benorthan, that the minute should stand. This was carried.
The Vice-Chairman corrected the accuracy of the minute regarding
Corporation Tax and VAT. Corporation Tax is chargeable on profits
of 'open' events and VAT on gross takings of the whole county.
The words 'Corporation Tax and' were deleted.
On page 2, '1987' was substituted for '1988'

Mrs Elliott wished to have it minuted that the County Chairman wished
to take up some points in these minutes and had asked for them not
to be signed. The Vice-Chairman asked for the Committee's agreement
to this, but after discussion it was agreed to sign them.

Mrs Elliott had to leave the meeting at this point to collect the
Chairman.

5.9.89

The minutes of 5.9.89. were read.

The following alterations were made:

Treasurer's Report - the words 'with some secrecy' were substituted for 'secret society'

Gold Cup - the name 'Williams' was substituted for 'Pain'.

Selector's Report - the word 'Pot' was substituted for 'cup' and the word 'pairs' for 'teams'.

W.M.N. - The word 'calendar' was substituted for 'season'.

A.O.B. - Heart Foundation Cup - 'West Section' was substituted for 'Plymouth'.

MATTERS ARISING 5.9.89.

Computer

The Treasurer said that the scoring discs were still not available due to legal problems. Mrs Barton said that the EBU had said that the discs would be available in the New Year, details would be in the EBU County Newsletter.

Gold Cup

It was agreed that this had gone well and the refreshments had been acceptable.

Torquay Congress Accounts

The Treasurer regretted that she had come without these but would give a copy to Mr Lankshear later.

Western Morning News Cup

The Vice-Chairman reported that more teams had entered with the later closing date.

MATTERS ARISING 26.9.89.

There were no matters arising. Mrs Jones asked that the appreciation due to Mr Slee for stepping in as Chief T.D. at a difficult time be recorded.

Both sets of Minutes were signed as correct.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Torquay Congress 1990 - The Secretary reported that after discussions with the sub-committee, The County Treasurer and the Chairman it had been agreed to scrap the 1990 Congress due to the difficulties previously minuted.

Mr Slee had been in contact with the Solicitor regarding the Grand Hotel, and the Solicitor was of the opinion that no further action would be taken as he had heard nothing more from the Grand's solicitor.

Mike Swanson, an EBU National Director has been appointed Training Director and would be running courses at various levels for Directors, including County and Club level. In response to a request from Mr Swanson it was felt that he should approach the clubs direct

Phil Philbrick and GCH Fox had both asked to hold bridge weekend in the county and the Secretary had no objection.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The Treasurer reported that the EBU had been having a purge on membership and several people had now paid up, including non-residents such as Ian Popplestone.

At the EBU A.G.M. the new Committee had been elected. The new Chairman is Gerard Faulkner and the Vice-Chairman is Peter Stocken. The EBU financial statement was available to the Committee if required.

Phil Philbrick is hoping to affiliate a new club at Pontins. It will be in a purpose built building and will open in either March or November next year.

The Finance Sub-Committee had been unable to meet today due to illness and the death of Mr Daymon's mother.

SELECTOR'S REPORT

Letters had been received by the Secretary from Bob Blackmore and David Sharp, and Ann Slee questioning selection procedure for the Tollemache which had been circulated with the agenda. Further letters from Ken Woods, Warner Solomon & Louise Nichols and Peter Bowles which had been received after the agenda had been circulated were now distributed.

As one letter had been written by her husband, the Secretary made it clear that she had no intention of taking part in any vote relating to the Tollemache team.

The Chairman of the Selector's was unable to be present so the Vice-Chairman presented his report, a copy of which is attached.

The Selectors asked the County Committee to decide whether to
a) withdraw the invitation to R. Blackmore & D Sharp, or
b) to send the team as originally selected with the addition of a fifth pair.

During the course of lively discussion, the Treasurer asked if it were true that R. Blackmore & D. Sharp had already been told that they were to be dropped. The Vice-Chairman ~~denied this and said that it was up to this Committee to decide.~~ ^{and they had been told that a resolution was being put to this Committee} The Treasurer also enquired why no similar action was being considered against Mrs Slee who had also written a critical letter. The Vice-Chairman replied that it was a matter of timing. ^{never again} It was felt that the original letter had 'spawned' the others.

Mrs Jones said that as the Committee had agreed to the County Selector having advisors from each section, the Committee should express its confidence in them. She disliked what she saw as an implied threat in the final paragraph of the Blackmore/Sharp letter and that they should not go.

The Treasurer asked whether the Selector had received letters in the previous years, as the County Committee had done, but the Vice-Chairman said he was not aware of any.

Mr Lankshear expressed his confidence in the Selectors and observed that whoever ^{is picked} ~~was picked~~ would find fault with other people and the letters reflected badly on the 'better' players. He suggested the Secretary write to the clubs expressing the Committee's total confidence in the Selectors and the team chosen. If members were dissatisfied with any of the Committee then the proper place to voice this was at the A.G.M.

The Treasurer said that the players seemed to have taken objection to the paragraph in the Selectors' letter about making a good impression socially. The Vice-Chairman said this had been written because some players had ignored other players in the past, and said that the outgoing EBU Chairman had made the same point in the EBU magazine.

The Vice-Chairman said that in the event of the Committee agreeing to drop R. Blackmore & D. Sharp the Tollemache team would be as follows:

Mr & Mrs K. Slee Mr & Mrs T. Walton
W. Ellis & G. MacKay A. Bridgman & K. Evers
Mr & Mrs J. Woolcott R. Ray (Captain) to play as required.

The Treasurer proposed accepting the recommendation to drop
R. Blackmore & D. Sharp and the team as detailed above. Seconded Mr
Lankshear. There being 1 vote against and 1 abstention, the motion was
carried.

It was agreed that the Secretary should write to the clubs as proposed
by Mr Lankshear.

CIVIL SERVICE BRIDGE CLUB

At the event on 12.11.89. there had been 23 tables, of which 2½ teams
were from outside the County. The Secretary had spoken to the EBU who
thought it unlikely that County level MP's would be awarded in future
years.

CHIEF TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.

The Vice-Chairman asked that this be carried over to the next meeting
as the Chairman had been going to suggest a name but was not here to
do so. This was agreed.

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The Secretary said this was on the agenda at the request of the Chair-
man and should likewise be carried over. This was agreed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Policy Sub-Committee - The Sub-Committee had not yet met, but progress
was being made.

The Vice-Chairman was thanked for taking the Chair, and there being no
other business, the meeting closed at 9.52 p.m.



Vice-CHAIRMAN

Minutes of the D.C.C.B.A. Committee Meeting held on Tuesday
6th February, 1990 at Torquay Bridge Club

Present : Vice-Chairman ... J.Woolcott
Secretary ... Mrs.D.Sharp
Treasurer ... Mrs.M.Lamb
Mesdames, G.Ali-Khan, M.Barton, P.Benortham, N.Elliot,
P.Jones, P.Moyse, J.Swift.
Mr.J.Lankshear
In Attendance : Minute Secretary, Mrs.P.Rowe

(In the Chairman's absence, the Vice-Chairman took the Chair).

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. P.Ashcroft and P.Daymon.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th December, 1989 were read by the Secretary and, after minor errors were corrected, the following amendments were made :-

(a) Selector's Report

- (i) On all references to "B" Blackmo re, substitute "R" for "B".
- (ii) Fifth paragraph: The Vice-Chairman said he had stated "that they had been advised that a recommendation was being put to this Committee" and not, as written, "The Vice-Chairman denied this and said that it was up to this Committee to decide". Mr.Woolcott said he personally had not used the word "spawned" although this word had indeed been used by another Committee member.
- (iii) Eighth paragraph: 2nd line, delete "would find fault with other people" and substitute "other players would find fault".

(b) Treasurer's Report

Mrs.Lamb asked that the first paragraph should be taken out as Ian Popplestone paid up every two years.

Subject to the above amendments, the Minutes were approved and signed by the Vice-Chairman as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising.

- (a) The Secretary reported that she had written to all affiliated clubs in accordance with the request of the Committee.
- (b) Computer: The Treasurer stated there was still no progress to report although she had spoken to the EBU but it appeared the programme was still not available for purchase.
- (c) Torquay Congress. The Secretary said she had spoken to Mr.Slee and he had not mentioned the matter. Mrs.Lamb recommended that the County maintain a low profile as there was nothing further to report about the claim.
- (d) EBU Directors Training Scheme. The Vice-Chairman pointed out that courses had been organised for Club Directors but not, seemingly, for County Directors although this was printed in the EBU Magazine. It was noted that, as this item was to be included in the Secretary's Report, further discussion would be left until then.

4. Secretary's Report

(a) County Directors' Courses.

The Secretary had received a letter from a Mr.Arnheim asking if he could go on one of these courses but, as he did not seem to be a recognised Director, she had written to him suggesting he should go, first of all, on a Club Directors Course and, if he wished to be included on the County Directors' Panel, he could let her know.

Mr.Woolcott said he had not been aware that Mr.Arnheim wanted to go on one of these Courses but he could vouch for his organisational ability in his production of computer print outs of results etc. and thought he would make excellent Director material.

(At this point, the Chairman arrived and duly took the Chair.)

The Secretary had written to Mr. Swanson asking him to contact the Plymouth and Torquay Clubs direct concerning the arrangement of a date or dates for a Club Directors Course.

The Chairman stated that one of the clubs in the Northern Section was endeavouring also to arrange a similar event in that area and he would like to apply to the County for approval to pay half the fees of the players participating.

Mr. Lankshear felt the County should encourage anyone in view of the drastic shortage, especially of County Directors, and thought that £5. per person would be money well spent in furthering and fostering bridge within the County.

The Treasurer suggested that Sections pay half the fees i.e. £10. and this was then proposed by Mr. Lankshear, seconded by Mrs. Jones and agreed.

(b) Licence Application

(i) The Secretary had received a licence application from the proprietors of the Sunhill Hotel asking for County permission for John and Jill Payne to hold six Week-ends during the next 12 months. These would comprise Swiss teams, Swiss pairs, teaching and duplicate bridge. Permission was given for 4 dates in 1990 providing that one that clashed with the Torquay Congress in November was changed.

(ii) Two requests from Mr. Cummings were approved.

(c) BBL National Representative Teams.

Mr. Woolcott understood that County approval was needed if a player was selected to play for either the BBL or EBU in an International match but the Secretary had no knowledge of this and was asked to write to the BBL to ascertain the procedure.

5. Treasurer's Report

(a) Mrs. Lamb stated that subs. were still coming in due, probably to the recent EBU purge. Mrs. Lamb went on to ask Section Treasurers to ensure that post codes were included in forwarding details of new members.

(b) Green Point Tournaments 1991/92

Three dates had been offered to the County and it was agreed to opt for June, 1992 with March, 1992 as second choice for Swiss Teams.

(c) Under-19 Subscriptions.

Mrs. Lamb reported that although there was to be no change in the EBU full subscription rate, it was intended to introduce an under-19 subscription. It was agreed by the Committee that the County subs. to these young players should be £2.50 in line with the full subs.

(d) Associate Membership

The Treasurer informed the meeting, and asked that Section Treasurers should make particular note, of the EBU intention to introduce an Associate membership fee of £4. in trial Counties only.

(e) Mr. Lankshear asked the Treasurer to look into the fact that several people in his Section, including his own wife, had paid their subs. but were not receiving the Magazine. Mrs. Lamb said this was happening right across the country but was something outside her jurisdiction and she suggested Mr. Lankshear took the matter up direct with EBU.

6. Torquay Congress, 1991 (5th - 7th April)

Mrs. Ali-Khan had visited the Grosvenor Hotel in Belgrave Road and was favourably impressed with this venue. The hotel could offer the use of four rooms for £150. per day. From the plan available, Mrs. Lamb had worked out that it would be possible to give adequate space for 96 tables and it was agreed that Mrs. Ali-Khan should book this venue.

The Chairman said the question would arise whether this Congress should be run by a sub-Committee or whether it should be run as any other County event. The treasurer felt she would very much prefer this to be run by the County.

Mr. Woolcott expressed the view that this Congress should be re-vamped and run more as a social event and, with this in mind, the Chairman suggested that this be investigated by the Secretary and the Treasurer with Mrs. Ali-Khan who were to report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

7. Chief Tournament Director and Directors' Panel

It was noted that David Sharp is now the only County Director in Devon. Various names were put forward for the position of Chief Tournament Director or for possible inclusion on the Directors' Panel and it was agreed that these people should be approached to ascertain their feelings. Mr. Woolcott stressed the importance of the position of Chief Tournament Director being that of a good organiser who, with the backing of a number of Directors, could efficiently run the various County finals, etc. It was decided to approach Mark Benortham to see if he would accept this position. It was also agreed that Sections should ask within their own areas of any further likely candidates and the Chairman was asked to write to David Sharp to see if he was available to direct any of the County's events.

8. Selection Committee

The Chairman read the letter he had received from Bob Ray reporting on the Devon team's performance in the recent Tollemache and also proffering his resignation.

Mr. Greenaway had acknowledged this letter thanking Bob Ray for all his hard work in the past.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that a vote of thanks be recorded in the Minutes to Bob Ray for his past endeavours and the Secretary was asked to write to him accordingly.

Mr. Woolcott gave a brief resume of the team's performance and made reference to Amos Bridgman and Keith Evers' efforts.

The Chairman stated that there had been a request for a Special General Meeting to discuss the current and future position of team selection.

The Committee was pleased to learn from the Chairman that Amos Bridgman was prepared to take on the position of Sole Selector. It was felt that his undoubted ability was respected and recognised throughout the County and he could well be the ideal person for this position. This was then proposed by Mr. Lankshear and seconded by Mrs. Jones and carried unanimously.

The Secretary had received a request for a Special Meeting signed by 18 members of the DCCBA. The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss selection procedure. The Secretary had asked for a motion to this effect which she had received but it was unsigned. After discussion, it was agreed that the Secretary would discuss a suitable date with Mr. Bridgman bearing in mind the restrictions imposed by the County rules. Mr. Lankshear suggested that the meeting be held either in Plymouth or Barnstaple but the Chairman pointed out that the constitution demanded a 'central' venue so it was agreed to use the Torquay Club.

The Treasurer suggested that statistical records of the top players and their performances both within the County and elsewhere in team events should be kept and then selection could be based on these records, it being made known to the players concerned. Mr. Woolcott said he was in the habit of keeping such records for this very purpose.

Mr. Woolcott drew the Committee's attention to the need for a County team to be selected within the next 28 days for matches against Avon and Dorset.

9. Any Other Business

(a) Northern Section - September Week-End, 1990

Mrs. Elliot asked for County approval for this Week-End to become an "Open" event. This was refused. The Treasurer pointed out that Corporation Tax would have to be paid not only on this event but going back on the Torquay Congress for several years and this could result in the County having to pay out a great deal of money which she was not prepared to allow.

The Chairman stated that, failing County approval, it could possibly mean that the Northern Section would not be able to run Week-Ends in future which seemed a pity in view of the fact that there was at least one hotel in that area which was ideally situated and suitable for an "Open" event.

(b) County Computer

As the Secretary is an official EBU Computer scorer, she is entitled to copies of the EBU programmes. It is hoped that she will be able to obtain copies at the Guardian Easter Competition.

(c) Finance & Policy Sub-Committee

The sub-Committees have been unable to meet as yet. The Vice-Chairman said he was still setting things up and he needed to talk to the Section Secretaries and to go through the minutes before reporting back.

The Finance meeting had had to be cancelled but it was hoped to set one up in the near future.

(d) National Pairs Heats

A club in East Devon had run a heat in addition to the four already held in the County. The Secretary said she would check with the EBU if County permission is needed.

(e) A.G.M.

The Chairman requested that the date be changed to 19th June from 26th June as the Vice-Chairman, who will be taking over as Chairman, is unable to attend on the 26th. The Committee agreed.

J. Greenaway
22/5/90.

Minutes of the DCCBA Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 22nd May, 1990 at Torquay Bridge Club.

Present: Chairman ... Mr.D.Greenaway
Vice-Chairman Mr.J.Woolcott
Secretary ... Mrs.E.Sharp
Treasurer ... Mrs.M.Lamb

Mesdames G.Ali-Khan, M.Barton, P.Benortham, N.Elliot,
P.Jones, P.Moyse, J.Swift
J.Lankshear, J.Smith, J.Waldie

In Attendance: Minute Secretary, Mrs.P.Rowe

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr.Terrett

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th February were approved by the Committee and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising:

(i) 3(b) Computer - The Treasurer stated that purchase of the Computer was to be delayed pending the payment of the costs incurred from the Court case resulting from the Grand Hotel suing the County. The Chairman could see no connection between these two items and although a Committee member raised the question of buying an alternative computer and programmes, it was not considered expedient in view of the fact that the EBU computer programme was of a much higher standard than those offered elsewhere.

It was agreed, therefore, to continue scoring manually until such time as the EBU programmes were available to the County.

(ii) 5(b) Green Point Tournaments 1991/92 - It was noted that no dates had, as yet been confirmed.

(iii) 6. Torquay Congress, 1991 - The Secretary stated she was awaiting final room measurements to determine the number of tables. Mrs.Ali-Khan said the Grosvenor Hotel looked as if it could prove an excellent venue and the price quoted (£450. for the whole weekend) was very cheap. The hotel is central with good parking.

It was agreed to leave further discussion of this item until item 8 on the Agenda.

(iv) 7. Chief Tournament Director and Directors' Panel - It was noted with regret that Mark Benortham was unable to accept the position of Chief Tournament Director and although the Chairman had spoken to David Sharp on the telephone, and he had, in fact expressed his willingness to assist with Directing, it now appeared that Mr.Sharp was too heavily committed with his business to allow further encroachment of his time and this meant that, once again, the County was without the services of a County Director.

John Woolcott offered to enquired from the new Exeter Chairman, Mr.Terrett, whether he would be prepared to become Chief Tournament Director.

(v) 8.Special Meeting - The Chairman reported that this meeting had been held and had gone off very well - Amos Bridgman had been welcomed as County Selector.

(vi) 9(c) Finance Sub-Committee - It was noted that a meeting of this Sub-Committee had taken place this afternoon and, when the facts had been collated, the results would be presented to the next County Meeting.

Policy Sub-Committee - Mr.Woolcott stated he had prepared a report of considerable length on the organisation of the County containing various proposals i.e. rule changes, the necessity to train people to take over key positions that have been held for a number of years.

Mr.Greenaway agreed with what Mr.Woolcott had said and remarked that it seemed a pity that it took so long for the various Sub-Committees to become operative.

Commenting on the remark that the County Chairman needed to be kept informed at all times of what was happening in the County Mr.Lankshear said the Chairman is the most important figurehead in the County.

Mr.Greenaway stated that, in view of Mr.Woolcott's report, which is to be presented to a special meeting, he would not bring up at the A.G.M., various proposed rule changes which he considered necessary.

The Chairman read a letter he had received from Ian Murray, Publicity Officer, stating that, through lack of information and interest from Sections, he was resigning. Mr.Woolcott said this proved one of his points about lack of communication.

(vii) 9(a) Northern Section Week-End - It was noted that the Northern Section Committee was not happy with the County comments concerning Corporation Tax. As it was unlikely that this event would produce a profit for tax purposes, the Committee were more sympathetic and Mr.Greenaway said he would raise this again at the next meeting.

(viii) 9(d) National Pairs Heats - The Secretary stated this appeared to be somewhat of a grey area.

4.

Secretary's Report

- (a) Mrs.Sharp had received recent applications for licences from John Beard at the Arunde - 20/22nd October and 26/28 October and from the Sunhill (John Payne) 2/4 November, 23rd December/ 1st January, 18/20 January and the second weekend in March.
- (b) Inter-County Leagues - It had been suggested that these leagues should be given a higher rating. Mr.Woolcott said there was a problem even in the Western League because of the travelling and expense involved in actually running a team. Mr.Lankshear did not consider the suggestion of fixed dates for these matches to be worth following up as, surely, they could conflict with internal County events.
- (c) The Secretary stated there was a move towards instigating yet another new competition, this time aimed at those players above the National Newcomers rankings but it was not known exactly what the restriction of rankings would be.
- (d) Youth Working Party - Mrs.Sharp informed the Committee of this Working Party and invited any interested Committee member to contact her when she would put their names forward.
- (e) The Fleming Awards - any nominations to be notified by 30th June.
- (f) Green Point One Day Events 1993 - The County had been offered two dates - 16th May or 20th June and it was agreed to tender for the May date for a Swiss Team event.
- (g) Correspondence - A letter had been received regarding the behaviour of ~~Mike Allen~~ ^{a member} at the Jack & Jill final at Budleigh. The Committee agreed that a letter should be sent to ~~Mike Allen~~ ^{the member concerned} stating that his behaviour was unacceptable and not conducive to good bridge etiquette and warning him that any repetition on his part of this kind of behaviour would lead to suspension from the County.

It was also agreed to write to Budleigh apologising for this behaviour, stating what action had been taken and confirming that he would not be allowed to play at Budleigh again.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mrs.Lamb reported a loss on the year, the prime cause of which was all the competitions as the County was not getting sufficient entries from members and she asked the Committee to consider axing some of the competitions.

Mrs.Ali-Khan thought the A.V.Morris was one event that should be looked at as it is obvious that a lot of people were not prepared to travel outside their own Section areas to take part in the County final.

John Woolcott thought it might be possible to try a Simultaneous event to be run in the clubs on the same night instead of the present format of the A V.Morris and this suggestion was greeted with enthusiasm.

It was agreed that Mr.Woolcott should formulate this for presentation to the Programme Meeting.

The Treasurer went on to list the various National competitions for which the County continues to lose money as expenses of the winners have to be paid for their going on to the various National finals.

Mr.Lankshear suggested increasing the entry fee by 20/25% but the Treasurer said this would inevitably mean increasing the prize money. It was pointed out that several Counties do not, in fact, pay for their winners to go to the National finals.

Concern was then expressed with regard to the Garden Cities event which, this season, had only attracted an entry of five teams and, after discussion, it was agreed that in future this event would only take place with the assurance of ten teams entering. The Chairman wondered if it might be possible to hold this event in Exeter and Mrs.Jones offered to enquire about the possibility of using a conference room at the Devon Showground.

(b)Payment of Accounts for County Events. The Chairman stated this is not possible in the Northern Section as the hotels expect to be paid on the day of the event.

The Treasurer stated that the situation is changing and various venues now expect a deposit or even 50% beforehand and she agreed that in future, after the booking had been confirmed in writing, she would arrange to let the hotel have the money on the day of the event.

(c)Entry fees for County run events - Mr.Lankshear proposed that to keep in line with inflation, entry fees for competitions should be increased by 20/25%. This was seconded by Jack Smith but did not find any further support on being put to the vote.

6. Presentation of Section Accounts

Western Section had made a loss of	£106.59	
Northern Section had made a loss of	£237.96	
East Section had made a profit of		£228.
South Section had made a profit of		£372.

7. Selector's Report

The Chairman distributed copies of a report prepared by the County Selector, Amos Bridgman.

Mr.Woolcott reported on the latest position in the Western League. At present, both Devon teams are in second place in their respective Divisions and it seemed likely that the 2nd team would maintain this position in the 2nd Division to the

ultimate winners, Cornwall. In the 1st Division, East Wales would maintain their first place but Avon, with matches in hand would probably overhaul Devon 1sts. who would then finish in third position and, after the disastrous start, this was better than could have been anticipated.

The Chairman said he wanted an item on the County A.G.M. Agenda to include a report from the County Select ~~for~~ OR.

8.

Torquay Congress

John Woolcott reported that the County had been taken to Court last Thursday and had lost the case and were liable to pay the Grand Hotel's bill, plus interest, and the legal costs of both sides. He emphasised that we must learn from this in future and ensure that everything was in writing.

The Treasurer stated that this amount would be shown in this year's accounts as a debt although it was a matter related to the previous season.

- (b) With regard to the 1991 Torquay Congress, the itinerary is already set up and the booking needs to be made. John Woolcott volunteered to take charge of this event and said he would report to the Committee at each meeting. This event was now to be treated as a normal County event with finances controlled by the County Treasurer.

9.

Any Other Business

- (a) Rule Change - Rule 5. There was some doubt as to exactly what had been intended and it was agreed that it would be better to have an over all change of rules and general up-date and this should be left to the Policy Sub-Committee.
- (b) Calendar Meeting - A meeting of the Calendar Committee was arranged for Wednesday 6th June at 7.0p.m. at Torquay Bridge Club.
- (c) Heart Foundation Swiss Teams - Mr. Lankshear wanted to know what had happened to this event which had been taken over by the Southern Section and it was agreed that this was an item the Calendar Committee would consider.


9/9/90

PRESENT.

J. WOOLCOTT (CHAIRMAN)
Mrs. D. C. SHARP (HON. SECRETARY)
Mrs. M. LAMB (HON. TREASURER)

Mesdames P. MOYSE, P. JONES, J. SWIFT, G. ALI KHAN,
P. BENORTHAN, M. BARTON, N. ELLIOT.

Messrs. T. TERRETT, J. NOWILL, J. SMITH, P. ASHCROFT
J. LANKSHEAR.

APOLOGIES

J. WALDIE

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing new members.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 22/5/90 had previously been circulated. The following amendments were made:-

Correspondence - The name of the member about whom a complaint had been received were deleted and the words 'a member' and 'the member concerned' were inserted.

Selector's Report - The final word was changed from 'Selection' to 'Selector'.

The minutes were then signed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING

Computer - The EBU scoring programs were now available for sale. The Secretary said she had been offered a computer for £250 which appeared to be suitable and after discussion it was agreed to set up a Sub-Committee of the Secretary, Treasurer and Capt. Ashcroft to look into the matter.

Green Point Event - The Secretary said that they had been given a GP event in June 1992.

Torquay Congress 1991. At the present time the venue was still uncertain as the Grosvenor Hotel appeared to be unfinished. They had requested a deposit to secure the booking but the Committee were of the opinion that this was not very satisfactory. The Treasurer agreed to try to get confirmation of the hotel's financial position.

Chief Tournament Director - Captain Ashcroft had been asked and had agreed to take on the post in an administrative capacity.

MATTERS
ARISING
CONT.

North Section weekend - As it had proved difficult to find a venue for a weekend due to escalating costs, the North Section were discussing the possibility of holding a joint event with the East Section next year. For this year they were holding a one day event.

Selector's Report - In the SW-League Devon were 2nd equal in the 'A' division, and 2nd in the 'B' division.

Torquay Congress - The final bills from the court case had been settled, the County's Solicitor had reduced their fees to £250 in view of the outcome, as they had considered the County to be in a favourable position.

Heart Foundation Cup - The West Section reported that they hoped to arrange this for later in the season.

SECRETARY'S
REPORT.

EBU Secretaries Meeting - The Secretary had attended the meeting, and reported as follows:-

Financial - The EBU showed a profit of £55,000 in the last financial year. However they were budgeting for a profit of £15,000 in the current financial year.

Associate Membership - North East, Derbyshire and Warwickshire were the trial counties for this scheme. They reported that the scheme appeared to be working well, but it was a little early to be definite.

T.D. Courses - Mike Swanson had reported that these were proving very popular and he was now running a 'C' course for those who had gone on the 'A' + 'B' Courses.

The Chairman reminded the Committee at this point that anyone who wished to go on the County Directors Course had to be recommended by the County Association and asked the Committee to think of suitable candidates.

'English Bridge' - An editorial board had been appointed. It was hoped to use better quality paper and broaden the advertising interest. A suggestion that the EBU sell a binder for it was well received.

Inter-Club Knock out trophy - This is to be re-named the 'Secretary's Cup' after the collapse of the original sponsors, Defendair.

SECRETARY'S
REPORT.

Portland Pairs - The BBL were considering running this as a Swiss Pairs as part of a Portland Congress. Opinion on this was mixed, but nothing definite had been decided.

National Inter-County League - In view of all the difficulties the general opinion was against trying to set up such a competition.

Fleming awards - The EBU proposed that County Secretaries become eligible for this award. This was warmly received.

Correspondence - Licences had been approved for Saltash Bridge Club and a charity event for 'Relate'. A request for a list of clubs in the DCCBA had been refused, but the Secretary of St. Ives Congress who had made the request was told that the Treasurer would circulate the clubs on receipt of stamped envelopes.

A letter relating to the 1990 AGM was referred for discussion.

A letter from the Suffolk County Secretary giving details of a Simultaneous Pairs in aid of the Educational Trust for British Bridge was read. The Committee felt this was a worthwhile event to support.

AGM 1990

At the AGM on 19/6/90 a resolution was passed regarding non-payment of expenses. A letter had been received from a member expressing the view that this was not legal and quoting rule 16E. The Committee agreed that this was indeed illegal as the motion had not been received by 16th May 1990.

The Committee adjourned for coffee and made the draw for the Western Morning News competition.

SELECTOR'S
REPORT.

The Chairman reported that four trials matches were being arranged for possible Tollemache team at Torquay Club.

Mr. Bridgman, County Selector, asked the Committee ^{via the Chairman} for their support in his prerogative to select those whom he considered to be of sufficient standard to represent the County. The Committee declared their support.

Mr. Bridgman also enquired what the feeling of the Committee would be regarding a fixed sum of expenses for the Tollemache, anything above to be paid by the players. Discussion was postponed until later in the meeting.

TREASURERS
REPORT.

The Treasurer reported back from the last Council meeting:-
Associate Membership - This would be fully reviewed when the trial period was over.

World Olympiad - The next Olympiad should have been hosted by Spain, but they had had to pull out and it had been offered to the EBU to be held during the week of the 1991 Brighton Summer meeting. In view of the large amount of funds required, the feeling of the floor was not enthusiastic or encouraging.

The Treasurer said that there are currently 621 paid up members of the County. A proposal from the financial sub-committee discussions that subscriptions paid after 30th June in any year be subject to a £1.00 'surcharge' was viewed favourably. A proposal by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Mr. Smith that the subscription for 1991 be raised by £1.00 with a reduction for payment by 30/6/91 was carried.
For 13 Against 1

Competition expenses - Entry fees for EBU competitions had risen and competition expenditure exceeded competition income. There was no income from the Tonemache, Cornwen etc, only expenditure, the County currently paying the entry fee, hotel expenses of players and 2p per person per mile. Much discussion ensued and it was proposed by Mr. Terrett and seconded by Mrs. Moyse that the County should pay the entry fee and no expenses. Carried For 14 Against 0 Abstention 1. It was further agreed that individual cases of hardship would be looked at by the Committee who could then make a contribution to expenses if necessary.

GARDEN CITIES
TROPHY.

It was agreed at the Calendar meeting not to run heats of this competition due to small numbers of entries and a large entry fee to the EBU.

PUBLICITY
OFFICER

Ian Hopkins had expressed an interest in the job and the Chairman was hopeful he would take it on. A newsletter would be produced and the Chairman asked that one member of each section be made responsible for sending information to the Publicity Officer.

COUNTY
TROPHIES.

The ~~Treasurer~~ ^{Chairman} asked for a volunteer to keep a register of who had which trophy and be responsible for calling them in in time for presentation at the A.G.M. It was agreed to buy a new print for the Western Morning News Cup.

EBUTA.

Kevin Sice had been the EBUTA representative, but this had now passed to the Treasurer.

LICENCES.

The Committee noted that the E.B.U. had granted licences to the Torquay Congress and Phil Philbrick on the same weekend in November and at the same venue. The Committee were of the opinion that this was foolish.

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS

Victor Ludorum points. The Committee confirmed that V.L. points were again given at the Plymouth Congress.

Mr. Ashcroft proposed, seconded Mr. Smith that there should be no A.O.B on the agenda for future meetings.
Carried nem con.

Sub-committees - The Chairman will present the Policy document at the next Committee meeting.

Vice-Chairman - It is the turn of the South Section to nominate a Vice-Chairman but the matter was held in abeyance until the next meeting.

Future meetings. December 4th
March 12th
June 4th/~~8~~th.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.02 pm.


A/12/90.

PRESENT

J. Woolcott (Chairman)
Mrs. D. Sharp (Hon. Secretary)
Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)

Mesdames: N. Ellist, P. Moyse, P. Jones, G. Ali Khan, J. Swift
M. Barton, P. Benorthan.

Messrs: T. Tenett, J. Smith, P. Ashcroft.

APOLOGIES

J. Lankshear, J. Nowin, J. Wardie.

MINUTES OF
PREVIOUS
MEETING

Page 5 'The Treasurer' was changed to 'The Chairman'
and 'June 5th' to 'June 4th'

The minutes were then signed as correct.

MATTERS
ARISING

Dimmie Fleming awards. The Chairman proposed that Mrs Ali Khan be nominated for an award and was happy to learn that she had already received this recognition of her services.

English Bridge. At the recent council meeting the EBU indicated that they wanted to exclude County News and Master Points promotions from future issues. The Committee was strongly against this and requested the Secretary to write to the EBU with their view.

SECRETARY'S
REPORT.

T.D. Training courses. A letter had been received from Mike Swanson giving dates of the next County Directors Courses. Captain Ashcroft, Chief Tournament Director, read the Committee a letter he was sending to the clubs asking for the names of anyone interested in eventually becoming a County Director. It was the view of the Committee that Devon was very short of potential County Directors and an encouragement should be given to potential TD's. It was also felt that the venues of the courses, Luton and Frodsham was, once again, aimed at the London and Birmingham/Manchester areas, the South West being again forgotten.

The Chairman said he hoped that the South Western Counties might join together and ask for a course nearer to home.

SECRETARY'S
REPORT

The Chairman mentioned to the Committee that the EBU were looking to move from their present premises due to lack of space. This was greeted with a certain amount of denision.

County Newsletter (EBU) The Secretary reminded the Committee of the closing dates of the heats of the National Pairs and National Newcomers Pairs. The Committee agreed that there should be 1 heat of the National Pairs per Section. A new event 'Next Step Pairs' is being run, with qualifying heats in the clubs.

Tenders for a Camrose match in 1992 are invited and the Committee asked the Secretary to tender for this.

Tenders for the 1993 Green Point events were still being accepted.

Other matters were dealt with under other items.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

The Treasurer reported £1200 in the bank, but she needed to buy some Master Points and baize to re-cover the tables. This was agreed and the Treasurer would also investigate the cost of table cloths.

A new phintz had been made for the Western Morning News Cup.

There were 765 paid-up members.

COMPUTER

The Treasurer had taken advise from other Counties who had computer programs and would report fully to the next meeting.

LICENSING
OF EVENTS

The EBU had granted a licence to Homiton Bridge Club for a Swiss Teams event on 2.2.90 without reference to the County. This clashes with the S.W. Pairs Final + Ali Khan Cup.

The EBU guide to licensing clearly states that evidence of the non-objection of the County Association must be forwarded with the application, but this has not, and is not, happening.

LICENSING
OF EVENTS

The Committee agreed that in future all licence applications must come to the County who will forward them to the EBU. The Secretary will write to the EBU to inform them of this. The clubs and usual hotels will also be informed. It was agreed to make a charge for 'commercial' licences. The Chairman said that he would ask Hamilton to find a new date.

There were no objections to the following licences

1. J. Beard 6-11/5/91
2. Kingswinford Hotel 12-4/4/91
3. G.C.H. Fox 29-30/11/91
4. Sunhill Hotel 3-5/5/91

GREEN POINT
EVENT.

The venue for the 1991 event was a slight problem, the English Riviera Centre was now too pricey. The Exeter Golf + Country Club had been approached and although they wanted the business there were one or two problems which could be sorted out. It was agreed to go to the Golf Club unless the E.R.C. would charge no more than last year.

TORQUAY
CONGRESS

The Grosvenor Hotel would not now be ready for April. A new room at the Todorak Hotel would be investigated with all speed as it was agreed that a venue must be found quickly or the Congress cancelled again.

PUBLICITY

Ian Hopkins had accepted the post of Publicity Officer and, in collaboration with the Treasurer, had prepared a County Newsletter for distribution to clubs later in the month.

SELECTOR'S
REPORT

The County Selector had submitted a report (attached). It was proposed by the Treasurer and seconded by Mr. Smith that the travelling reserves receive £50.00 each for expenses. Carried nem. con.

FRENCH
CONNECTION

The County had been invited to send a team to play in a match during the 20th anniversary year of the frowning of Devon and Cornwall, and to return the hospitality. It was agreed to pursue this.

PROGRAMME

North Devon had had to cancel both their weekends, and entries to County competitions were down again. There was a feeling that the 'grass roots' players were unwilling to meet some of the 'better' players in County competitions.

The EBU will be changing the dates of some of their competitions in 1992/3 which will need to be taken into account at the County programme meeting.

The East + the North Sections were hoping to arrange a joint weekend, possibly in Tiverton.

VICE-
CHAIRMAN

John Nowill had been nominated by the South Section as Vice-Chairman and had been pleased to accept.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.25 pm

 12/3/91