

# DEVON COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the DCCBA held on

JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> 2001

at  
the Isca Centre.

- Present
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| P Bowles                          | (in the Chair)   |
| Mrs E Morris                      | (Hon. Sec. )     |
| Mrs M Lamb                        | (Hon. Treasurer) |
| Mrs. C Ritzen Mrs P Rowe C Rogers | North            |
| Mrs. S Evans T Cannon             | East             |
|                                   | South            |
| J Richards. Mrs A Husk . D Kaye   | West             |
- Apologies Mrs. J Pellow Mrs B Guy. Mrs B Martin. K Ponsford.
- Minutes. Minutes of the meeting held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2000 were accepted and signed as a true report.
- Matters arising. There were no matters arising.
- Correspondence.
- EBU minutes, Flyers and Newsletters. Metrobridge News.
  - Copy of letter from D Kaye to EBU
  - Change of Sec. Seaton B.C.
  - Copy of Council report from Mrs Lamb.
    - “ Board “ “ “
    - “ Big Machine Report “ “ (Duplimate Machine)
    - “ Letter of resignation from Mrs Penfold.
  - From Mr N Richardson offering to manage Website for the County.  
( [www.argonet.co.uk/users/richardsons/devon/](http://www.argonet.co.uk/users/richardsons/devon/) )
  - Changes to Garden Cities Comp.
  - Results of Tollemach Comp.
  - From West Section re. Dates for programme and bidding Query.
    - “ “ copy of agenda.
  - From D Kaye requesting license for Plymouth Rotary Club event
    - “ Exeter Golf @ Country Club confirming license change of date from 29<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2001.
  - From A Bridgman suggesting alternative County selection system.
  - Copy of above to The Chairman.
  - To P Bowles re Western League.
  - From D Kaye requesting permission to attend County directors course.
- The Secretary will reply to A Bridgman.  
Permission was given to Mr & Mrs D Kaye to attend County director's course.  
Mr Kaye will be responsible for all expenditure.

Licenses

Plymouth Rotary Club  
Meningitis Trust Plymouth

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2001 Granted.  
11<sup>th</sup> March 2001 “

The Secretary was instructed by the Chairman to write to Kingsbridge B.C. regarding the Charity event held on 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct. 2000.

The Secretary will also request financial reports for all Charity events issued with a County license.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer had nothing to report.

The Big Machine report had previously been circulated to Committee members for perusal, and after discussion it was agreed that, although the purchase of this machine was considered to be an advantage to the County there were serious problems with the operation and storage. This subject will be discussed again at a later date.

Section Reports.

North Entry forms are now being circulated for the North Devon Congress.  
South Flyer for the Petit Congress circulated.  
West Mrs A Flack has resigned from section Committee She will be replaced by Mrs E Horton.  
The section is dealing with an incident that occurred at the Plymouth Congress and will report to this Committee on the outcome.  
East Nothing to report. Mrs Lamb asked why there had been so few entry forms for the J.W. circulated. The section Secretary explained that she was not in a position to answer as she was not involved with the Congress.

Any other business.

The Chairman reminded the section Secretaries that it was necessary to ensure that competent Directors be employed to direct the Julia Chadwick Qualifying rounds. It was also confirmed that a minimum of four tables was required to hold a heat.  
He went on to say that the flyers for the Garden Cities Competition would be circulated soon.  
The Chairman also asked the section Secretary's to collate the dates to be entered in the next County programme by the middle of February. A programme meeting will be chaired by Mrs Lamb. Date to be arranged.  
Mrs Ritzen asked that an addition be made to the rules regarding the Western Morning News, that the time scale offered for matches to be played should cover a longer span than one week.  
The Chairman stated that he was very pleased with the entry this year.  
Mr Kaye asked the Treasurer whether the Directors expenses for the Plymouth Congress had been finalised. It was confirmed that they had.  
The Committee then discussed the subject of whether the Director should receive the Scorer's fee (£12.00 per session) in addition to his/her own, in the event of no Scorer being employed. It was agreed that in future the Director would receive both Director and Scorer's fee.

The next Committee meeting will be held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2001.

There was no other business and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25p.m.



# DEVON COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the DCCBA held on

May 21<sup>st</sup>. 2001

at

the Isca Centre.

- Present
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|--------------------------|------------------|
| P Bowles                 | (in the Chair)   |
| Mrs E Morris             | (Hon. Sec. )     |
| Mrs M Lamb               | (Hon. Treasurer) |
| Mrs. C Ritzen J. Sach    | North            |
| K Ponsford T Cannon      | East             |
| Mrs B Guy,               | South            |
| J Richards. Mrs A Husk . | West             |
- Apologies Mrs. J Pellow . Mrs B Martin. Mrs P Rowe.
- Minutes. Minutes of the meeting held on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2001 were accepted and signed as a true report.
- Matters arising. There were no matters arising.
- Correspondence.
- EBU minutes, Flyers and Newsletters.
  - Devon Library Service. Confirming DCCBA info.
  - Letter to EBU.Re. Mr & Mrs D Kaye attending County Directors course.
  - From Julie Stretton...new appointment...EBU Press Officer and Media relations.
  - Minutes from East Sec.
  - From EBU. Re. Club Directory.
  - Golf Print entry form.
  - From Kingsbridge BC re last Swiss Teams event.
  - Copy of entry form for EGCC Charity event.
  - From Mrs P Penfold re South League Match.
  - Minutes of North Sec. Committee meeting.
  - From EBU re County Sec. meeting at Aylesbury.
  - From North Sec. results of North Devon W/E.
  - From EBU re starting time for Council meetings.
  - From Mrs P Penfold regarding Directors ruling at Sec. League match, with copy of letter from P.Bowles.
  - From K Ponsford, report of Western League match held in Section.
  - Minutes of Committee meeting in North Sec.
  - From P. Grenville informing County of date changes for Bridge holidays.
  - Copy of letter from Mrs S Evans resigning her position as East Sec. Secretary.
  - Letter from Design Trophies.
  - Copy of EGCC Accounts for Swiss Teams Charity event.

### Licenses .

Abbotskerswell	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sept. 2001.
Exeter BC	7 <sup>th</sup>	Oct. 2001.
Torquay BC (open)	9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	Nov. 2001.
Kingsbridge BC	21 <sup>st</sup>	Oct. 2001.
Exeter G&CC	21 <sup>st</sup>	April 2002.

### Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer reported that the EBU subscriptions were still coming in, but was concerned by the amount of time that the EBU are taking in sending the County Subs from Direct Debit accounts. The Insurance covering County assets has been changed to a new Broker offering a more competitive rate.

The Green Point event was not as successful this year. 50 teams attended but due to a failure of the University to provide the correct facilities the charge for the venue has been reduced from £700.00 To £525.00. The Treasurer also apologised for the lack of bidding boxes due to miscalculation. The Torquay Congress this year will be held at the Toorak Hotel and not the Carlton as previously arranged. Flyers for the event are now with the Printer.

### County Programme.

Corwyn Trophy. The same problem occurred this year as in previous years, that players entering the Julia Chadwick event were not prepared to play in the Corwyn Trophy should they qualify. It was suggested that entrants for the Julia Chadwick Trophy will, in future, be requested to state with entry, their willingness to compete in the Reg Corwyn Trophy.

Western Morning News. In future when arranging dates for matches to be played a choice of 2 W/Es. together with 3 mid-week dates spread over 3 weeks will be offered to the home team.

These changes will be included in the 2001-2002 Programme.

### Section Reports.

- North Nothing to report.
- South Mrs J Pellow has resigned from the Committee. The Section is still without a Secretary.
- West The AGM was held on May 7<sup>th</sup> 2001 and was very poorly attended. A prepared paper was circulated by Mrs Husk, regarding a friendly match held annually between the West Section and Cornwall. The contents of this paper will be discussed at the next County meeting.
- East A new Secretary for the Section is being sought.  
The AGM arranged for May 18<sup>th</sup>. 2001 had to be cancelled because all Clubs in the Section had not been informed. The date will now be June 15<sup>th</sup>.2001.

### Any other business.

#### Competitions.

It was suggested that in future the Tournament Secretary should advise the qualifying players in events, instead of the section Secretaries. Mrs Lamb pointed out that this had been tried in the past and had not worked well, but the Committee agreed unanimously that it should be tried again for a

period of one year. The Committee was assured that Mrs Slee was willing to do this. The Secretary will inform Mrs Slee of the Committee's decision.

#### Garden Cities Trophy.

This year, one club entered a team but failed to turn up for the heat. This caused additional work for the Director and the Secretary was asked to write to the Secretary of Newton Abbot BC to inquire why they had not informed the Tournament Secretary of their intention.

#### Western League.

P. Bowles circulated the results of matches played. The "B" team did very well coming 3<sup>rd</sup>. out of 8 teams.

It was decided that the new format of selection was working very well and would continue for the next season. It was proving a more interesting competition for all.

#### Jack & Jill.

This competition will continue for another year to be a single event.

It was suggested that the posters produced by Mrs Penfold were very attractive and that she be approached by the Secretary with a view to her producing posters for all County events.

Mr Ponsford raised the point that other Counties always acknowledge entries to the Green Pointed events and requested that Devon did the same. It was decided that in future this would be implemented along with clear instructions on where the venue was situated. A results list will also be included with the Master Points. Mrs Lamb said assistance would be required with the extra work involved and it was agreed that a three member sub Committee be formed to organise the event in future. The forthcoming Green Pointed event to be held during the Torquay Congress was already well underway and Mrs Lamb was happy to finalise arrangements unaided.

#### Western League.

This Competition has until now been a grey area. It has now been agreed by this Committee that providing the format for this competition remains the same that the County will be the organising body.

Mr Ponsford produced a letter from J Appleby with reference to the WMN Comp. Mr Appleby requested changes be made to the rules regarding the distance traveled between matches, suggesting an alternative half way venue between the teams competing. This is not a viable suggestion and no changes will be made.



The next meeting will be the County AGM to be held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June.2001.

There was no other business and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40p.m.

# DEVON COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the DCCBA held on

October 1<sup>st</sup>. 2001

at  
the Isca Centre.

<u>Present</u>	P Bowles	(in the Chair)
	Mrs E Morris	(Hon. Sec. )
	Mrs M Lamb	(Hon. Treasurer)
	Mrs. C Ritzen Mrs P Rowe.	North
	K Ponsford G Fogg.	East
	F Akyol	South
	J Richards. Mrs A Husk D Kaye	West

Apologies Mrs B Martin. Mrs B Guy. J Sach. T Cannon.

Minutes. Minutes of the meeting held on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2001 were accepted and signed as a true report.

Matters arising. Apology from D Kaye was omitted.  
Note was made that the rules for the WMN in the County programme was not as decided in Committee. It was decided to accept the programme as correct.

### Correspondence.

EBU minute and newsletters.

Brochures from Design Trophies. Very nice.

Invitation form EBU to Sec meeting. Apology given.

Section Minutes

To P Penfold. Reply to Directors ruling.

To J Appleby reply to letter to K Ponsford re WMN.

To all clubs notice of AGM.

Copy of letter from M Lamb to A Slee. (Team not turning up for Garden Cities)

Topic for discussion from A Husk.

From S Quinn offering his services to direct at County level.

“ P Philbrick re Need for change.

Proofs for County Programme

From Exmouth BC informing of changes to Committee

Copy of letter from M Lamb to N Richardson re Website.

From P Hanenson re Bridge Almanac

“ S Maxwell re complaint about the Torquay Congress. *Devon Green Point*

To S Maxwell in response.

From P Philbrick re changes needed at EBU

From A Slee....letter and posters for events

From Kingsbridge BC copy of flyer

From Ilfracombe Bridge Holiday

From First Bridge re Holiday weekend and reply.

From Mr Foster regarding bridge in Devon.

Reply to above.

Copy of Kingsbridge Swiss Teams Event  
Reply to EBU regarding Sec Meeting Venue.

I phoned the EBU regarding Sue Maxwells letter. I was informed that no action had been taken.

Secretary's Report.

I would like to suggest that some restraint be applied to the applications for licenses. I am receiving applications for these events a year before they are due to be held and I cannot believe that there is a serious problem for finding a venue for events of 10-20 tables. It does mean that licenses are being issued for the same Charities every year and not leaving either licenses or space in the Calendar for other Charities to benefit.

The Jack & Jill will be directed by Peter Bowles and the Pivot Teams by Kevin Slee

It is proposed to hold Directors Courses at Newton Abbot Race Course.

A----- 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. B----- 1st Dec. C-----9th March.

Leicester County BC propose to hold a bridge holiday in Ilfracombe from 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> March. They intend to play bridge whilst there and are applying to the EBU for a licence.

After discussion it was decided that application for a license would not be accepted prior to 6 months notice of event, except in abnormal circumstances.

Licenses .

Childrens Hospice Sim Pairs South Sec.	Thurs. 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2002.
Meningitis Swiss Teams.	Sun. 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2002.
Torquay B C Swiss Teams.	Sun. 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2001.
Honiton B C Swiss Teams.	Sun. 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2002.

At this point Mrs Slee (County Tournament Sec.) was invited to join the Committee.

Mrs Slee confirmed that she was willing to continue taking entries and arrange Directors for County events. Mrs Lamb asked that entry fees be made on a regular basis and clearly identified. Mrs Slee will conform.

The draw for the WMN was then conducted.

Due to the record entry it was decided that it was necessary to hold a preliminary round for 4 teams. Mrs Husk requested that more than 4 seeded teams be considered but this was not acceptable by the Committee. In view of the record entry Mrs Slee will contact the WMN to inquire if they would consider a donation of some sort.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer reported that following the EBU purge, 68 members had now paid their subs. The Bank has now agreed to remunerate the County for a lost cheque.

At the Membership Secretary's meeting, Data Protection was discussed. Mrs. Lamb has ascertained that Devon is conducting business in the correct fashion. It was also stated that the EBU are producing a scoring programme for use in the Clubs where points would be awarded direct. It was also suggested that all affiliated clubs would consist of EBU members only.

After discussion it was agreed by this Committee that these proposals would not be acceptable.

### Section Reports.

- North It is proposed to hold a Swiss Teams event for non EBU players and beginners.
- South. The Section League is underway... 8 teams in the 1<sup>st</sup> div. and 8 in the second division. The Petit Congress is to held one week earlier than advertised on the 9-10<sup>th</sup> Feb.2001.the venue is also not as advertised. Posters will be produced and the membership advised in good time.
- West It was reported that the Griffiths Cup was cancelled due to lack of entries. The arrangements for the Plymouth Congress was underway. Plymstock BC entertained a group of American visitors, and an enjoyable time was had by all.
- East. It was reported that finances are sound and that prize money has been reviewed.

### Topic for discussion.

Mrs Husks proposal that the friendly match between the West Section and Cornwall be funded by the County was again refused by the Committee. After explaining to Mrs Husk in detail why this was not acceptable, she agreed that had she known that this had been discussed on a previous occasion she would not have raised the matter again. However Mr.D Kaye was out of pocket on the event and the Committee agreed to a one off payment of £11.60 be paid to Mr Kaye.

### Any other business.

The Chairman informed the Committee that Mrs Lamb would no longer be responsible for either the Devon Green Point event or the Torquay Congress. He thanked her for the hard work she has put into these events over so many years.

Torquay Congress. P Bowles will investigate a venue. Offers of help was proposed by the West section. Mr Bowles thanked the section and said he would call on them if assistance was needed.

Devon Green Point. Mrs Lamb confirmed that the date was pencilled in at the University but that they would not confirm until after Christmas. The Eastern section agreed to undertake this event and would liase with Mrs Lamb. Mrs Lamb agreed to accept entries.

Dates the Devon Green Point 2004. It was decided that the following would be

1<sup>st</sup> choice 18<sup>th</sup> July 2004  
2<sup>nd</sup> choice 20<sup>th</sup> June 2004

The Secretary will forward these dates to the EBU for consideration.

### DCCBA Web Site.

It was suggested that one person from each section be selected to enter information for that section.

Mrs Ritzen for the North

D Kaye for the West

Mrs Penfold for the South

and Mr Foan will be approached for the East.

Mrs Lamb also wanted authorisation.

It was agreed unanimously that £300.00 be paid to the website designer for his efforts.



Standard of dress.

Mrs. Husk complained that the standard of dress of one player at the County Swiss Teams was unacceptable. It was decided that this was a very delicate matter and that it should be left to the discretion of the Director to rule on the best course of action.

The next meeting is to be held on Wed. Dec 5th. 2001.

Date for forthcoming meeting will be Tues. April 23<sup>th</sup> 2002.

There was no other business and the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05p.m.

*P. Bowles*

# DEVON COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the DCCBA held on

DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>. 2001.

at  
the Isca Centre.

<b><u>Present</u></b>	P Bowles	(in the Chair)
	Mrs E Morris	(Hon. Sec. )
	Mrs M Lamb	(Hon. Treasurer)
	Mrs. C Ritzen J Sach	North
	K Ponsford G Fogg.	East
		South
	J Richards, Mrs A Husk D Kaye	West

**Apologies** Mrs B Martin, Mrs B Guy, F Akyol, T Cannon, Mrs P Rowe

**Minutes.** Minutes of the meeting held on October 1st, 2001 were accepted and signed as a true report.

**Matters arising.** Mr Fogg requested explanation on the subject of friendly matches and why they cannot be included as County events. The discussion continued to explain to new committee members how the Sections work. During this discussion it was agreed that each Section would be permitted to spend £100.00 per annum without reference to the County Committee. This money cannot be spent on friendly matches, it is to be used for DCCBA purposes only.

**Correspondence.**

EBU Minutes and newsletters.  
Minutes from the Sections  
From EBU re Directors training courses.  
From Exeter BC re seminar.  
From Terry Collier EBU Manager re Club Questionnaire.  
Several EBU Press releases.  
E-mail from P & G Glanville re Bridge Holidays.  
A reminder from EBU regarding Club Questionnaire. (Devon had already replied.)  
Draft of EBU of Green Point events. Subject to confirmation Devon will be allegated July 18<sup>th</sup> 2004 as requested.  
It also confirmed that The Torquay Congress Swiss teams event will be green pointed.

**Licenses**

Mrs Murray- Brown phoned on behalf of Torquay BC. to inform the County of their intention of reverting back to the original weekend designated for the Torquay B.C. Congress. This will avoid any clash with the Armistice Parade. The date proposed will be 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, November 2002.

**Treasurer's Report.**

The Treasurer reported that 3 new members have transferred to Devon.  
It was also reported that one team entered for the W.M.N. competition was unable to play.

This was due to several factors and although not the usual practice, it was decided that on this occasion, the entry fee will be refunded.

Notice was also drawn to the County Programme. All events listed in the programme are restricted to EBU members only.

A new monitor has been purchased for the County computer.

Following the request by the EBU to report on their questionnaire, the Treasurer contacted all Clubs for their comments. The overwhelming result was that Clubs would cease to affiliate if the EBU insisted on all club members being EBU members. These letters were photo-copied and sent to the EBU.

#### DCCBA Web Site.

It was agreed that Mrs Slee would be responsible for entering all Competition results.

Mr Kaye will be entering information for the West Section. The web site designer will be asked to add a hit counter on the site. K Ponsford reported that A Foan experienced some difficulty in accessing the web site.

#### Section Reports.

- North            The Section requested that more than one set of boards be held in the North Section. It was agreed to purchase 3 sets of boards and sufficient bidding boxes for an additional 15 tables.
- South.            No report.  
The Chairman took this opportunity to report that Devon, due to an unfortunate draw, did not do well in the Tollemache Competition.  
The Torquay Congress will be held in the Kistor Hotel on April 14<sup>th</sup> 2002. Directors have been arranged. The West Section again offered their services if required. The Chairman thanked the Section but assured them all arrangements were in hand. Programmes are being prepared.
- West              The Section reported that the format chosen to select the team for the Western League unfortunately includes a player not strictly a West Section Member. An alternative format will be used in future. Both the Plymouth Congress and the Heart Foundation Charity event made a good profit.
- East.              The Section was pleased to announce that the team raised for the Western League won the match. Arrangements for the County Green Point event are underway. It was decided that due to the failure of Exeter University to confirm the booking until next year a new venue should be sought. The event will now be held at The Riverside Leisure Centre.

#### Any other business.

Mrs Lamb stated that the European Junior Championships 2002 will be held at the Riviera Centre Torquay. Torquay BC have been asked to assist, but she feels the County Committee may be asked to attend.

Mrs Lamb also reminded Sections that section accounts must be presented at the next Meeting.

The next meeting is to be held on Tues. April 23rd 2002.

There was no other business and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25p.m.



# DEVON COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the DCCBA held on

Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> 2002.

at  
the Isca Centre.

<b><u>Present</u></b>	P Bowles	(in the Chair)
	Mrs E Morris	(Hon. Sec. )
	Mrs M Lamb	(Hon. Treasurer)
	Mrs. C Ritzen J Sach.	
	Mrs B Martin	North
	K Ponsford G Fogg. T Cannon	East
	Mrs B Guy.	South
	Mrs A Husk. Mrs E Horton	West.

**Apologies** Mrs P Rowe. JRichards

**Minutes.** Minutes of the meeting held on October 1st. 2001 were accepted and signed as a true report.

**Matters arising.** None.

### **Correspondence.**

EBU Minutes and newsletters.  
Minutes from the Sections  
Letter from C Rodgers regarding the WMN Comp.  
Holding letter in reply.  
From Mr Orford requesting advice on BC in Exeter.  
    " EBU re data protection.  
    " Exeter G&C Club. Entry form for Charity event.  
    " West Section re County calendar...Heart Foundation Comp. Griffiths Cup.  
Flyer for Honiton Swiss Teams.  
Licence for Torquay Congress Green pointed event  
From West of England informing us of Weston-Super-Mare Congress.  
Draft for Green Pointed events.  
Copy of teams entered for WMN Comp.  
Devon library update.  
From Terry Collier EBU regarding Suffolk proposal for blanket EBU Membership.  
Several letters from Dr M Hamon re WMN match.  
Copies of letters to the Treasurer from K Ponsford.

In reply to the complaint from C Rodgers regarding the lack of refreshments at a WMN match held at the Isca Centre, it was decided by the Committee to include in the rules of the Competition that a memo be included that some provision for refreshment is expected from the home team, and at no time should food be consumed at the bridge table.

In reply to the West Section it was pointed out that any Competition on the County calendar is open only to EBU members, whilst a County license is not. County Licenses are however limited and therefore these licenses cannot be guaranteed.

### Licenses

Saltash Swiss teams	Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2002
Abbotkerswell Swiss teams	Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2002
Kingsbridge Swiss teams	Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2002.

At this point the chairman was asked to leave the table.

### Conduct Committee.

Following a complaint by Dr. M Hamon it was necessary to convene a Committee. This Committee comprised of Mrs C Ritzen (Chair) Mrs. M Lamb Mrs. E Morris and G White.

The complaint was that P. Bowles used bad language at a WMN match. After statements from Dr. Hamon's partner and P Bowles admitting the misdemeanor the Conduct Committee decided that P Bowles be asked to stand down as Chairman of the DCCBA and that he be rebuked and reprimanded.

The DCCBA Committee were then asked to vote for P Bowles to be removed from office. This was carried.

At this point P Bowles returned to the table as Committee member for the South Section and Mrs C Ritzen took the Chair.

### Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer reported that she was concerned about the rise in cost of the County Insurance. The EBU have revised their Insurance cover and the Treasurer will look into the benefits of changing companies.

The Treasurer was also concerned about the length of time (up to 9 months) that the EBU hold subscriptions due to be paid to the DCCBA.

The Treasurer has also received a letter from the Inland Revenue re Corporation Tax.

### DCCBA Web Site.

The North and East Sections are already making a contribution but the West and South are still unable to proceed but hope to correct this shortly.

A member of Exeter BC requested that a link be made from the County site to the Club. It was explained that this was not the correct procedure. Any club can if it wishes produce a link to the DCCBA Web site. The reason for this is that the Clubs are under the jurisdiction of the EBU not the County. The Committee also requested that the East Section inform Exeter BC that County Competition results are to be published on the DCCBA web site and that Mr Richardson be asked not to advertise County events. There seems to be some misunderstanding regarding Exeter BC and the County events and it was pointed out that the DCCBA hire the Bridge suite from the Isca Centre and therefore these events are of no concern of Exeter BC.

### Section Reports.

#### North

It was reported that the North Section Congress was very successful and made a good profit. In future the Winter Swiss teams event will be a Charity event.

**South.**

It was reported that at the moment the Section Committee consisted of P Bowles and Mrs B Guy only and there was some difficulty in recruiting new members. Every effort will be made to rectify this problem. Mrs Guy and P Bowles confirmed they are able to manage the Section.

**West**

The Section reported that D Kaye has resigned from the Committee and Mrs E Horton has been elected to fill the post. The Section AGM will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2002. The question of the Heart Foundation and Griffiths Cup Competitions has been clarified earlier in these minutes.

**East.**

The John Woolcott W/E was a success and made a good profit.

After a poll of members it was decided that the Julia Chadwick heat would continue to be held on Sunday afternoon.

The arrangements for the County Green Point is progressing steadily. It was reported that the advertisement for this event in the EBU magazine was incorrect and as a result a further advert will be included in the next issue at no further cost to the County. Brochures have been printed and are being circulated.

The Section League is now finished.

The Section AGM will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> 2002.

**Any other business.**

K Ponsford read a report stating that he had written and telephoned the Treasurer regarding the locations of the County tables and bidding boxes, and claimed he could get no response. The Treasurer explained that she had sent him an E-Mail to say that, closer to the date of the Green Point event she would tell the section where the equipment would come from. He claimed he had not received the E-Mail. He went on to say, that he was not content with being kept in the dark about this matter and wanted it to be minuted that he would no longer be responsible for this chore.

The Committee agreed that although the assets of the County came under the jurisdiction of the Treasurer the County Committee must know what equipment is owned by the County and where it is situated. The Treasurer agreed to let the Secretary and the section know, in writing, where the equipment is kept.

The next meeting will be the AGM to be held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2002

There was no other business and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25p.m.

*C.M. Ritzen*

# DEVON COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the DCCBA held on

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2002.

at  
the Isca Centre.

**Present**

Mrs. C Ritzen	(in the Chair)
Mrs B. Simmonds	(Hon. Sec. )
Mrs M Lamb	(Hon. Treasurer)
D. Davey Mrs B Martin Mrs. D. Sells	North
K Ponsford G Fogg T Cannon	East
P. Bowles Mrs B Guy	South
Mrs A Husk. Mrs E Horton Mrs. S. Gregory	West.
Mrs. A. Slee	Tournament Sec. (ex officio)

**Apologies** J. Richards

**Minutes.** Minutes of the meeting held on 8 April, 2002 were accepted and signed as a true report.

**Matters arising.** The Chairman remembered that so far no recognition had been made to Peter for his previous work. At this point the Chairman thanked Peter for his work as Chairman and this was endorsed by the Committee.

**Correspondence.** There was no correspondence.

**Calendar** There was a full discussion regarding the dates for competitions and the Treasurer recorded everything on a calendar ready for printing. Amendments were made to the list of Committee members and section officers.

### **Western Morning News**

The Tournament Secretary will make it clear that the host team is expected to provide refreshments. It was also suggested that 4 copies of the rules be sent to the team captain. This was agreed.

### **Treasurer's Report.**

The Treasurer reported that she has a list of the trophies. The balance in hand is £17,269-47p.

The Treasurer reported that she had received a letter from the accountant saying that he was not happy with the breakdown of the West Section's accounts. He stated that there should be separate accounts for the Section and any Congress held. He was satisfied with the North Section's accounts and it would be desirable for the other Sections to follow this example.

Mrs. Husk asked why the Treasurer had paid the accountant to give her information she already had, whilst not carrying out an audit. She also stated that the new Treasurer for the West, Mrs. E. Horton, had since revised the accounts and will bear in mind the recommendations.

The Treasurer raised the matter of Committee travelling expenses. At the moment members are paid petrol money but the Treasurer wondered whether it would be better to pay a mileage allowance. It was decided to raise this subject at the next meeting. *There was concern about travelling expenses in view of the distances involved*

#### Section Reports.

- North** There is a change of venue for the Northern League which will be played at the Park Hotel. There was concern about travelling expenses in view of the distances involved.
- South** Nothing to report.
- East** Nothing to report.
- West** It had been decided to abandon the Griffiths Cup. Anne Husk had asked for the views of local clubs But there had been no response.

At the moment no decision had been made regarding the Heart Foundation Swiss Teams. It may be decided to take this off the calendar and apply for a County licence. A Congress sub-committee had been formed.

**Team Rules** The rule regarding reserves was modified to allow them to play for more than one team.

**Tables** The Treasurer reported that there are 14 in the North, 50 in Plymouth and 58 in Torquay although 5 were missing. Totnes had had 10 tables on loan but only 9 were returned one of which had woodworm. Treatment was being carried out on the table. Peter undertook to make enquiries about the missing tables.

The Treasurer suggested that the purchase of new tables be put on the October agenda.

#### Any Other Business

There was no further business.

#### Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed to hold the next meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 2 October, 2002, at the ISCA Centre.

There was no other business and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 p.m.

*C.M. Ritzen*

*2 October, 2002*



# **DEVON COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**

## **Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the DCCBA held on**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2002.**

**at the Isca Centre.**

### **Present**

Mrs. C Ritzen	(in the Chair)
Mrs B. Simmonds	(Hon. Sec )
Mrs M Lamb	(Hon. Treasurer)
D. Davey Mrs. D. Sells	North
G. Fogg T. Cannon	East
P. Bowles	South
J. Richards Mrs. S. Gregory	West.
Mrs. A. Slee	Tournament Sec. (ex officio)

### **Apologies**

Mrs. A. Husk, Mrs. B. Guy, Mrs. B. Martin,  
K. Ponsford.

### **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 2 July, 2002, were accepted and signed as a true report, subject to the insertion of the sentence "There was concern about travelling expenses in view of the distances involved" being inserted under "Treasurer's Report" and removed from the "North Report"

### **Matters arising**

Travelling expenses – D. Davey had made enquiries regarding payments made by other organisations which were 15p. a mile. It was felt that it was preferable to stay with the procedure of paying for members' petrol.

### **Draw for WMN**

Ann Slee reported that 22 teams had entered. The feeling of the committee was that some teams should be seeded to give lesser teams a better start. It was agreed that last year's semi-finalists should be the four seeds. The draw was then made after which Ann Slee left the meeting.

### **Correspondence and Secretary's Report**

Agenda for AGM of EBU council and AGM of the EBU. On the item for the election of officers, the Treasurer reported we had arranged for a proxy to vote on Devon's behalf.

Correspondence with the EBU re. Mr. and Mrs. Lee. The Chairman reported she had been able to explain the situation to Mr. and Mrs. Lee when she met them at a bridge event.

Letter from the EBU re. Green Point Event in 2005. It was agreed that 19 June, 2005, should be our first choice and 15 May, 2005, our second.

Call from Gloucestershire CBA asking if Devon wishes to send a team of 4 for the Leslie Evett Cup on 21 October, 2002. It was agreed that Devon would not send a team.

It had come to light that the heat of the Portland Pairs in 2003 was to be held at ISCA on the weekend of the North's Congress. The Secretary had contacted the EBU and the Exeter Bridge

Club to ask why no-one had informed the county. Both denied responsibility. The Treasurer had subsequently contacted ISCA to ask that the county be informed if the bridge suite was being hired out for any bridge event. The manager, Chris Edwards, had promised to do so. The Secretary had sent a copy of Devon's calendar to the EBU pointing out that county events are usually held around the same dates each year.

Letter from the West Section Secretary making a complaint against another member of the County Committee. The Chairman proposed forming a sub-committee to deal with this matter.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported that the Chairman of the EBU was standing down and the present Treasurer, J. Neville, was seeking election. It appeared that Tom Bradley would become Treasurer. The EBU had sent out a consultation document regarding its future. In order to gauge the opinion of its members, the EBU was proposing to hold 'roadshows', in various regions of the country. The Treasurer will draft a letter for consultation.

It had been suggested that, in view of the considerable amount of work involved, the Treasurer might appreciate some help. She felt this was acceptable and Geoff Fogg has agreed to liaise with the Treasurer.

### **Torquay Congress**

The Chairman reported that a very good deal had been obtained from the Belgrave Hotel - £120 for bed, breakfast and evening meal and this would include bridge fees. Sandwiches would be available at £1 per head. The programme could be Men's, Ladies' and Mixed Pairs on the Friday evening, Championship Pairs on the Saturday and Green Point Swiss Teams on the Sunday. There would be CCBA directors.

### **Green Point Swiss Teams**

The Chairman proposed that, as Geoff Fogg and Terry Cannon had done a very good job with organising this event in 2002, they be asked to organise the 2003 event. This was agreed. The venue would be the Riverside Centre.

### **Licences**

There were four applications for licences:

- Heart Foundation
- Honiton
- Meningitis Trust
- Torquay Swiss Pairs

These were approved.

It was felt that some sections had applied for and been granted too large a proportion of licences. It was agreed that from next year, after the AGM, each section would be granted 3 licences with 1 in hand.

### **Tables**

The Treasurer felt that the County has more tables than necessary and felt that the tables in good condition should be retained and others given to charity events to be sold. It may be possible to change broken hinges. The Chairman had suggested getting new blue and green velvet cloths and this was in hand.

### County Selector

Peter Bowles has been acting as selector since 2000 and has not been able to recruit a replacement. John Richards proposed Peter be asked to continue in this role. The committee endorsed this proposal and Peter is willing to continue.

### South West League

It was confirmed that the East Section may take players from other Sections, but the remaining Sections may select only from their own Section. The policy is to have strong "A" teams, but to give lesser players a chance in the "B" teams. Reference was made to Peter's letter regarding home matches and expenses. At the moment the County pays the expenses for home matches but at the final match, when all teams play at ISCA, the Treasurer was not of the opinion that expenses should be paid. After discussion it was agreed that this was the same as any home match and expenses should be paid to the Devon team.

### Section Reports

- a) East – There are 8 teams in divisions 1 and 2 of the league and 6 in division 3. The Treasurer reported that the EBU pairs on a Friday are not well supported.
- b) North – There are 8 teams in division 1 of the league and 9 in division 2. The venue has changed to the Park Hotel. County tables are being stored in Denis Davey's and Derek Windsor's garages
- c) South - There are 8 teams in the league.
- d) West – A second league has been started for less experienced players. The Chairman raised the question of whether tea and coffee should be free at the Plymouth Congress. At their committee meeting the County Treasurer had not been in favour because it was not easy to show the breakdown in the accounts and also it was not an established practice at the other section congresses. There was a full discussion and it was agreed that a charge should be made this year. It was further agreed that a decision regarding the future policy would be made after Margaret and Geoff have made a study.

### Dates for future meetings.

Committee - 6 January, 2003.  
24 April, 2003.  
Calendar meeting 24 March, 2003.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 p.m.

15 October, 2002.

CM-Ritzen

6 January, 2003.

# DEVON COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the DCCBA held on

Monday 6 January 2003.  
at the Isca Centre.

### Present

Mrs. C Ritzen	(in the Chair)
Mrs B. Simmonds	(Hon. Sec )
Mrs M Lamb	(Hon. Treasurer)
Mrs . D. Sells	North
K. Ponsford G. Fogg	East
P. Bowles	South
J. Richards J. Lankshear	West.

### Apologies

Mrs. A. Husk Mrs. B. Guy Mrs. B. Martin Mrs. E. Horton  
T. Cannon.

### Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 2 October, 2002, were approved and signed as a true report, subject to the insertion under the item on licences of the sentence "Any licences not taken up by one section should be available to the other sections."

### Matters arising

Torquay Congress – The flyers were available for the committee to see and would be circulated to the clubs and the brochures are being printed and will be circulated shortly. The directors will be Jim Barker and Rod Bell.

Green Point Swiss Teams – The brochures were available at the meeting and will be circulated to the clubs in due course. Players who took part last year will be sent brochures.

Julia Chadwick Qualifying Heats – There had been some complaints from members that they would be unable to play in this event as the dates had been arranged over a period of only two weeks. It was recommended to the calendar committee that the spread of the heats should be over a longer period

### Correspondence and Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Council and Committees of the EBU. There was to be a Special General Meeting of the Council on 8 January, 2003 when it would be proposed that only three Council meetings would be obligatory on dates to be determined by the Council delegates. The dates currently proposed are Wednesday, 16 April and Wednesday, 1 October, 2003. In order to space these more evenly, it is suggested to Council that the proposed date of 16 April be changed to 4 June.

Junior Championships. It was reported that the event was £17,000 over budget.

Torquay Bridge Club Autumn Congress. It was noted that Torquay Bridge Club had applied for major congress status. The Secretary had been instructed to write to N. Doe expressing surprise that no contact had been made to the DCCBA. He had replied that this matter would be considered at the board meeting on 14 January, 2003. Several members expressed the opinion that the tables in the teams were too close, especially as the boards were computer dealt and had to be passed to the next table.

EBU Development Strategy. Another document had been drawn up correlating the ideas expressed at the roadshows. A further document would be circulated later in the year. The Treasurer had attended the meeting in Plymouth on 13 December, 2002, at which there were very few members present; 3 from Cornwall, 2 from Somerset, John Beard, Ruth Edmondson and herself. One or two

others came for part of the meeting. The Treasurer said that the two items mentioned had not been discussed.

Letter from the Tournament Secretary, Ann Slee. She expressed concern that refreshments were not going to be available at Newton Abbot for the Jack and Jill and Pivot Teams events. She wondered why this event had been moved from the spring as it now clashes with the Whitelaw Cup which some members played in. She suggested fixing the four weekend county events when refreshments can be provided by ISCA. The committee heard that subsequent arrangements had been made for refreshments to be served and these were very satisfactory. The Chairman also provided squash for the Pivot Teams on Sunday. The committee will endeavour to hold this weekend at ISCA when catering will be available.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer asked for approval from the committee to pay expenses for the juniors to attend the DSC. This was agreed.

The Shadow Treasurer presented a report on the expenses for the Plymouth Congress and the West Section expenses in general which appeared to be higher than in other Sections. He suggested that the DCCBA should recommend that roughly the same percentage of their bridge income should be given in prizes by each Section Congress. This will be considered for the next meeting.

### **Section Reports**

North – The Secretary reported that the Chairman, Dennis Davey, had resigned for health reasons and she will be standing in for him until the AGM. So far they had only two entries for the Julia Chadwick heat.

East – The Secretary reported the death of Jean Moore. Entries were coming for the John Woolcott weekend.

West – John Lankshear had been co-opted and would be attending meetings in place of Ann Husk. The Heart Foundation event was held at Plymstock which was satisfactory. There were 14 tables and £300+ was raised. There is only one division in the West League.

South - The Chairman reported that entry forms for the Petit Congress would be available later in the week. Steve Quinn will be directing and Kevin Slee will be scoring. On this occasion there will be outside caterers. It was reported that the Torquay Bridge Club Congress was very successful. The dates for 2003 will be 21, 22 and 23 November.

### **Licences**

After discussion it was agreed to request clubs to send in applications by 31 May, 2003. The licences will then be allocated.

### **Press Officer**

The Chairman had been contacted by Brian Cooke, editor of English Bridge, who was concerned that no Devon news had been coming through. It was agreed to ask Ken Rowe or Ann Slee if he /she would be willing to undertake this task. Alternatively the sections could be asked if anyone would be interested in this job.

### **Any Other Business**

Webmaster and Website –It was reported that Ruth Edmondson had taken over the running of the website. Most members agreed that it was well set up. It was agreed that Terms of Reference should be drawn up for the Webmaster. The purpose of the website is to provide information regarding the DCCBA and its members and shall contain no advertising matter except for County, Section and Club events. Affiliated clubs may publish their results and information from the clubs should be collated by Section Secretaries and forwarded to the Webmaster. Items of news interest to members shall be supplied by Section Secretaries and shall remain on the website for no longer than one month. Results of County events and notices relating to forthcoming events shall come from the Tournament Secretary. Simple announcements regarding the death of a member may be

made. The Webmaster shall be responsible for maintaining the DCCBA website in accordance with the requirements of the DCCBA Committee.

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

12 January, 2003.

C.M. Ritzen  
24 April, 2003

# DEVON COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the DCCBA held on Thursday 24 April 2003. at the Isca Centre.

<u>Present</u>	Mrs. C Ritzen	(in the Chair)
	Mrs B. Simmonds	(Hon. Sec )
	Mrs . D. Sells, Mrs. B. Martin	North
	K. Ponsford , T. Cannon	East
	P. Bowles	South
	J. Lankshear, Mrs. E. Horton	West.

Apologies Mrs. M. Lamb, Mrs. B. Guy and G. Fogg

### Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 6 January, 2003, had been circulated and were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

### Matters arising

Press Officer - Ken Rowe was approached and has agreed to take on this task. A letter has been sent to the secretaries of affiliated clubs informing them that items of news could be sent via section secretaries.

Website - Terms of reference were agreed with Ruth Edmondson and the website is working very well. Ruth has asked that her thanks for helpful advice be expressed to Nigel Richardson. Club secretaries were also given guidance for putting items on the website.

Licences - The secretary had written to all affiliated club secretaries asking them to submit requests for licences in the year 2003-04 by 31 May, 2003.

### Correspondence and Secretary's Report

Minutes of the EBU Committees. It is proposed to issue the Club Administration Scoring System to all clubs in April 2003.

The Orange Book will not now be finalised until 2004 and will come into force for the year 2004/2005.

The next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4 June, 2003, at 12.30 p.m. at the Imperial Hotel, London. There will be only three Council Meetings in 2003 and the last one will be on Wednesday, 1 October, 2003.

Letter from the EBU asking if the county wished to change its policy with regard to Green Point events and to hold two events during its congress, if so it would have to give up its one day joint venture. The Committee agreed to stay with the present arrangements. If in the future it is not given a joint venture then the matter would be reconsidered.

The EBU had sent a document regarding disciplinary proceedings and this would be held on file.

The next county secretaries' meeting will be held on 18 June, 2003, at Aylesbury. It was agreed that the secretary should attend.

Letter from the Exeter Bridge Club for submission to the AGM. It was requested that the county should consider purchasing a duplimate machine and a timer for use at county events and by member clubs on request. Papers regarding the Jannersten were submitted. John Lankshear informed the Committee that a new Australian machine would possibly be on the market in the near future and this would be able to use ordinary cards. It was agreed that the secretary should get copies of the information and John Lankshear and Peter Bowles would make investigations.

Letter from Terence Treeby asking if the county would sponsor him to go on a County Directors' course on 12 and 13 July this year. He submitted a letter of recommendation from John Pain. Terence understood from the chairman that, if the county sponsored him, he would be expected to direct at county events. The committee agreed to sponsor him in the same ratio as it did Steve Quinn.

The secretary reported that the calendar meeting had been held and the dates for next year's events had been agreed. Two quotes for printing had been obtained and would be submitted to the Committee after the AGM.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to Ruth expressing the Committee's satisfaction with the website which is working very well. The secretary will also consult on a letter regarding the EBU website and advertising licensed events for which there is no charge. The Chairman reported that Ruth is making enquiries regarding purchasing the website for the county.

### **Treasurer's Report**

As the treasurer was unable to attend, there was no report.

### **Torquay Congress**

The chairman reported that the Congress had been a success and the venue very good. There had been one minor complaint regarding the provision of water. This had been dealt with. The Chairman was sorry to report that the hotel cannot accommodate us for 2004 on the dates we require. The alternative dates offered by the hotel are either more expensive or the dates are not compatible with our programme.

### **Section Reports**

East – The accounts were submitted and it was noted that there had been a small loss on the EBU pairs ~~and the league~~. In view of the fact that the charges for the bridge room were to be increased to £50 in September, it had been decided to increase the table money to £1.50 to bring it line with current charges on other club nights. As attendance on EBU nights had been falling, the East were making enquiries as to whether it might be possible to hold this on the second Wednesday of the month.

North – Brenda Martin, treasurer, had decided to stand down. At their AGM it is hoped to get new committee members. The chairman had already retired for health reasons. The accounts were submitted and showed a profit.

South – Peter Bowles announced that he and Brenda Guy would be retiring, and Peter paid Brenda a warm tribute for her services. He said that he had been able to recruit Andrew Leslie from Newton Abbot and hoped this would involve other clubs rather than just centering around Torquay.

West – Cornwall may be interested in having matches against Devon. The accounts were submitted and showed a loss for the year.

### **Licences**

As reported earlier, the secretary had written to the clubs and applications were beginning to come in.

### **Western League**

Peter reported that the league was going well and he confirmed that Cornwall were withdrawing. He said there would always be a problem in finding a team for the Hereford match because of the clash with the North Devon Weekend.

### **Arrangements for AGM**

The chairman informed the Committee that Margaret Lamb had decided to resign as treasurer. It was noted that she had served since June 1977. Notices will be sent to all clubs shortly and secretaries asked to make sure their members are aware that the AGM is being held on 29 June, 2003. Any nominations for officers must be with the secretary by 14 June, 2003. This also applies to items for the agenda.



There was a query raised regarding who will deal with the master points. Various suggestions were made including letting each section deal with their event or appointing one person to be responsible for the whole county. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the first meeting after the AGM.

**Any Other Business**

The chairman raised the matter of the tables and said she had found some of them in poor condition. It was felt that we had too many tables and the present ones should be inspected and the poor ones replaced. It was agreed that 80 tables in store should be sufficient.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 9.25 p.m.

10 May, 2003.

# DEVON COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the DCCBA held on Tuesday, 1 July, 2003, at the Isca Centre.

<b><u>Present</u></b>	Carol Ritzen	(in the Chair)
	Barbara Simmonds	(Hon. Sec )
	Geoff Fogg	(Hon. Treas.)
	Denise Hartshorne	North
	Keith Ponsford , Terry Cannon	East
	Andrew Leslie, Jean Crabtree,	
	Pam Ward, Paul Ainsworth	South
	John Lankshear, A. Husk,	
	Elizabeth Horton	West
	Ann Slee (ex officio)	

**Apologies** Peter Bowles, Dena Sells

### **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 April, 2003, had been circulated and were taken as read and signed as a correct record, subject to the removal of the words "and the league" in the east section report on page two.

### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **Correspondence and Secretary's Report**

There was a brief report on the County Secretaries' meeting at the EBU. One item was the wish to get bridge recognized as a sport which might result in funding from Sport England. The EBU intends to liaise more closely with counties and clubs with a view to modernizing its organization and to this end is putting forward ideas for joint ventures with clubs and the National Trust. There was also the possibility of hosting a seminar with Ron Klinger and clubs have been sent this information.

There was a discussion regarding tournaments and the possibility of generating more interest. It was proposed that counties might organize a heat of the National Newcomers Pairs on 24 March, 2004. This would take the form of a simultaneous pairs scored nationally. The committee expressed an interest in this with the possibility of holding the event in Plymouth. It was possible that Cornwall might combine with Devon.

Green Point Joint Venture 2005 - we have been informed that our event is scheduled for Sunday, 15 May, 2005. This is satisfactory. This would have been Somerset's event at the Webbington Hotel, but they are no longer using this venue as it is too expensive.

There was a report on the Council Meeting from Margaret Lamb. It had been proposed that, in order to cut back on expenses, the February edition of English Bridge be cancelled. This was not agreed after a straw poll was taken. The question of all members of affiliated clubs having to belong to the national union was raised again. It was felt this would raise existing membership but no decision was taken. The EBU is to issue guidelines for members working with children in the bridge world and to operate a 'vetting' system. There could be difficulties involving transporting children after an event. The Orange Book is evidently being revised and the committee are considering renaming the various bridge levels but nothing has been decided.

A.G.M. In her report the Chairman thanked all who had helped over the year, especially Geoff Fogg and Terry Cannon for their organisation of the Green Point Swiss Teams event. She also congratulated

the Pachabo team of Ann and Kevin Slee and Jette and Alan Bailey who had come third: the best ever result for Devon. Margaret Lamb had retired as Treasurer and the Chairman thanked her warmly for all her hard work and presented her with a digital camera. Geoff Fogg was then unanimously elected as Treasurer. Margaret was elected as an Honorary Life Member in appreciation of all her efforts on behalf of the county.

Duplicator Machine – John Lankshear had reported on the machine and outlined costs and requirements for storage and controlling of it. The county had agreed to purchase a machine if someone could be found who would be responsible for it. Terence Treeby had expressed an interest also Steve Quinn who wanted to find out more about the running of the machine. (The Chairman reported at this meeting that Terence Treeby hopes to get more information at the Directors' course he will be attending later in July.)  
Timer – Members at the AGM had not been in favour of purchasing one at this time.

Under A.O.B. a complaint was made about the food at the Green Point event. Geoff Fogg will be looking into this. Geoff White had suggested that a note be left on tables at these events asking players to remove their rubbish at the end. This was noted and action will be taken.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Geoff Fogg had taken over on 1 July. He reported various items in the accounts which needed looking into. Some items, such as "competitions" should be shown in more detail. John Lankshear offered to give information of accounts offering higher interest. Prize money, master points and fees for playing directors would be reviewed.

### **Calendar**

The new layout was approved. Various amendments were made to some section items. It was hoped it would go to the printers next week.

### **Section Reports**

West – The brochure for the Plymouth Congress is ready for circulation.

North – Dena Sells, secretary, is acting as chairman and Denise Hartshorne has joined as a committee member.

South – It now has a committee of five. The accounts for the section will be sent to the treasurer and secretary.

East – The EBU pairs night is not paying its way. It could not be moved to a Wednesday at the Exeter bridge club. It was decided to carry on for the time being.

### **Master Points**

Ann Slee offered to take on this task. She felt that envelopes placed on all tables at events for players to complete in which master points and results will be posted would be an advantage. This was agreed. It was further agreed that for the Julia Chadwick qualifying rounds and the section league teams the sections should issue master points. The Western League organizer is responsible for issuing points for that League.

### **Constitution**

It was felt that this may need some up-dating. The Chairman suggested it may be desirable to put a limit on the length of time an officer may serve without re-election – say three to five years. It was agreed that the secretary should send out copies for consideration. The EBU has asked for a copy.

### **Licences**

The applications for the following year were approved.

### **County Events**

The Chairman asked for co-operation in clearing the hall after a major event. It was felt that helpers from each section should be asked for help with this. The west section members were not willing to help

in Exeter in view of the long journey home. The main work this time had been done by the east section, some partners and the Chairman and her partner. The south offered to look into the matter.

There was a discussion regarding next year's Green Point Joint Venture. It was agreed that Geoff and Terry had organized the event well and they were willing to carry on. It was agreed to book the Riverside centre provisionally.

#### **Trophy Insurance**

It was felt that the trophies may be under insured and it was agreed to look into this matter.

#### **Torquay Congress**

No venue has been decided but negotiations will be started now the new committee is in place.

#### **A.G.M.**

It was reported that members could not hear proceedings and it was thought a microphone would be a good idea.

#### **Website**

There was no information regarding juniors and Pam Ward suggested asking Mike Smith regarding this. Ruth had reported that there was space for each club to post its results. Ruth would advise them but they must undertake the work themselves. There was a suggestion that the minutes of the AGM and committee meetings should be published. It was agreed to publish only the minutes of the AGM at this stage. The committee minutes would need to be carefully edited in certain circumstances and so this was deferred for the time being. Ruth also suggested having a bulletin board for items of interest and this was agreed – a suitable item would be that Warner and Louise Solomon had attained the rank of Grand Master.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed to hold this on Wednesday, 1 October, 2003.

#### **Any Other Business**

The accounts for the Green Point event were not yet finalized.

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

13 July, 2003.

# DEVON COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the DCCBA held on Wednesday, 1 October, 2003, at the Isca Centre.

<b><u>Present</u></b>	Carol Ritzen	(in the Chair)
	Barbara Simmonds	(Hon. Sec )
	Geoff Fogg	(Hon. Treas.)
	Denise Hartshorne	North
	Keith Ponsford , Terry Cannon	
	Howard Kent-Webster	East
	Andrew Leslie,	
	Pam Ward, Paul Ainsworth	South
	John Lankshear, Ann Husk,	West
	Ann Slee (ex officio)	

**Apologies** Peter Bowles, Jean Crabtree, Elizabeth Horton and Dena Sells

### **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 1 July, 2003, had been circulated and were taken as read and signed as a correct record, subject to the change of date for the National Newcomers Pairs from 24 to 28 March, 2004.

### **Matters arising**

National Newcomers Pairs - The Club secretaries had been informed of the proposal. John Lankshear had contacted Cornwall and they are willing to hold a joint event.

The duplimate machine had been purchased

### **Draw for WMN**

There were 21 teams entered. The four semi-finalists for 2003 were seeded. Then the draw took place.

Ann Slee then left the meeting.

### **Correspondence and Secretary's Report**

There were EBU minutes and documents for the forthcoming Council meetings. As the proposed increase in EBU fees was above inflation the officers felt that Devon should vote against this. A proxy had been found to register our two votes.

The EBU had informed the Secretary that, as the membership had fallen below 701, Devon will be entitled to only two shares. The share certificate had been returned to the EBU for amendment.

The EBU had pointed out that only Geoff Fogg is shown as a delegate and asked if Devon wished to nominate anyone else. The Chairman asked if any one would be interested and, as Ann Husk expressed a wish to go to the Council meeting, the committee agreed to nominate her.

The Secretary reported that Margaret Lamb had been given a Dimmie Fleming award and would be attending the meeting for the presentation. It is hoped that Ruth will be able to put a photograph on the website.

The EBU had sent the County voucher for free entry to an EBU event. The committee agreed this should be given to Ruth Edmondson in appreciation of her work on the website.

The Tollemache entry form had been received and passed to the Treasurer for making this year's entry. The Chairman reported that Peter Bowles had recommended sending the four pairs who had had the best

results in the past year; i.e. Kevin and Ann Slee, Warner and Louise Solomon, Robin and Margaret Mardlin and Geoff and Nethie White. Peter had wished to include Ruth Edmondson and Brigid McElroy, who had done well at Brighton, but they were unable to play. Peter proposed going as non-playing captain.

Peter had indicated he would stand down as county selector if a replacement could be found. As there were no further suggestions, it was agreed to ask him to continue.

### **Treasurer's Report**

There had been a balance of £22,000 on deposit at Lloyds TSB. £21,000 was transferred to the current account, leaving a balance of £943 on deposit. A 60-day tracker account with Scottish Widows was opened with £20,000 which will give a gross rate of interest of ¼% below base rate i.e. 3 ¼%, but tax will have to be paid on this.

The duplimate machine was purchased plus 16 x 48 boards and cards at a total cost of £4,535. We need to purchase another 16 boards to make the sets up to 49. The purchase of storage boxes to hold the boards will bring the cost up to £4,700.

The Treasurer had discovered that the DCCBA held a £50 premium bond in Margaret Lamb's name. It was decided to cash this in and put the money in the current account. The committee discussed buying another bond which can only be held by the Treasurer. It was agreed not to purchase a bond.

Membership currently stands at 580 paid up members with 115 members still to pay their subscriptions. It appears that membership for 2003-2004 will fall below 700. This will mean only three entries for the Corwen Trophy.

The current balance is just under £800 but the cash flow suggests that this may be sufficient for this financial year. There should be further income from subscriptions and competitions but outgoings will be the Tollemache, brochures for the Torquay Congress and the Green Point Swiss Teams Joint Venture, boxes for duplimate boards and meeting expenses. If necessary, cash can be transferred from the deposit account or a cash injection requested from one of the sections.

There was a discussion on charges for the duplimate boards and it was agreed to charge 10p a board for Swiss Teams and £10 for a set for Pairs.

The Treasurer produced a revised prize structure for DCCBA competitions (see attachment). This was agreed.

### **Torquay Congress**

The Toorak Hotel had been booked. There are 14 single rooms and a supplement of £30 will be charged on single occupancy of double rooms. The Officers had met to consider the costs involved and the following suggestions were made:

£130 for full Congress  
Non-residents – Full Congress £27pp.  
Pairs only £15pp.  
Teams only £16pp.

Robin Barker was suggested as chief tournament director assisted by Terence Treeby and Steve Quinn. This was agreed.

### **Green Point Swiss Teams**

There was a lengthy discussion on the venue for this event on 1 July, 2004. The Riverside Centre had been provisionally booked at a cost of £525 + VAT. It had been pointed out that only 120 chairs were available and a charge of £2.00 a chair would be made for any extras needed. The ISCA Centre had offered three areas for a charge of £120 + VAT. It would provide a cold buffet. The committee felt that these premises would not be suitable.

The question of approaching the University was asked but it was pointed out that, whilst the date in 2004 would be outside the examinations period, in 2005 our event would be on 15 May when it would not be possible to use their premises. It was agreed that it is not desirable to keep changing the venue.

It was agreed to go ahead and book the Riverside Centre.

The Treasurer indicated that he did not wish to be closely involved with the organization but was very willing to give any advice. Keith Ponsford and Howard Kent-Webster offered to help and the Treasurer indicated that Bob Blackmore had also offered to help.

### **Licences**

There were no further applications.

### **Section Reports**

North – Amos Bridgman was acting as Chairman but would not be attending county meetings.

South - The league has started with 8 teams in the first division and 7 in the second. The new prize pairs night was about to start with 20 tables. The Surrey pairs had taken place.

West – The league will not start until November and it is hoped there will be 14 teams.

East – The Chairman introduced Howard Kent-Webster as the new Secretary. EBU pairs are still not well supported. The league will start this week with 8 teams in the first division, 8 in the second and 9 in the third.

### **Constitution**

The committee felt that this needed tidying up and that the term of office for the Secretary and Treasurer should be limited to 3 to 5 years unless candidates were re-nominated and then elected. Any changes would have to be submitted to the EBU Council.

### **Dates for Future Meetings**

Committee meetings - 5 January, 2004, and 22 April, 2004.  
Calendar meeting 22 March, 2004.

### **Any Other Business**

Paul Ainsworth raised the question of circulating the committee agenda and minutes electronically. The Secretary explained that not all members have e-mail addresses and it is not possible to use the county computer for e-mails.

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

14 October, 2003.

# DEVON COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the DCCBA held on Wednesday, 5 January, 2004. at the Isca Centre.

<b><u>Present</u></b>	Carol Ritzen	(in the Chair)
	Barbara Simmonds	(Hon. Sec )
	Geoff Fogg	(Hon. Treas.)
	Denise Hartshorne	North
	Keith Ponsford , Terry Cannon	East
	Andrew Leslie, Jean Crabtree	
	Pam Ward, Paul Ainsworth	South
	John Lankshear	West

**Apologies** Amos Bridgman, Elizabeth Horton, Ann Husk, Howard Kent-Webster and Dena Sells

### **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 1 October, 2003, had been circulated and were taken as read and signed as a correct record, subject to the item under South section in the Prize Pairs which should read "20 pairs" and not "20 tables".

### **Matters arising**

The Secretary pointed out that the April meeting had been fixed for 22 April but ISCA could not accommodate us then. Subsequently the Chairman and Secretary had tried for 20 April. This was not satisfactory for some members and it was agreed to hold the meeting on Wednesday, 21 April.

Delegate at EBU Council meeting - The Secretary reported that Ann Husk would be unable to attend and, although a replacement had been sought, there had been no response.

### **Correspondence and Secretary's Report**

There were various minutes of the EBU meetings.

The organizers of the Torquay Bridge Club congress had asked if this event could be brought forward one week to 11 - 13 November, 2005. This was not a definite date but might be necessary if the hotel booking was not possible at the usual weekend. The committee considered this and asked John Lankshear if he felt this would affect attendances at the Plymouth Congress. He did not think it would and it was agreed to inform the organizers that the committee had no objection.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Our current balance is nearly £800, but this includes £200 of deposits for the Torquay Congress and £600 transferred from the deposit account. This transfer was necessary because outstanding expenses include:-

Torquay Congress brochures  
Table transport for last year's ODJV  
Deposits payable to the Toorak Hotel  
Various meeting and officials' expenses.

The total of these is around £725. Some income is expected from the Garden Cities and the Julia Chadwick competitions plus a refund of £60 on the ODJV brochures.

The Treasurer circulated the accounts for the duplimated boards and competitions.

Membership - The Treasurer gave an up-to-date list of members to each section. Currently there are 641 paid-up members. Last year's members who have not renewed are:



East - 24  
North - 7  
South - 17  
West - 13

Lastly, the Treasurer circulated a document showing how he proposed presenting the accounts this year. This was approved by the committee.

### Section Reports

East - Terry Cannon reported that numbers for the EBU Pairs had fallen and it was agreed to discontinue this event. There are 8 teams in three sections of the League.

West - There would be no "elite" pairs event, due to lack of interest.

There had been a 30% increase in attendance at the Plymouth Congress. The Heart Foundation event had raised £329.

South - Andrew Leslie reported that problems with the Surrey Pairs had been sorted out with the EBU. He said that it was felt that the date of the Petit Congress should be changed in 2005, possibly to May. It was pointed out that the ODJV will be held on 15 May, 2005. Andrew agreed to suggest alternative dates.

North - It was reported that 48 of the 60 rooms had been taken for the North Devon Congress. It was unlikely that the Swiss Teams event in January would be held.

### Licences

There was an application for Exeter BC to hold their Swiss Teams event (normally held in October) on 6 June, 2004. This would exceed our licences for the current year but if the licence is not required by the North it could be used by Exeter. (Subsequently the North have confirmed they will not be using the licence.) The Secretary reported that Max Bavin had indicated it was possible to apply for more licences. It was agreed the Secretary should do this.

The Secretary reported that she had received several complaints about the running of the Swiss Pairs event at Torquay Bridge Club in the last two years. It was agreed that this event should be run with a non-playing director. Pam Ward, a committee member at Torquay, agreed that she would report this at their next committee meeting.

The Secretary will be writing to all affiliated clubs asking for licence applications for the year June 2004 to June 2005 to be made by 31 May, 2004. She would indicate this would be the standard procedure for future years.

### League Rules

It was felt that the rules were not being adhered to and there is room for improvement in the wording. The Chairman, Treasurer and Andrew Leslie agreed to revise the rules.

### Tollemache

There had been some disagreement about the selection of players for this event. Various suggestions were made for selection:-

Finalists from the WMN and the Julia Chadwick  
Pairs performing well in outside events.

No decision was taken and further thought will be given to this matter. The Treasurer asked whether expenses should be paid to the non-playing captain and it was agreed that they should.

### Any Other Business

Torquay Congress - There was a discussion as to whether the title should be changed to the "Devon Congress". It was felt that this was desirable but no firm decision was taken.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.18 p.m.

C.M. Ritzen 21 April, 2004.

# DEVON COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the DCCBA held on Wednesday, 21 April, 2004, at the Isca Centre.

### Present

Carol Ritzen	(in the Chair)
Barbara Simmonds	(Hon. Sec )
Geoff Fogg	(Hon. Treas.)

Dena Sells	North
Denise Hartshorne	North
Keith Ponsford	East
Terry Cannon	East
Jean Crabtree	South
Paul Ainsworth	South
Pam Ward	South
John Lankshear	West
Ann Husk	West
Elizabeth Horton	West

### Apologies

Amos Bridgman, Howard Kent-Webster and Andrew Leslie.

### Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 January, 2004, had been circulated and were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

### Matters arising

Tollemache – There was a discussion regarding qualifiers for this event. Geoff Fogg proposed that the winners and the runners-up of the Western Morning News and the winners of the Julia Chadwick should go forward. The Chairman felt that consideration should be given to teams having had success in national events. It was agreed to put this matter to the AGM.

### Correspondence and Secretary's Report

There were various minutes of the EBU meetings. The Secretary reported on several items from the minutes of the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer reported there had been a 50p increase in subscriptions but there was no proposed increase in Master Point charges but this would be reviewed later in the year.

There had been a report on delivering an EBU ranking system and services and this would run alongside the Master Point system. There appeared to be enthusiasm amongst members for such a system and an article will be published in the June edition of English Bridge explaining that this was being investigated and would be linked to CASS.

The General Manager and the Chairman had met with some County Associations. Common issues raised were:- compulsory membership of EBU for all EBU affiliated club members, reform of Council and development of closer relationships with Mr. Bridge. There had recently been a meeting with Mr. Bridge in an attempt to build a better relationship.

The General Manager presented a paper on the possible location of a national bridge centre in Kettering. He had met with Jack Mizel who was interested and keen to hear more about the possibility of an investment opportunity.

Bridge For All – Mr. Stocken reported the scheme had been successful in terms of a teaching aid but a failure in terms of being a membership generator, which had been the main reason for setting up the scheme.

The General Manager presented a proposal to make 2005//06 a year of membership in support of the development plan which sets the target of doubling the membership within the five year period of the plan.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer presented a full set of accounts. The books were in the hands of the accountant for the audit before the AGM.

### **Section Reports**

East - Terry Cannon reported that there had been three divisions of 8 teams in the league. There were 25 pairs in the Julia Chadwick qualifier. Entries for the John Woolcott weekend had increased.

West - John Lankshear reported there had been 7 pairs enter for the National Newcomers Pairs. The format had been changed from a 2 session to a 1 session event. There was a profit of £2.20. Ann Husk felt more publicity should have been given to the event. The Secretary had written to all affiliated clubs advertising the event.

South - Paul Ainsworth reported that the Petit Congress will be held on 5 and 6 February, 2005. The Prize Pairs will continue but the Surrey Pairs would not as John Nowill had asked the South section to take over his charity event. There had been 6 teams in the second division of the league making 14 teams in all.

North - Dena Sells reported that the winter Swiss Teams event had been cancelled due to lack of support. There had been only 4 tables for the Julia Chadwick qualifier. The North Devon Weekend had been a great success and a profit of £3000 had been made. The Chairman asked for some equipment (mainly bidding boxes) to be replenished from the profits. This was agreed.

### **Licences**

The Secretary reported that she had received a letter from Ian Mitchell giving an explanation regarding licences issued to the county and it appeared there was no limit to the number it could issue. Some applications for licences for events from June 2004 - June 2005 had been received but the closing date is 31 May, 2004.

### **Western League**

There was some discussion as to whether Devon should continue participating. The west and south were keen. There had been a poor arrangement for teams at the weekend of the Torquay Congress and at the North Devon Weekend. It was agreed that the Secretary should let Paul Ainsworth have a copy of the draft calendar before the match in May at which fixtures are made for the following year. The Treasurer pointed out that the cost of refreshments for 4 matches was £321.

### **Annual General Meeting**

The Secretary reported that there is a P.A. system available. The Treasurer and Secretary are willing to stand for re-election. Carol will retire as Chairman and John Lankshear will take over. The Secretary will circulate the clubs with advance notice of the meeting.

### **Calendar**

The draft calendar has been agreed and will be put before the Committee after the AGM.

### **DCCBA League Rules**

Paul Ainsworth and Geoff Fogg had put forward amendments to the present rules which would be considered. John Lankshear proposed that County rules should be adopted and should be adhered to by all sections. This will be brought forward to the next meeting.

### Julia Chadwick Rules

Correspondence had been received from Peter Bowles indicating that the rules should be changed to take percentages as the qualifying criterion i.e. 50% or above. Ann Slee had consulted the EBU who agreed the present rules were correct. It was agreed the present rules should stay.

### Engraving of Trophies

Ann Husk asked whether trophies were being engraved as she had seen that the Torquay Congress trophies had not been engraved. Geoff Fogg said it was the usual practice to ask the winners to have the engraving done and send him the bill. Ann said she was willing to arrange for the engraving to be done in Plymouth. The Secretary pointed out that she had arranged for this last year and brought the engraving up to date. The engraver was very near. She is calling for the trophies to come in shortly to be engraved before the AGM.

There was a proposal to purchase a mixed pivot teams trophy. The Secretary will look into this.

### Torquay Congress

This had been a success and the organizers had received favourable comments on the smooth running of the event. Robin Barker had directed and scored the event without any problems. He was assisted by Terence Treeby and Steve Quinn. The hotel had proved satisfactory. The Chairman asked the Secretary to write to the hotel porter expressing thanks for all her help and thanking her grandsons for the very good job they did at the teams. Geoff had obviously not worked out the final figures but it would appear the profit would be in the region of £900 - £1000. There was discussion regarding prizes and whether there should be a non-expert prize in the Consolation and Secondary Pairs. The Chairman thanked all Committee members who had helped at the event. There were queries raised as to how random the deals were in the boards borrowed from Somerset. Geoff said when he collected the boards the person in charge had removed some flat hands. The Committee agreed that in future we should specify that all deals should be random.

There had previously been a suggestion that the title of the Congress should be changed in order to avoid confusion with the Torquay Bridge Club Congress. As it is the major County Congress the Committee agreed it should be changed to the Devon County Congress. This would also enable it to be held at a venue other than Torquay. The EBU to be informed as soon as possible.

### Green Point Joint Venture

Terry Cannon reported that arrangements were in hand.

### Any Other Business

The Chairman reported that Howard Kent-Webster had a spare computer which he was willing to donate to the county/club to further the interests of bridge. It was agreed the Secretary should circulate the clubs with this information.

Paul Ainsworth had received a request from Titch Glenday to use the duplimate machine for her teaching. She is willing to buy a set of boards. This was agreed and the costs should be notified to her.

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

8 May, 2004.



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# **DEVON COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**

## **Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the DCCBA held on Tuesday, 13 July 2004. at the Isca Centre.**

**Present** John Lankshear (in the Chair)  
Terence Treeby (Hon. Sec ), Geoff Fogg (Hon. Treas.)  
John Boxall, Dena Sells, Denise Hartshorne (North)  
Terry Cannon, Keith Ponsford (East)  
Andrew Leslie (South) Ann Husk (West)

**1. Apologies** Jean Crabtree, Paul Ainsworth, Pam Ward, Elizabeth Horton, Howard Kent-Webster.

### **2. New Chairman's Statement of intent**

2.1. Each Section will be encouraged to operate independently including having independent control of its own finances. The County Treasurer will give at least 6 months notice of any requirement for funds to be transferred centrally. Representatives should claim expenses when on County or Section business.

2.2. The purpose of the County committee is to provide liaison between clubs and Sections on the one hand and County and Inter-county competitions on the other. Members should promote the EBU which provides the structure of rules, conventions, directors, etc for bridge. Sectional competitions should encourage newcomers by being enjoyable.

**3. Minutes** Minutes of the meeting held on 21 April, 2004, had been circulated and were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

### **4. Matters arising**

4.1. Calendar : approved for printing. Some dates of events within the county (not for members' calendar) were noted.

4.2. Mixed pivot teams trophy: Ann Husk to investigate and report to the next meeting.

4.3. Howard Kent-Webster's computer: Secretary to investigate and report to the next meeting.

4.4. Engraving : Secretary to provide cups and list of winners past and present to Ann Husk for her to arrange engraving in time for next AGM.

### **5. Secretary's report and correspondence**

5.1. EBU matters. The Annual County Contact return is due and will be completed. No annual County Secretaries' Meeting this year. John Lankshear agreed as new Shareholder to replace Barbara Simmonds. Note feedback when new diary (replacement for Yearbook) comes out. Possible Congress in South West to be discussed when the Chief Executive visits. Cornwall are very enthusiastic, Somerset show some interest.

5.2. Ken Rowe wishes to discontinue his county report in the EBU magazine. In view of the short notice, the committee requested that he submit the next report and that we nominate a replacement at the next meeting.

5.3. Some members had undated copies of the DCCBA Constitution which had previously been circulated prior to a review that failed to happen. Consider further next meeting.

### **6. Treasurer's report**

6.1. Torquay Congress provisional account tabled with profit of £1074. Requested that Receipts be split between bridge and hotel and that Hotel be split between accommodation and other.

6.2. Directors rates for county events 2004-2005 tabled and approved.

6.3. Prizes for DCCBA competitions 2004-2005 tabled and approved. This follows a break-even policy but excludes the cost of master points.

6.4. AGM Swiss Teams provisional account breaking even 2004-2005 tabled and approved.

6.5. Estimated income and expenditure for 2004-2005 tabled and approved, with the exception that the committee voted not to contribute to the projected trading loss.

6.6. Philip Smith approved as new auditor subject to written confirmation of his price of at most £260.

6.7. An invitation from Somerset for a friendly match with Tollemache rules, a director and a scorer had turned into a proposed home match on 12 September at DCCBA expense, estimated to be about £300. Agreed that it could go ahead if each team member from both counties paid £10 to cover the costs of the event.

### **7. Section League Rules**

An amended version of Paul Ainsworth's proposal was adopted and will be circulated as an appendix to the minutes.

### **8. Policy towards picking county teams**

8.1. Peter Bowles had been invited to attend as County Selector but had sent his apologies. South Western League : It was decided that the present arrangements should continue with the intention of giving experience to a broad range of players. Sections are encouraged to give their teams plenty of notice of their match. A schedule of fixtures and a selection rota had been arranged by the County Selector and was approved. Travel expenses of £5 per head will be paid for all away matches.

8.2. Tollemache : held over until a future meeting.

### **9. Establishment of section promotion personnel**

The Chairman requested each Section to nominate at the next meeting a person responsible for promoting county events as a reinforcement to the often unread notices. The Secretary will prepare an events calendar for their guidance.

### **10. AOB**

10.1. ODJV. Volunteers will be needed to clear tables, etc at the end.

10.2. Devon County Congress needs 2 organisers to assist Geoff Fogg, one of whom should be staying at the hotel. To be confirmed at the next meeting.

### **11. next meeting**

Monday 27 September at 7 pm at the Isca Centre. Ann Slee will be invited to attend to conduct the WMN draw. Terry Collier, Chief Executive of the EBU will be invited to attend.

**meeting ended** 10.12 pm

### **documents**

6.1. to 6.5. accounts etc tabled by Hon Treasurer  
DCCBA League Rules  
Calendar  
Committee list

*of P. Treby acting as Chairman.*

agreed and signed by Chairman 27 September 2004

# **DEVON COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the DCCBA held on  
Monday, 27 September 2004. at the Isca Centre.**

**Present** Terence Treeby (Hon. Sec, in the Chair), Geoff Fogg (Hon. Treas.),  
John Boxall (North), Terry Cannon, Howard Kent-Webster (East),  
Andrew Leslie, Jean Crabtree, Pam Ward (South) Ann Husk, Elizabeth Horton (West)  
**Present by invitation for part** Terry Collier (Chief Executive EBU, Peter Bowles (Selector)

**1. Apologies** Dena Sells, Denise Hartshorne, Paul Ainsworth, Keith Ponsford

## **1a. Resignation of Chairman**

1a.1. An e-mail dated 27 Sep from John Lankshear was read to the meeting by the Secretary tendering his resignation as Chairman with immediate effect. The Secretary also read a statement entitled Constitutional matters. Both documents are included with these minutes.

1a.2. With the next Chairman (Keith Ponsford) being absent, the Secretary was asked to chair the meeting.

## **2. Presentation by Terry Collier (Chief Executive, EBU).**

2.1. Visits to counties had been useful follow up to Development Plan. Noted that this was the first visit to counties from Head Office. Listed reasons for belonging to EBU. Target 1000 schools doing MiniBridge. Lecture tours by Klinger, Robson, Hacketts. Planning 3 national events through clubs as alternative to sim pairs. Bridge for All not retaining enough members; relaunch in Sep 2005. Teachers day Bristol this Oct. Idea of SW Congress in July welcomed - possible venues Torquay Riviera Centre, Plymouth Pavilions - talks advanced for 2006 or possibly 2005. Possible bridge event at Eden Project. SW members would like less travelling to regional and national events. Proposals welcomed for schemes to recruit members. Membership-encouraging package needed by counties and clubs - due sometime. Only 7 Universities play bridge. Proposal that there should be a lower tier of membership for newcomers, say county-only. Comments made on diary. Club insurance available through EBU. Looking for stronger regional competition and possibly rationalised calendar. Ranking / handicap system coming based on current performance separate to Master Points.

2.2. Terry was thanked and left the meeting.

## **2a. Selector's Report**

2a.1. South West League fixtures are agreed. Some will have an informal C match attached with players below the rank of Regional Master. Welcomed. Same expenses to be paid as for A and B.

2a.2. Devon v Somerset match successful as an idea and informative to the Selector, although lost.

2a.3. Tollemache : proposed selecting Baileys, Bowles / Slape, Grant / Lindfors. Sless, Solomons. Approved. Peter was thanked and left the meeting.

## **2b. Constitutional Matters**

2b.1. Discussion followed on the validity of the guidelines without conclusion. Agreed to submit views on (a) present Constitution; (b) guidelines; (c) next Chairman to Secretary in writing as soon as possible. Secretary to summarize recommendations for discussion at next Committee with view to putting proposals to a General Meeting of members. In particular, clarification is needed on whether the Treasurer is entitled to act entirely independently of the Committee and to what degree each of the three officers (two elected and one nominated) answer to the Committee or the AGM.

2b.2. The Treasurer agree to defer pressing for surplus funds from Sections for the time being.

## **3. Minutes**

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2004, incorporating changes of wording to 6.5 and 6.7 (circulated 3 Aug 04), were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

#### **4. Matters Arising (1)**

4. Memo circulated 3 Aug 04 clarifying 2.1, 6.2 to 6.4 and 6.5. Left in abeyance following next meeting's discussion on Constitutional Matters (see 2b).

#### **5. Matters Arising (2)**

5.1. Items 4.1, 4.3, 5.2 and 7. were reported cleared by the agenda.  
John Boxall left the meeting.

5.2. Mixed Pivot Teams trophy is in hand (Ann Husk next meeting); Mixed Pairs and WMN engraved ready for presentation; Julia Chadwick not yet engraved (Geoff Fogg).

5.3. Congress brochures going to printers soon. Pam Ward agreed to assist at the Congress.

#### **6. Secretary's report and correspondence**

6.1. EBU minutes etc detailed.

6.2. Letter from Ann Slee re calendar clashes, some known, one or more now rectified.

6.3. Tournament Secretary to be asked for written report for next meeting.

#### **7. Treasurer's report.**

7.1. Accounts tabled for Green Point event.

7.2. Predicted positive cashflow reported; cash holdings reported. Extra funds in 60 day Scottish Widows account would get better rate of interest than in local accounts.

#### **8. Establishment of section promotion personnel.**

8. West Susan Gregory; South Jean Crabtree (provisional), East and North next meeting. The Secretary asked to extend the events calendar beyond the end of 2004.

#### **9. Licences.**

9.1. List tabled and approved.

#### **10. AOB.**

10.1. East section authorised to book venue for ODJV in May 2005. Possibly Coombeshead School, Newton Abbot with Riverside Centre as reserve.

10.2. A new shareholder will be needed to replace John Lankshear.

10.3. Jack and Jill start will be 1.15 due to Isca double booking.

#### **11. next meetings**

11.1. WMN draw Fri 1 Oct : Ann Slee assisted by Andrew Leslie, Howard Kent-Webster and others.

11.2. Mon 17 January 2005 at 7 pm at Isca.

#### **Documents**

**1a.** Copy of resignation e-mail from John Lankshear.

**1a.** Constitutional Matters

**2a.** Selectors report (copies with Secretary and Treasurer)

**2b.** Constitution, guidelines, webmaster guidelines. (previously circulated)

**3. and 4.** Memo circulated in August 2004.

**7.1.** ODJV accounts (tabled)

**9.1.** Licences (copy provided to each Section)

*Hoofed*  
agreed and signed by chairman 1 Dec 04



# **DEVON COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the DCCBA held on  
Wednesday, 1 December 2004. at the Isca Centre.**

**Present** Keith Ponsford (East, in the Chair),  
Geoff Fogg (Hon. Treas.), Terence Treeby (Hon. Sec),  
John Boxall, Dena Sells (North), Terry Cannon, Howard Kent-Webster (East),  
Andrew Leslie, Jean Crabtree, Pam Ward (South) Ann Husk, Elizabeth Horton (West)

**1. Apologies** Denise Hartshorne, Paul Ainsworth

## **2. Minutes**

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 27 Sept 2004, incorporating change of wording of 7.2 (circulated with agenda), were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

## **3. Matters arising from last meeting (1)**

3.1. Some items were reported cleared on the circulated agenda.

3.2. 1a.1. and 2b.1. : discussion deferred to item 5.

3.3. Sample trophy for Pivot Teams available for £82.50 shown and approved, with winners names to start with current holders. Julia Chadwick now engraved and presented.

3.4. re 7.2. North section have Portman account at 3.6% gross held for potential windfall, against the Scottish Widows 4.5% gross.

3.5. ODJV in May 2005. Howard Kent-Webster now finalising arrangements with Coombeshead School, Newton Abbot.

3.6.. Secretary instructed for find out if John Lankshear wishes to continue as EBU shareholder.

## **4. Vacancy for Chairman**

Proposed by Ann Husk, seconded by Pam Ward that David Hugo takes the chair for the remainder of the West section's turn to the AGM of 2006. Carried unanimously. David Hugo took the chair for the rest of the meeting.

## **5. Review of guidelines and constitution**

5.1. The Secretary explained that he had prepared and circulated two documents (i) Guidelines 2004, intended as a version of the Guidelines to enable the Committee to carry out its duties until the next AGM; and (ii) (not for discussion at this meeting) a lengthy compendium of comments and revisions to the Guidelines, Constitution and Rules based on members' comments, intended as the basis of a revision to be presented to the next AGM. Ann Husk had also submitted a motion "County and Section Funds" after these documents had been prepared.

5.2. The Committee accepted that the voting practice of the committee for the rest of the year is that each section has 1 vote for each member present up to 4, and the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer one each, but they may only vote once if they also represent a section. The Chairman also has a casting vote if necessary.

5.3. The Committee accepted that the document DCCBA General Guide Lines, prepared by Eve Morris in Apr 2002, had no standing, apart from where it repeated the Constitution and Rules, as it had never been presented to the Committee and duly minuted.

5.4. The Committee accepted that all moneys were the property of the DCCBA. It was broadly agreed that in future years, each Section Treasurer will be required to transfer any excess money held in the section to the County Treasurer, the amount of the excess to be agreed between the County Treasurer and each Section Treasurer within 2 months of each AGM.

5.5. After discussion on the outstanding matter of the current year's excess funds, the Treasurer made the point that he had a duty to make the best possible use of any idle funds in the county. It was agreed that Section Treasurers would reply to the County Treasurer's letters of 29 Aug, remitting what they could afford and giving reasons if sending less. (This then cleared outstanding matter arising from previous meetings).

5.6. The motion "Operational Procedures", proposed by Andrew Leslie, seconded by Ann Husk, was carried unanimously.

Operational Procedures : I therefore propose that we elect a small subcommittee to examine effective ways in which the DCCBA should operate in the future – taking into account the present constitution, any other existing documents, and the views of all sections. This subcommittee to report back to the full committee at its next meeting. Any proposals reached by the subcommittee shall be circulated to all committee members in advance of the next full committee meeting. This would mean that the agenda item 5.4 would go the next meeting via a subcommittee.

A subcommittee of David Hugo, Howard Kent-Webster and Ann Husk agreed to take on this task.

## **6. Matters arising from last meeting (1)**

6. These were all cleared by 5.5.

## **7. Secretary's report and correspondence**

7.1. The Secretary will continue to circulate agenda / minutes to all members, the agenda 2 weeks before each meeting which required items to be submitted 16 days before for inclusion.

7.2. Revised licence issued for Filleigh Swiss teams on 23 January.

7.3. Tollemache - better result than usual, finishing in the middle of the group.

7.4. EBU voucher for 2004-2005 to be offered to Ruth Edmondson for her work as Webmaster.

7.5. Provisional date for Torquay Bridge Club Congress 11-13 November 2005 at the Palace Hotel, Plymouth to revert to 29-30 October, the week before the EBU Seniors.

7.6. National Pairs heats will be held in the South on 18 January and the East (date to be confirmed)

7.7. e-mail from Wiltshire re web page promotions for each other's green point events. Investigate the possibility of a fuller web link for all events.

7.8. e-mail David Boston sim pairs. Organisers can circulate clubs if they wish; also include in Diary.

7.9. (EBU) Master point review paper received Oct 2004. Outlined by Secretary; members invited to submit comments individually to the EBU.

7.10. (EBU) Articles, byelaws and disciplinary rules tabled.

7.11. (EBU) Devon County Congress licence and returns form received.

## **8. Treasurer's Report**

8.1. Cash flow tabled.

8.2. Competition accounts tabled, showing possible loss of £100 on year.

8.3. Estimated Income and expenditure account tabled.

## **9. Section Reports**

9.1. West : Plymouth Congress had been very successful and broken even. The Committee suggested that the North Devon weekend might consider raising the overall prize money on a break-even policy.

9.2. South : League has 2 divisions of 8; Prize pairs not so healthy this year, possibly because of misunderstanding over single-session entries; Charity pairs with local clubs well received; Petit Congress entry forms circulated.

9.3. East : League has 3 divisions of 8; John Woolcott weekend entry forms circulated.

9.4. North : League functioning; North Devon weekend entry forms circulated.

#### **10. A.O.B.**

10.1. Arising from 8.2., discussion took place as to whether the Pivot Teams needed to be mixed, and whether the Jack and Jill and Pivot Teams should be on separate weekends (a show of hand showed 5 separate, 3 same, 4 abstaining). Andrew Leslie agreed to review all competitions.

10.2. Booking of Western League venues and provision of meals needs to be checked.

#### **11. Next Meetings**

11.1. Calendar meeting Thur 31 March at Isca at 7.30 pm, attended by Secretary, Dena Sells, Andrew Leslie, Ann Husk and Howard Kent-Webster. Tournament Secretary to be invited. Draft blank calendar to each section in December or January.

11.2. Committee meeting Wed 20 April at Isca at 7.30 pm. Items for inclusion to reach the Secretary by 4 April.

#### **Documents**

**5.1.** Guidelines 2004

**5.1.** compendium of comments and revisions to the Guidelines, Constitution and Rules.

**5.1.** motion "County and Section Funds"

**5.6.** motion "Operational Procedures",

**8.1.** Cash flow.

**8.2.** Competition accounts

**8.3.** Estimated Income and expenditure account.



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# **DEVON COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the DCCBA held on  
Wednesday, 20 April 2005. at the Isca Centre.**

**Present** David Hugo (Chair), Geoff Fogg (Hon. Treas.), Terence Treeby (Hon. Sec),  
John Boxall (North), Terry Cannon, Keith Ponsford (East),  
Andrew Leslie, Paul Ainsworth (South) Ann Husk, John Lankshear (West)

**1. Apologies** Dena Sells, Denise Hartshorne, Howard Kent-Webster, Jean Crabtree, Pam Ward, Elizabeth Horton

## **2. Minutes**

2. Minutes of meeting of 1 December 2004 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

## **3. Matters arising from last meeting**

- 3.1. (Dec 3.3) Pivot Teams trophy has been purchased and engraved.
- 3.2. (Dec 3.5) ODJV in May 2005 is shortly being held at Coombeshead School, Newton Abbot.
- 3.3. (Dec 3.6) John Lankshear wishes to continue as EBU shareholder.
- 3.4. (Dec 5.5) Re current year's excess funds, sections had responded to the Treasurer as follows : North need further time to resolve their budget but the bulk of the funds held are on deposit; West have a surplus under £400 which is retained; South have a surplus of about £800 which is retained; East have passed over £600 leaving a reasonable balance.
- 3.5. (Dec 7.4) EBU voucher for 2004-2005 handed to Ruth Edmondson for her work as Webmaster.
- 3.6. (Dec 7.7) e-mail from Wiltshire re inter-county web page promotions still pending.
- 3.7. (Dec 7.8) David Boston sim pairs: clubs notified and date included in Diary.
- 3.8. (Dec 10.2) Western League venues and provision of meals to be reviewed when fixtures are set.

## **4. Secretary's report and correspondence**

Minutes etc from various EBU meetings were tabled and the following points highlighted by the Secretary and the Shareholder :

- 4.1. (EBU) Some changes to Orange Book from 1 April 2005 approved, many of limited specific use, the exception being that at level 3 any defence to 1NT will be permitted (ie double no longer has to be for penalty and bids no longer have to specify a suit) and at level 2 double may have any meaning which includes a specified suit of at least 3 cards in a 3-suited hand and 4 cards otherwise.
- 4.2. (EBU) The EBU has been dissolved and replaced by EBU Ltd.
- 4.3. (EBU) Club Director Training Courses request for venues.
- 4.4. (EBU) English Riviera Congress at Riviera Centre Torquay for 3 years starting 2005, same dates and format as Scarborough excluding Thursday's Open Pairs.
- 4.5. (EBU) Revised EBU draft calendars 2005/2006 / 2007 / 2008.
- 4.6. (EBU) National Bridge Centre at Kettering within perhaps 2 years; possible 100-bed hotel; possible relocation of HQ from Aylesbury; financially advantageous compared to charges at some hotels. No intention to re-locate seaside congresses or London congresses. Still subject to contract.
- 4.7. (EBU) confusing messages concerning future of CASS.
- 4.8. (EBU) Treasurer's report and budget shows loss of £11,000 and 1000 fewer members but predicts profit next year.
- 4.9. Application for licence for Exeter BC Charity Pairs 31 May approved.
- 4.10. Details of EBU promotion for new members (£5 for first year) confirmed as previously circulated.
- 4.11 (letter 24 Mar) Ann Slee will be standing down as Tournament Secretary after the AGM in June.
- 4.12. Interim report and Devon diary (4) circulated in March
- 4.13. revised details to DCC listing

4.14. accounts from Exeter G&CC re Apr 2004 swiss teams.

4.15. Selectorial overview. Leading A league; poor start in B league; only 2 C fixtures. Full report enclosed with these minutes. Kevin Slee will be arranging next year's fixtures. Agreed to pay Steve Quinn as director for the final set of matches (possibly by increasing table money).

### **5. Treasurer's Report**

5.1. The Treasurer tabled accounts for (a) competitions (excluding an estimated £140 for Master Points), (b) provisional (pre-audit) accounts, (c) balance sheet not yet showing section balances to be added as part of county assets, (d) 2005 congress account.

5.2. Section accounts have either been submitted to the Treasurer or are on their way.

5.3. The Committee agreed that John Lankshear should become Treasurer, with the transition period being managed by him and Geoff Fogg.

### **6. Section Reports**

6.1. West. Successful league ending soon; Plymouth BC running their own Directors' course for 8 people; pairs league starts end of May.

6.2. East. Successful league ended; Woolcott weekend satisfactory; ODJV has 30 entries to date.

6.3. South. Prize pairs reviewed by Calendar sub-committee; Sims appealed to those participating especially non-affiliated clubs and could interest a wider audience; Successful league ends next week; Chairman and Secretary stepping down.

6.4. North. North Devon weekend successful; problems with 2nd division of league; Ilfracombe BC closing?

### **7. Constitution**

7.1. The subcommittee of David Hugo, Howard Kent-Webster and Ann Husk was thanked for their work on the draft constitution. A copy is with the EBU. The Schedule is a necessary legal requirement. Two motions will be need for the AGM (1) to change name, (2) to approve of constitution.

7.2. It was agreed to propose to change our name to Devon Bridge Association.

7.3. After discussion, revision 8a with the following amendments was agreed as the draft to be proposed at the AGM.

8)a) 15th May is replaced with 31st May.

9)b) The second bullet point now reads in full "The annual accounts of the Sections shall be passed to the Association's Treasurer by 30 April. Each Section Treasurer or another representative is required to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Association."

### **8. Calendar**

8.1. The Calendar meeting on 31 March was attended by the Secretary and one representative from each section plus Chairman ex officio and Tournament Secretary. It also considered Andrew Leslie's review of competitions and produced the recommendations circulated with the draft calendar. The draft calendar was approved. A memo of amendments etc to the tabled draft is enclosed.

8.2. All competitions will be re-branded as Devon xxx.

8.3. Devon knock-out (Western Morning News) will have a plate 24-board knock-out competition for teams to join after loss in first match played (i.e. after 1st or 2nd round).

8.4. Devon charity simultaneous pairs will take over the dates and experience of the Southern Section. Rules to be tabled at the July meeting.

8.5. Devon winter ladder will take over the dates of the Southern Section prize pairs. Rules to be tabled at the July meeting.

8.6. Devon summer ladder will take over the dates of the Western Section pairs league from May 2006. Rules to be tabled at the July meeting. A high entry fee might discourage some players.

8.7. The circulated calendar will be extended to include dates and contacts of licenced events as well as county events. Booklet form agreed with cover and probably 3 sheets to include a blank page, or more to include entry forms.

8.8. The Secretary was authorised to approve licence applications for those dates agreed by the approval of the calendar.

### **9. Any Other Business**

9.1. The Secretary was asked to check how the changes in VP scales might affect the leagues.

9.2. John Lankshear has taken over the membership duties for the 2005-06 year.

9.3. Equipment Secretary to be appointed at the July meeting.

9.4. Ann Husk agreed to become Tournament Secretary and the job description provided by Ann Slee was passed on.

9.5. 2006 Congress organiser to be appointed at July meeting; to be dealt with by the Chairman and Secretary in the meantime. The Toorak has been provisionally booked for 2006.

9.6. From Andrew Leslie's review of activities it was felt that we should address (a) Devon Bridge logo; (b) social bridge days aimed at non-EBU members; (c) juniors event, each section being committed to providing at least two teams in each category; (d) ways of introducing newcomers to County Events.

9.7. (Ann Husk) Free one-day teaching seminar as recently offered in Cornwall - deferred to July meeting.

9.8. (Ann Husk) Visitors' levy at National Pairs heats. The County has no control over the table money charged by clubs at an EBU event.

9.9. AGM arrangements and "normal" agenda approved.

9.10. All other items were deferred until the July meeting.

### **10. Next meetings**

10.1. AGM as per calendar.

10.2. Wed 13 July at Isca at 7.30 pm.

10.3. Tue 6 Sep at Isca at 7.30 pm.

### **Documents**

2. Minutes of last meeting previously circulated.

4.15. Selectorial overview circulated with these minutes.

7. Draft Constitution version 8a circulated with agenda.

8.1. Draft calendar 2005-2006 version 4 circulated with agenda.

8.1. Calendar amendments etc circulated with these minutes.

8.2. Review Options circulated with agenda

9.1 Jobs circulated with agenda.



# **DEVON BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**

## **Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the DCCBA held on Wednesday, 13 July 2005. at the Isca Centre.**

**Present** David Hugo (Chair), John Lankshear (Hon. Treas.), Terence Treeby (Hon. Sec),  
Terry Cannon (East), Ann Husk (West),  
Paul Ainsworth, John Murray Brown, Pam Ward, Pat West (South)

**1. Apologies** Elizabeth Horton, John Boxall, Dena Sells, Keith Ponsford

### **2. Minutes**

2. Minutes of meeting of 20 April 2005 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

### **3. Matters arising from last meeting**

3.1. (Apr 3.2.) ODJV in May 2005 : letter of apology and refund of £383 promised to Chairman on 6 June. Not received; Chairman to chase. Agreed (i) report situation to EBU; (ii) refund £2 voucher to each of the 174 players.

3.2. (Apr 7.1.) AGM approved change of name to Devon Bridge Association (DBA). Bank account name changed. The website has moved to [www.devonbridge.co.uk](http://www.devonbridge.co.uk). The Secretary has written letters for the bankers both centrally and in the sections.

3.3. (Apr 7.1.) AGM approved new constitution (amended). A copy has been sent to the EBU for approval before it can be formally adopted and applied.

3.4. (Apr 7.1.) The minutes of the AGM and the Constitution (both after checking by the Chairman) have been posted on the website.

3.5. All leagues should use the "new" VP scales circulated to league organisers.

### **4. Matters deferred from last meeting**

4.1. Committee members should claim any costs incurred in their duty, including use of printer cartridges for those receiving documentation by e-mail.

4.2. New affiliated club at Teignmouth.

4.3. Many County trophies are at Torquay Bridge Club. Secretary and Torquay Secretary are in process of agreeing a definitive list.

### **5. Appointments and Renewals**

5.1. Conduct Committee (see Schedule) Steve Quinn has volunteered. Invite Maureen Baser, Amos Bridgman, Bill Ellis, Kevin Slee and Geoff White.

5.2. Renewals : Selector (Peter Bowles), Webmaster (Ruth Edmondson), Master Point Secretary (Ann Slee for one year), Magazine correspondent (Mike Smith), Duplimate (Steve Quinn).

5.3. Equipment Secretary. Not appointed - sections to report holdings to Secretary.

5.4. 2006 Congress organisers. Terence Treeby named in Calendar, plus David Hugo.

5.5. Juniors / schools. Vacant.

### **6. Secretary's report and correspondence (including shareholder's report on EBU matters).**

6.1 Local Education Authorities stopping bridge teaching because NVQs required leading to opportunities for clubs. EBUTA / Seven Seas promotion Exeter 27 Sep. See also EBU Education website.

6.2. Letter from Max Bavin (for information) re congress ruling.

6.3. email from Andrew Kambites resigning from youth bridge plus memo from EBU Chairman.

6.4. No nominations for Dimmie Fleming awards this year.

6.5. e from Max 2005 Tollemache at Kettering - Information later re hotels but unbook Coventry!

6.6. EBU minutes of Tournament committee 8 March; EBU minutes of Shareholders 6 April.

6.7. (A) (EBU to Chairman 1Jun) Agreed to reduce future shareholders meetings to one per year plus regional mid-year conference.

(B) (EBU to Chairman 1Jun) re sponsorship - Chairman has given information.

(C) (EBU to Chairman 1Jun) zero tolerance - paper circulated to Committee and county directors. Agreed to adopt as policy for Directors.

6.8. Letter from Ilfracombe confirming closure. Ivybridge BC and New City BC no longer operate.

6.9. Letter from Ann Slee re magazine entries. It was agreed that Mike Smith should be better briefed and take steps to check his material.

6.10. Club contacts updated on website and circulated to all sections. Sections asked to check website information on teaching and juniors and report to Secretary.

6.11. (Selector) (i) Western League : Peter Bowles has circulated list of sections to select for matches, who will then be asked to organise their own venues, meals, etc for home matches.

(ii) Selector was very happy with last years Tollemache team.

(iii) It was agreed that no funding was available for the proposed friendly match against Somerset in October. No objection to a match taking place if funded by the players. Plymouth BC possible venue for £16 with meals available at £5.

6.12. EBU membership lookup facility downloaded to Secretary and Tournament Secretary.

6.13. Minutes of EBU Tournament Committee 8 June (i) Shrewsbury hotel pricing now unacceptable so English Riviera Congress to move to Shrewsbury dates from 2006, i.e. 23-25 June 2006 (calendar change); (ii) list of events at Kettering 2005/06; (iii) applications will be sought for ODJV in 2007 and 2008 with possible changes to payments structure; (iv) drafts of calendars for 2006/07 and 2007/08

6.14. EBU Master Points sub-committee recommendations includes two new ranks Premier Grand Master (1500+ green) and Premier Master (5000 incl 10 green).

## **7. Treasurer's Report**

7.1. Cash balances reported (current £1160.48, deposit £218.82, Scottish Widows £22464.22). Lloyds Bank deposit account to be closed.

7.2. 542 paid members plus 188 unpaid (2004 635, 2003 690) (DBA gets £3 from EBU subscription). 36 clubs affiliated (DBA gets £1 from EBU subscription). No contacts known for Roundswell BC and Tipton St John BC.

7.3. 2005/2006 budget tabled.

7.4. Agreed that mileage in future would be 25p.

7.5. Agreed to revise duplimate charging to reflect a 10% increase.



7.6. Competition entry fees agreed as follows : Devon Teams £3.50; Devon Mixed Pairs £3.50; Devon Pivot Teams of 4 £3.50; heats of Devon Pairs £4.00; Garden Cities Trophy qualifying £6.00; Devon Pairs Final £7.00; Devon Swiss Teams £5.00.

### **8. Section Reports**

8.1. West. Pairs league struggling but surviving but no pairs from other sections.

8.2. East. Howard Kent-Webster has resigned.

8.3. South. Intend to improve inter-club contact and progress Zoo day.

8.4. North. No representative present.

### **9. Calendar**

9. Calendar will go to printers shortly.

### **10. Venues and events**

10.1. Congress 2006 and 2007 : the Toorak has been provisionally booked for 2006 and should be used in 2007 if available.

10.2. ODJV 2006. Agreed that if the refund (3.1.) is forthcoming that Coombeshead School should be used again in 2006 but schools at Exeter or Okehampton should be investigated for 2007. Attempt to revert to July from 2007 onwards.

10.3. (Andrew Leslie) Review of activities : deferred until next meeting.

10.4. (Ann Husk) teaching seminars : deferred until next meeting.

10.5. Rules for "new" County events :

(i) Devon charity simultaneous pairs : Charity to be Devon Air Ambulance, rules tabled to be refined and applied by Paul Ainsworth and Secretary. Secretary to investigate Master Point situation.

(ii) Devon Winter Pairs : rules tabled to be refined and applied by South Section and Secretary.

10.6. Licences approved as per calendar. Licence approved for swiss teams at Newton Abbot.

### **11. Any Other Business**

11.1. Ann Husk to consult with Ruth Edmondson about logo.

### **12. Next meeting**

The "October" meeting is on Tue 6 Sep at Isca at 7.30 pm. It will be preceded by the Devon Teams draw at 7.15 pm. Items for inclusion should be submitted by 20 August.

### **Documents**

2. Minutes of last meeting previously circulated.

6. Zero tolerance paper previously circulated.

6. Western League selections circulated by Peter Bowles

10.4. Ann Husk paper re teaching seminars tabled at meeting

10.5. Draft rules for charity sim pairs

10.5. draft rules for Devon Winter Pairs



# **DEVON BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**

**Notes** (1) The draw for the Devon Teams (Western Morning News) was conducted before the Committee meeting;

(2) The minutes would normally have been checked by the Chairman before circulation; this has not been possible this time. Please let me know of any possible amendments for the final version.

**Reminder** The Secretary will be away from 16 Sep to 26 Oct. Any urgent matters requiring a reply should be sent to the Chairman or Treasurer.

## **Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the DCCBA held on Tuesday, 6 September 2005. at the Isca Centre.**

**Present** David Hugo (Chair), John Lankshear (Hon. Treas.), Terence Treeby (Hon. Sec),  
Terry Cannon, Keith Ponsford (East), Elizabeth Horton, Ann Husk (West),  
Paul Ainsworth, Pam Ward (South) John Boxall, Dena Sells (North)

**1. Apologies** John Murray Brown, Pat West

### **2. Minutes**

2. Minutes of meeting of 15 July 2005 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

### **3. Matters arising from last meeting**

3.1 (Jul3.1, Apr 3.2.) ODJV in May 2005 : Agreed to refund each player with an EBU voucher for £2.50, with the shortfall of £52 between the cost of vouchers and the refund from the college being shared by the County and the EBU.

3.2. (Jul3.3, Apr 7.1.) In the absence of any objection from the EBU it was agreed to adopt the new constitution and inform the EBU.

3.3. (Jul4.3) Trophy review is ongoing and will be passed to the Equipment Secretary.

3.4. (Jul5.1) Conduct Committee: Steve Quinn, Maureen Baser, Amos Bridgman, Bill Ellis, Kevin Slee and Geoff White have all accepted.

3.5. (Jul5.2) Magazine correspondent (Mike Smith) has declined his re-appointment. David Hugo will do the next one; future arrangements to next meeting.

3.6. (Jul5.3) Equipment Secretary. John Murray Brown has agreed to do the job. East and North asked to report holdings to him.

3.7. (Jul6.1) EBUTA / Seven Seas promotion Exeter (Fingle Glen) 27 Sep. David Hugo reported on County participation belatedly organised by EBU.

3.8. (Jul6.7) zero tolerance : revised as Code of Conduct.

3.9. (Jul6.10) Website information on teaching and juniors: East and North still to report; South and West have been updated.

3.10. (Jul6.11) (Selector) (i) Western League : If any home matches are NOT at Isca, then Isca needs to be un-booked as soon as possible. (15 Oct v E Wales (East / East) Isca; 7 Jan v Hereford (South / West) probably Isca, 25 Feb v Dorset (North / North) to be confirmed). Confirmation sought as to whether C team is Regional Master and below or below Regional Master.

(ii) Friendly match against Somerset in October will be at Isca; each of 16 Devon players will pay £3 to make up the £48 cost of the venue and all players from both teams will pay for their own meals.

- 3.11. (Jul6.13) (iii) applications will be sought for ODJV in 2007 and 2008 with possible changes to payments structure; (iv) drafts of calendars for 2006/07 and 2007/08. Still pending.
- 3.12. (Jul7.5) Agreed between Treasurer and Steve Quinn to revise duplicate to a flat rate of 20p per board of which Steve gets 11p.
- 3.13. (Jul9) Calendar has been circulated and well received. John Boxall expressed dissatisfaction with the clash of dates between Filleigh and Newton Abbot.
- 3.14. (Jul10.1) Congress brochure tabled; will be circulated in mid-October.
- 3.15. (Jul10.2) ODJV 2006. East section to arrange to use Coombeshead School again in 2006.
- 3.16. (Jul10.5). Devon charity simultaneous pairs : limited entries coming in; Sections asked to promote.
- 3.17. (Jul11.1) Suggestions needed for logo.

#### **4. matters deferred from last meeting**

- 4.1. (Jul10.3) (Andrew Leslie) Review of activities. The following were discussed with no firm conclusion at this stage : (i) how to get newcomers to events;  
(ii) change Mixed Pairs to afternoon qualifier plus A final with carry-over and B final; possibly run un-mixed pairs on the same date. Action necessary to combat loss caused by fixed overheads and low entries;  
(iii) 13-month calendar with July / August giving reminder to enter early-season events;  
(iv) can we open the pivot teams to non-DBA members?  
(v) EBU need to reduce subscriptions;  
(vi) Julia Chadwick : qualifiers then afternoon qualifier plus A final with carry-over and B final.  
(vii) County Tutor;  
(viii) free-of-charge directors' courses;  
(ix) social and junior events.

4.2. (Jul10.4) (Ann Husk) teaching seminars : agreed to fund from reserves 2 teaching seminars within the next 12 months possibly free to members with a charge for non-members. North agreed to host and arrange the first; the second to be at Exeter. Seek subsidy from EBU as part of the aim is to encourage new membership.

#### **5. Treasurer's report**

- 5.1. Budget tabled and discussed; share of profit from ODJV amended to £781 (see 3.1).
- 5.2. This year's loss on Mixed Pairs and Pivot Teams to be covered by reserves. Future events should clarify prize money in advance, at least by the beginning of play.

#### **6. Secretary's report and correspondence (including shareholder's report on EBU matters)**

- 6.1. (Selector 3 Aug) Tollemache at Kettering Beard (if available) / Hamon, Grant / Lindfors, Bailey / Bailey, Bowles npc asked so far. Other possibles Edmondson / McElroy, Kent-Webster / Lingham, Solomon / Solomon.
- 6.2. (EBU 16 July) For shareholders meeting 20 July : Treasurer's report to 31 March 2005; Selection Committee minutes Apr; Selection Committee minutes July; Laws & Ethics Committee minutes Apr;
- 6.2. (EBU 1 Aug) Shareholders minutes 20 July; Board minutes 12 July; report of Directors and Financial statement for year to 31 Mar 2005.
- 6.3. Letter to Terry Collier re communications concerning ER Congress 2005 and 2006. Verbally told by Max Bavin it has reached his desk.
- 6.4. Master Point ranking lists 2005.

6.5. (EBU 22 Aug) Notice of AGM on 5 Oct. Devon have 2 votes. Minutes of Laws & Ethics of 26 July

6.6. (i) encouraged to send letter of thanks to Independent; (ii) ditto protest re dropping of bridge from Saturday Telegraph.

### **7. Section reports**

7.1. (East). League ok.

7.2. (North). nothing to add.

7.3. (South). League short of entries so far; Petit Congress entry forms circulated.

7.4. (West). Summer pairs league abandoned; not hopeful for 2006.

### **8. AOB**

8.1. The Secretary will be away from 16 Sep to 26 Oct. Any urgent matters requiring a reply should be sent to the Chairman or Treasurer.

8.2. Playing cards are available at 60p per pack from a British manufacturer : richardedward contact Richard Douglas 020 8311 888 [richard.douglas@richard-edward.com](mailto:richard.douglas@richard-edward.com), website [www.richard-edward.com](http://www.richard-edward.com).

8.3. e-mail from Ruth Edmondson re distances from Kettering. Agreed that travel to Kettering is awkward but that the problem is Devon's remoteness rather than Kettering being off-centre.

8.4. Agreed that website promotion of non-DBA events should clarify that this is the case.

### **9. Next meetings**

9.1. Tuesday 29 November at 7.30 pm at the Isca Centre.

9.2. Calendar meeting in January

9.3. April meeting

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David H. H.", with a long horizontal line extending to the left and a flourish at the end.

# **DEVON BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**

**Note** The draw for the Devon Teams Plate was conducted before the Committee meeting.

## **Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the DBA held on Tuesday, 29 November 2005. at the Isca Centre.**

**Present** David Hugo (Chair), Keith Ponsford (Vice Chair), John Lankshear (Hon. Treas.),  
Terence Treeby (Hon. Sec), John Murray Brown (South) John Boxall (North)

**1. Apologies** Terry Cannon, Elizabeth Horton, Ann Husk, Dena Sells, Pam Ward

### **2. Minutes**

2. Minutes of meeting of 6 September 2005 were taken as read (subject to the amendment below as circulated with the agenda) and signed as a correct record.

3.12. (Jul7.5) Agreed between Treasurer and Steve Quinn to revise duplimate to a flat rate of 20p per board of which Steve gets 11p.

### **3. Matters arising from last meeting**

3.1 (Sep 3.1, Jul3.1, Apr 3.2.) ODJV in May 2005 : each player refunded with an EBU voucher for £2.50; final joint account sent to EBU by Terry Cannon.; copy tabled.

3.2. (Sep 3.2, Jul3.3, Apr 7.1.) The Constitution has now been approved by the EBU. The commencement date in clause 2 is 3 November 2005.

Clause 4 needs the following added (by the members at the next AGM) "and must be a member of the EBU." to the sentence beginning "A full member must declare..."

Agreed to insert memo in next calendar that copies of the constitution are (a) on the website, (b) held by all Committee members, and (c) displayed at section league venues.

Note (Constitution of new Committee): East nominates the Vice-Chairman and two other members; West nominates two members (in addition to the Chairman and Treasurer); the other Sections each nominate two members (the present Secretary has never represented a Section). Please try to send a deputy if unable to attend so that your area's views are fully represented.

3.3. (Sep 3.3 and 3.6, Jul4.3 and 5.3) Equipment Secretary. John Murray Brown has agreed to do the job. East and North asked to report holdings to him. Agreed to necessary repairs to tables stored at Torquay.

Trophy review is ongoing and will be passed to the Equipment Secretary. Some will be re-designated for Congress and Devon Teams Plate use.

3.4. (Sep 3.5, Jul5.2) David Hugo will continue as magazine correspondent for the time being.

3.5. (Sep 3.7, Jul6.1) EBUTA / Seven Seas promotion Exeter (Fingle Glen) 27 Sep. David Hugo reported - 13 people attended; not best organised by the promotion company appointed by Seven Seas but it did lead to media publicity.

3.6. (Sep 3.9, Jul 6.10) Website information on teaching and juniors: East and North still to report.

3.7. (Sep 3.10, Jul 6.11) Western League : *Confirmation* : C team is Regional Master and below.

3.8. (Sep 3.11, Jul 6.13) (i) We have applied for One day green-pointed events in 2007 (22 July / 13 May) and 2008 (20 July / 11 May) with July first choice. These will not be on a joint basis, but the EBU will continue to provide, free of charge, all services hitherto provided. There will be a licence fee of £3.50 per player for a two-session event (at 2006 rates, possibly increased for 2007 and 2008). The County is free to set entry fees.

3.9. (Sep 3.11, Jul6.13) Drafts of calendars for 2006/07 and 2007/08 received from EBU.

- 3.10. (Sep 3.14, Jul 10.1) Congress brochure circulated in mid-October. Future brochures to feature logo.
- 3.11. (Sep 3.15, Jul 10.2) ODJV 2006. East section have arranged to use Coombeshead School again in 2006.
- 3.12. (Sep 3.16, Jul 10.5). Devon charity simultaneous pairs : limited entries coming in; Sections asked to promote. Paul Ainsworth has agreed to hustle non-affiliated clubs if provided with lists. (Entries 5 in Sep, 2 in Nov. 2 Jan, 3 Mar, 2 May).
- 3.13. (Sep 3.17, Jul 11.1) A contact of the Chairman's is developing a logo based on the Devon flag.
- 3.14. (Sep 4.1, Jul 10.3) (Andrew Leslie) Review of activities. (i) Action necessary on mixed pairs and pivot teams to combat loss caused by fixed overheads and low entries. Agreed to (a) run un-mixed pairs on the same date as Mixed Pairs and (b) open the pivot teams to non-DBA members as permitted under 3.2.7.(a).  
(ii) newcomers need to be canvassed to join in events.  
(iii) EBU need to reduce subscriptions - Chairman has written letter about Associate Membership.  
(iv) Held over (a) Julia Chadwick : qualifiers then afternoon qualifier plus A final with carry-over and B final - review after this year's competitions; (b) County Tutor; (c) free-of-charge directors' courses - review when details of Exeter courses are available; (d) social and junior events.
- 3.15. (Sep 4.2, Jul 10.4) North have arranged for Andrew Robson to give 2 seminars on Thu 11 March at subsidised rate for members and higher rate for non-members. Second date at Exeter to be agreed later.

#### **4. Treasurer's report**

4.1. Budget tabled and discussed. 601 members, 143 lapsed since last definitive list. Agreed that financially the DBA should aim to break even on its normal activities, but special projects aimed at the development of bridge in Devon could be funded from reserves.

#### **5. Secretary's report and correspondence (including shareholder's report on EBU matters)**

5.1. Agreed to support Worcestershire's protest about £3.50 per person per day levy at Tollemache qualifier for "free" tea, coffee, water and parking.

5.2. (EBU papers tabled) (i) Chairman's Appeal for Asian Earthquake; (ii) Laws and Ethics minutes 21 Sep; (iii) AGM minutes 5 Oct; iv) Portland Pairs "Poole" heat will now be at Isca on 19 March.

5.3. Agreed to offer County voucher for 2005-60 to Ann Slee for services as Tournament Secretary.

5.4. Agreed for Torquay Bridge Club Congress on corresponding dates in 2006.

#### **6. Section reports**

6.1. All reported business as usual.

#### **7. AOB**

7.1. Clarified that EBU sends reminder letters (eventually) to lapsed members which causes a flurry of late renewals.

#### **8. Next meetings**

8.1. Thursday 27 April at 7.30 pm at the Isca Centre.

8.2. Calendar meeting Tuesday 10 or Thursday 26 January if matters cannot be resolved by e-mail



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**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the DCCBA held on  
Tuesday, 25 April 2006. at the Isca Centre.**

**Present** David Hugo (Chair), Keith Ponsford (Vice Chair), Terence Treeby (Hon. Sec),  
John Murray Brown, Pam Ward (South), Ann Husk (West), Terry Cannon (East)

**1. Apologies** John Lankshear, Elizabeth Horton, John Boxall, Dena Sells

## **2. Minutes**

2. Minutes of meeting of 29 November 2005 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

## **3. Matters arising from last meeting**

3.1 (Nov 3.2). Memo inserted in next handbook that copies of the constitution are (a) on the website, (b) held by all Committee members, and (c) displayed at section league venues. This will be achieved when the final amendment is approved by the forthcoming AGM.

3.2. (Nov 3.4). Ann Slee has taken over from David Hugo as magazine correspondent.

3.3. (Dec 3.3). Up to 13 tables with faulty mechanism stored at Torquay to be disposed of.

3.4. (Nov 3.6). Possible additional teachers noted.

3.5. (Nov 3.8). One day green-pointed events in 2007 (22 July) and 2008 (20 July) have reverted to our first choice. These will not be on a joint basis, but the EBU will continue to provide, free of charge, all services hitherto provided. There will be a licence fee of £3.50 per player for a two-session event (at 2006 rates, possibly increased for 2007 and 2008). The County is free to set entry fees. Consider after this year's event.

3.6. (Nov 3.11). ODJV 2006 relocated to Exmouth after negotiations with Coombeshead failed.

3.7. (Nov 3.13). Suggestions for logo based on the Devon flag tabled, discussed and agreed. Secretary to pursue further development.

3.8. (Nov 3.14 etc). Review of activities. (a) Julia Chadwick : to continue unchanged; (b) County Tutor - not at this time; (c) free-of-charge directors' courses - club matter; (d) social and junior events - section responsibility but not always financially easy to organise (e.g. a Zoo Day would have cost £20 each).

3.9. (Nov 3.15). No report due to absence on Andrew Robson seminars for North. Second date at Exeter : being organised by Nigel Richardson for DBA, terms agreed verbally with Treasurer, provisionally Friday 8 December.

3.10. (Nov 5.3). Thanked for County voucher by Ann Slee.

## **4. Treasurer's report**

4.1. The report was not presented at the meeting but is attached to these minutes..

## **5. Secretary's report and correspondence (including shareholder's report on EBU matters)**

5.1.(EBU papers tables) (i) New Orange Book : due on 1 June with implementation on 1 August. Levels 2, 3 and 4 (no longer 1 and 5). Announcements. Summary poster to be circulated. (ii) Draft calendars through to 2009. (iii) EBU has 90 Bridegmates. (iv) Revised Mission Statement "For the benefit of its members to achieve and maintain excellence in the provision of its core activities, the administration, regulation and development of duplicate Bridge and to seek to increase membership through extension of EBU services to relevant new market sectors in England."

5.2. (Kettering) (i) "unlikely to make any decision on the long-term use of the venue until a firm decision ... hotel .. on site ...". (ii) no fixed long term contract, no plans to move HQ in immediate future. (iii) hotel planning not even applied for, (iv) tea surcharge dropped from Nov 2006, paid from reserves in first year, (v) following the Tollemache, I spoke to the players and officers and submitted a report on behalf of the DBA opposing the venue - reply from Max Bavin "added to file", (vi) other counties including Lancashire, Gloucester and Worcester pursuing various objections.

5.3. Devon Library listing confirmed.

5.4. Agreed to investigate an assistant to provide duplicate boards when Steve is unavailable and / or busy

5.5. (Selector). (a) failure to fulfil Cornwall fixture - see report and Selector's apology; (b) Tollemache disappointing but we should continue to enter (only Cornwall and Westmoreland failed to do so this year); (c) Peter Bowles to continue as selector ; (d) Majority agreed to change selection for Western League : Selector to nominate 6 pairs for the A team who are each available for one home, one away and one other and chooses from them; B and C teams to be chosen by Sections in rotation. Names of 6 pairs to be lodged with the Secretary for information. Change to be reviewed after 12 months.

## **6. Section reports**

6.1. South minutes provided. 2 leagues of 7 just finishing. Agreed to retain Petit Congress for at least one year as Graphic Cup and SW Pairs Cup competitions are Victor Ludorum events. Consider alternative Victor Ludorum event for 2008, possibly negotiating to use the Ali Khan Cup for the Torquay Bridge Club swiss pairs.

6.2. West : new venue for Congress; one struggling league of 7.

6.3. East : increased profit from full 3-division league; successful John Woolcott weekend.

6.4. North : absent

## **7. Handbook 2006-2007**

7.1. Entry fees need to rise mainly because of increasing cost of using Isca. (i) Devon Pairs format unchanged, entry fee £4 qualifiers, £7.50 final. (ii) Devon Teams and Plate: teams may register up to 6 players with no new players to be introduced for semi-finals or finals, entry fee £16 per team, the unused Cutty Sark Trophy to be re-designated for the Plate winners, (iii) Devon Mixed Pairs and Devon Pivot Teams (already changed), entry fee £7.50, (iv) Devon Swiss Teams entry fee £7.50, (v) Garden Cities : players representing a club in the County qualifier must be members of and have played at that club at least 12 times in the previous 12 months, entry fee £7.50, (vi) Devon Winter Pairs to continue to be organised by South for the County, (vii) Devon Summer Pairs cancelled, (viii) Devon Charity Sim Pairs to continue with greater effort to involve more clubs. This year showed a loss of £42. Pricing structure to be reviewed but with no prizes in future. Charity to be Children's Hospice.

7.2. Secretary authorised to approve licence applications for dates approved as repeats.

7.3. Inside pages to be on non-shiny paper, cover printing in colour incorporating logo. Winners to be updated from website etc; officials to be notified after Sections AGMs. Centre pages (entry forms) to be retained.

## **8. AOB**

8.1. (John Lankshear) proposal to make Ann and Kevin Slee Life Members approved by Committee; needs approval at AGM.

8.2. (Secretary) Congress report and account tabled showing profit of £1076.80 from 47 hotel rooms, 30 tables pairs and 50 tables teams. The original pairs trophy returned to use after an unexplained lapse of several years. Naming to be updated.

8.3. (Secretary) Disciplinary matter : discussed between Secretary, Steve Quinn as Chairman of Conduct Committee, EBU (Nick Doe) and Director concerned. Decided that it was not a bridge matter and both parties should be advised that no further action could be taken.

8.4. Directors Courses and Exeter G&CC 3 June; 8 and 9 July; 2 September.

8.5. County Directors Course Coventry 16-17 September.

8.6. (John Murray Brown) Concern about an apparent 20% drop in membership (146 down to 117 in South) and labyrinthine means of collecting and discovering who has renewed. Concern that non-members are playing in licenced events.

## **9. Next meetings**

9.1. AGM - East to nominate Keith Ponsford as Chairman, South vice Chairman.

9.2. Thursday 13 July at 7.30 pm at the Isca Centre - East to send Chairman and 2 others, South vice Chairman and 2 others, West and North 2 each.

## **4. Treasurer's report April 2006**



1. Accounts show a provisional loss. This included the duplimate losing £4 even with the 20p per board charge and this does not include any depreciation.
2. Am delighted with the way Terence ran and organised the finances of the Devon congress. I asked for £1000 profit and provisionally it stands at £1076.80.
3. Have paid the insurance which was £357.80 as against £515.41 last year as have taken the computer off the policy.
4. Have paid the entrance money for the Pachabo £210, Garden Cities £168 and the Corwen £270, these amounting to £648. One pair is in every final so the County is investing £244 in this pair and I hope we get a suitable benefit to the county's members in this expenditure.
5. 139 membership renewals received to date and 22 club affiliations. I ask each section to press for subscriptions. Last year 607 members, 39 clubs. 6 Suggest all entries for the various competitions is increased to £7.50 per head, the same as The John Woolcoot weekend's daily tariff.
7. Isca room hire this year will be around £100 per day.
8. Please will the section treasurers get their accounts prepared in good time for a summary to appear with the county accounts in mid June.
9. Please submit mileages to Terence who, hopefully, will e-mail me and I will pay them promptly.

Any queries I will happily answer via the internet.

John



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**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the DCCBA held on  
Thursday, 1 July 2006, at the Isca Centre.**

**Present** Keith Ponsford (Chair), John Lankshear (Hon Treas.), Terence Treeby (Hon. Sec),  
Paul Ainsworth (deputy), Tim Walton (South), David Hugo, Ann Husk (West), Terry  
Cannon (East), John Boxall, Dena Sells (North)

**1. Apologies** Pam Ward

## **2. Minutes**

2. Minutes of meeting of 25 April 2006 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

## **3. New Committee**

3. The South have still to nominate a vice-Chairman.

## **4. Matters arising from last meeting**

4.1. (i) ODJV 2006 at (cheaper) Exmouth venue produced approximately £600 each for DBA and EBU. (ii) One day green-pointed event in 2007 (22 July) : there will be a licence fee of £3.50 per player. The County is free to set entry fees. Agreed to return to Exmouth if available. Terry Cannon and Treasurer asked for a budget for the next meeting. (iii) One day green-pointed events in 2008 (20 July) and beyond : Secretary asked to investigate alternative formats, e.g. shared weekend with neighbouring county.

4.2. (Apr 3.7). Suggestions for logo based on the Devon flag tabled : Secretary has not yet pursued.

4.3. Duplimate : following representations from the AGM and others, it was agreed (i) to reduce to cost of duplimate to 11p, paid entirely to Steve Quinn; (ii) to purchase 2 sets of boards 1 to 33 for regular pairs use to avoid unavailability due to congress demands.

4.4. (Apr 8.1). The proposal to make Ann and Kevin Slee Life Members was carried by the AGM.

4.5. County Directors Course Coventry 16-17 September - no nominations.

4.7. (Apr 8.6). Membership : (i) Development Committee Sally Bugden, David Graham, John Carter) visiting random selection of Exeter Golf and County club; (ii) paper headed "Membership - first draft by Secretary July 2006" tabled by Secretary. Various preliminary views given. Members asked to read and comment prior to a discussion at the next meeting.

## **5. Treasurer's report**

5.1. The Treasurer reported a present membership of 505 (542 same time last year) and circulated lists of non-payers which should lead to about 550 (600 last year).

5.2. The account balances were reported

## **6. Secretary's report and correspondence (including shareholder's report on EBU matters)**

6.1. e-mail re Devon ACL bridge classes. Teaching etc best left to clubs.

6.2. Toorak confirmed for 2007 Congress.

6.3. new General Manager for EBU.

6.4. nominations for Dimmie Fleming awards to EBU by August : none.

6.5. County officers questionnaire - Terence Treeby to replace John Lankshear as shareholder.

6.6. (EBU minutes tabled) (i) Tournament Committee 4 May; (ii) Directors 9 May - #7 development group; (iii) Shareholders 24 Apr;

6.7. Licence approved for Dame Hannah swiss at Newton Abbot

## 7. Section Reports

7.1. South : No chairman and a committee of 3; Charity sims to state "at least 60% to charity"; Petit Congress to revert to Torquay Bridge Club from 2007.

7.2. West : <sup>nothing to</sup> ~~no~~ report

7.3. North: various promotional plans; Robson seminar lost £340 but gained members.

7.4. East : AGM reported.

## 8. Handbook 2006-2007

8. Final version of handbook circulated and / or tabled. Approved for printers.

## 9. Any Other Business

9.1. East seminars in December 2006, plans for West and South in turn to be discussed later.

9.2. Sections / clubs need a supply of EBU direct debit and / or application forms.

9.3. Trophies all retained for updating of engraving. The Secretary has updated winners' lists where possible and 3 trophies passed to Ann Husk for the engraver. Separate bases retained by Secretary. Others held pending further investigation.

9.4. from AGM. The Constitution has been updated and posted.

9.5. from AGM venues for County events and meetings bearing in mind cost of Isca. Also consider the request from the 2005 AGM that events be at or near Exeter (and not Newton Abbot). Secretary to investigate Exeter Golf and Country Club but it was felt that the facilities at Isca especially with regard to equipment would be difficult to match economically.

9.6. Membership subscriptions and club affiliation fees : unchanged.

9.7. Western League arrangements for 2006-07 and results for 2005-06 circulated.

## 10. Next Meetings

10.1. Monday 11 September at Isca at 7.30 pm, preceded by the draw for the Devon Teams, chaired by the South.

10.2. Wed 29 November at Isca at 7.30 pm.

P.W. m.

# **DEVON BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the DBA held on Monday, 11 Sep 2006 at the Isca Centre.**

**The draw for the Devon Teams (WMN) was made before the meeting** with last year's semi-finalists seeded.

**Present** Pam Ward (in the Chair, South), Terence Treeby (Hon. Sec), Ann Husk (West), Terry Cannon (East), John Boxall (North)

**1. Apologies** Keith Ponsford, John Lankshear, Tim Walton, David Hugo, Terry Hammett (who replaces Dena Sells on the Committee)

**2. Minutes** Minutes of meeting of 1 July 2006 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

### **3. Matters arising from last meeting**

- 3.1. July 3.3. The South have still to nominate a vice-Chairman. Review before 2007 AGM.
- 3.2. July 4.1. (i) One day green-pointed event 2007 : Terry Cannon tabled projected income under new scheme (fee of £3.50 per player to EBU). Agreed entry fee of £19 and start time 11.30 am.  
(ii) One day (possibly shared) green-pointed events in 2008 (20 July) and beyond : review later.
- 3.3. July 4.2. Suggestions for logo based on the Devon flag tabled and accepted.
- 3.4. July 4.3. Duplimate : reduced to 11p, posted on website, extra boards ordered. Problems caused by Somerset holding boards for 5 weeks unused (no boards for Pivot Teams or Plymouth Congress). Review and list priorities for Steve Quinn. Evaluate whether more sets are needed.
- 3.5. July 6.5. New share (2 shares) issued to Terence Treeby.
- 3.6. July 8. Handbook circulated. Suggestion to list membership and affiliation fees.
- 3.7. July 9.1. West to proceed with subsidised seminar early in 2007.
- 3.8. July 9.3. First 3 trophies tidied and engraved; next 2 passed to engraver for change of use (not used for over 10 years).
- 3.9. July 9.5. alternative venues for County events still being investigated.

### **4. Treasurer's report**

5.1. The Treasurer's report was tabled in his absence showing a of 548 + 22 clubs. Account balances £2479.32 + £22721.41.

### **5. Secretary's report and correspondence (including shareholder's report on EBU matters)**

- 5.1. Correspondence with Jim Grant re Garden Cities rules. Acknowledge concerns and clarify (a) requested written objections not received before AGM; (b) AGM confirmed Committee change; (c) Tournament Secretary telephones clubs and reports reasons for non-entries; (d) the situation will be reviewed after the 2007 competition.
- 5.2. (EBU July) Treasurer's report and financial statements for year to 31 March 2006.
- 5.3. EBU County voucher for 2006-2007. Awarded to Terence Treeby, who thanked the Committee.
- 5.4. EBU MP list issued including dead and suspended members. "After many complaints" a revised version was issued for download via the website in the "old" form with only living and current members.
- 5.5. EBU No nominations for Board, Officers, Committees? AGM is on 4 Oct. Shareholder is unavailable; no substitute available.
- 5.6. County contact list circulated.
- 5.7. Licence approved for Exeter BC to change swiss weekend to Oct 2006 for one year only.

### **6. Section Reports**

- 6.1. South : 17 in league. Petit Congress brochures out soon.
- 6.2. North : Regional teaching workshop this week; league a struggle.
- 6.3. East : still no Secretary, 3 leagues of 8.
- 6.4. West : Congress entries slightly up; league unlikely to run.

### **7. Membership**

- 7.1. Set membership subscriptions and club affiliation for approval at the next AGM.
- 7.2. Circulated document discussed. Revised document appended which lists possible actions and items of

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**8. Any Other Business**

8.1. We have no equipment secretary.

8.2. 2007 Congress charges and prizes approved; brochure tabled and ready to circulate in October.

**9. Next meeting**

9.1. Wed 29 November at Isca at 7.30 pm.

**Documents**

1. Handbook.
2. Treasurer's report.
3. Contact list.
4. Revised Membership statement.
5. Congress brochure.



# DEVON BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the DBA held on Wednesday 29 Nov 2006 at the Isca Centre.

## The draw for the Devon Teams (WMN) Plate was made before the meeting

**Present** Keith Ponsford (in the Chair, West), John Lankshear (Hon. Treas.), Terence Treeby (Hon. Sec.), Ann Husk, Sue Gregory (deputy) (West), Terry Cannon (East), Paul Ainsworth (deputy) (South)

**1. Apologies** Tim Walton, Pam Ward, David Hugo, John Boxall, Terry Hammett

**2. Minutes** Minutes of meeting of 11 Sep 2006 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

### **3. Matters arising from last meeting**

3.1. (Sep 3.1) The South are unable to nominate a vice-Chairman. Secretary to approach North to suggest advancing their turn in the Chair from the 2008 AGM if nothing develops before the 2007 AGM.

3.2. (Sep 3.8) Three trophies returned from engraver; two immediately forwarded to holders.

3.3. (Sep 3.2) One day (possibly shared) green-pointed events in 2008 (20 July) and beyond. Approach Cornwall and EBU to propose joint green point weekend using Devon's July date to avoid clashes with Plymouth Congress etc in September.

3.4. (Sep 3.4) Duplimate : Discussions reported involving Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Steve Quinn, Carol Ritzen, etc. The Committee approved North's decision to purchase a duplimate machine to be kept in the North. The Secretary and Steve Quinn are in ongoing discussions to (a) avoid future clashes and (b) allow him to play more. The extra machine will help.

3.5. (Sep 3.7). West to proceed with subsidised seminar early in 2007 - to be arranged.

3.6. (Sep 5.1). Correspondence with Jim Grant re Garden Cities rules : closed.

3.7. (Sep 7.1). Set membership subscriptions and club affiliation for approval at the next AGM: no change.

3.8. (Sep 8.1). We have no equipment secretary - any volunteers?

3.9. (Sep 8.2). Congress brochure circulated; single rooms already sold out.

### **4. Treasurer's report**

4.1. The Treasurer's report was tabled. Account balances £1944.93 + £22920.15. Recent spends include £35 flowers for Kevin Slee, £668 on Tollemache team, £211 on engraving.

4.2. A revised membership list will be circulated to those needing it.

4.3. County membership secretaries meet in Feb to discuss new scheme. EBU will be collecting subscriptions centrally from 1 Apr 2008 and will be introducing a surcharge for those not paying by direct debit. Agreed that the suggested £2 surcharge was too high.

### **5. Secretary's report and correspondence (including shareholder's report on EBU matters)**

5.1. All EBU minutes are now circulated by email and posted on the website.

5.2. (AGM Oct06) *Membership Development Advisory Group Update.*

5.3 (AGM Oct06) even though Brighton appeared to be the favoured venue for the Summer Meeting, attempts would continue to be made to find an affordable alternative venue: suggestions would be welcome

5.4 (AGM Oct06) *Kettering Update* : playing conditions were good, the Centre was otherwise not user-friendly, and the lack of suitable hotel accommodation was a serious drawback. (EBU Board Sep) Two firm bookings had been made for next season at a hotel in Hinckley at less cost than Kettering. A meeting was planned with the Kettering management in the autumn to review the current situation, but there was general agreement that promises had not been kept, and that the bridge-playing public had already made up its mind. The EBU had not lost the desire for a National Bridge Centre, and good relations with existing venues should be maintained.

#### **6. Section Reports**

- 6.1. South : 16 in league. County sim pairs could still use more entries. Promising start to Winter Pairs.
- 6.2. North : Regional teaching workshop successful - 4 new basic teachers.
- 6.3. East : 23 in league; Woolcott brochures out.
- 6.4. West : Congress very successful but St Mellion unavailable in 2007. League closed - only 4 teams.

#### **7. Any Other Business**

7.1. Kevin Slee passed away on 20 Nov (i) flowers had been sent to funeral; (ii) a suggestion that a trophy be named after him to be considered at next meeting; (iii) Ruth tribute on website also being sent to magazine for county section; (iv) leave vacancy on Conduct Committee unfilled.

7.2. Tournament Secretary's report : Kent will be objecting to Garden Cities rules. Consider supporting their objection when details are seen.

7.3. Handbook : (i) Devon Pairs / Pivot teams weekend to continue but not as early in September. Provisionally keep 2006 Plymouth Congress weekend and their "usual" weekend for the two events; (ii) entry fees unchanged for 2007/2008; (iii) October Tuesday sims clashed with others - seek different date; (iv) handbook contacts East Keith Ponsford, West Ann Husk, South Pam Ward, North John Boxall; (v) arrange meeting only if necessary.

7.4. Devon finished 5th in strong qualifying group.

#### **8. Next meeting**

8.1. Mon 2 April 2007 at Isca at 7.30 pm.

#### **Documents**

*Ponsford* 24/07

## action from November minutes (1)✓

1. Please could North keep me updated with progress regarding their duplimate.
2. Please could sections confirm that I have the correct contact for the handbook.

# DEVON BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the DBA held on Monday 2 Apr 2007 at the Isca Centre.

**Present** Keith Ponsford (in the Chair, West), Terence Treeby (Hon. Sec.), Ann Husk, Terry Cannon (East), Pam Ward, Paul Ainsworth (deputy) (South)

**1. Apologies** John Lankshear (Hon. Treas.), Tim Walton, David Hugo, (later) John Boxall, (later) Terry Hammett

**2. Minutes** Minutes of meeting of 29 Nov 2006 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

### **3. Matters arising from last meeting**

3.1. (Nov 3.1). The South are unable to nominate a vice-Chairman. Secretary approached North to suggest advancing their turn in the Chair from the 2008 AGM if nothing develops before the 2007 AGM but they have not replied. Ask again.

3.2. (Nov 3.3). One day (possibly shared) green-pointed events in 2008 (20 July) and beyond. Approached Cornwall (NO verbally) and EBU (yes in principle) to propose joint green point weekend using Devon's July date to avoid clashes with Plymouth Congress etc in September. We still approve if Cornwall change their mind.

3.3. (Nov 3.4). Duplimate : not known if North have purchased a duplimate machine.

3.4. (Nov 3.5). West subsidised seminar early in 2007 - nothing arranged.

3.5. (Nov 3.8). No volunteers for equipment secretary.

3.6. (Nov 4.3). County membership secretaries met in Feb to discuss new scheme. EBU will be collecting subscriptions centrally from 1 Apr 2008 for all counties. Devon have started in 2007. Review later in the year.

3.7. (Nov 5.4) Kettering is being phased out in favour of Paramount Hinckley Island.

3.8. (Nov 7.1). Agreed to rename the Victor Ludorum trophy "The Kevin Slee Trophy (Victor Ludorum)".

### **4. Treasurer's report**

4.1. The Treasurer's report was tabled. Account balances £4833.09 + £22628.49. Income includes Congress moneys which will be paid out shortly. Cash flow is changed due to direct payment of subs.

4.2. Re Garden Cities : agreed that Plymouth keep the prize money as they won on the day in good faith.

4.3. Sections have been reminded that away players in the Western League can claim £5 each.

### **5. Secretary's report and correspondence (including shareholder's report on EBU matters)**

5.1. Garden Cities Qualifier 28 Jan. Discovered 2 Plymouth players ineligible. Plymouth disqualified. After consultation re-scored removing Plymouth results. Objection from previous 2nd place + letter to EBU (and reply essentially stating it was a county matter). Other comments filed. 12 Feb Chairman referred all papers to North to adjudicate. 23 Feb adjudication upholding re-scoring with Torquay declared winners.

5.2. EBU 15 Feb appealing for County Youth Officer. Ad on website 15 Feb. No replies. No appointment.

5.3. EBU shareholders agenda 21 Feb; EBU Chairman's Christmas message to shareholder; EBU board minutes 5 Dec all available for inspection either as hard copy or on the EBU website.

5.4. G&CC accounts for 2006



5.6. EBU memo re constitution 8 Jan 2007 - await any developments

5.7. vacancy for Tournament Secretary- some have already declined; other suggested to be approached. Appeal at AGM if nothing else turns up.

5.8. Ann Slee no longer wishes to do the magazine report. Appeal at AGM if nothing else turns up.

### **6. Section Reports**

6.1. South : league and Winter Pairs satisfactory. County sim pairs could still use more entries - promote 6-8 weeks in advance of each next year and at the AGM.

6.2. North : no representatives or report.

6.3. East : Woolcott profit; £2000 in bank.

6.4. West : Plymouth Congress back to October. Charity swiss : Heart at new venue; meningitis ceasing. No league again next year.

### **7. Handbook**

7.1. First draft of handbook circulated and amended after comments, dates, etc.

7.2. Devon Pairs (Julia Chadwick) started with 41 entries and resulted in 26 only finalists. Agreed that in future this will be a one-day event with a qualifier and A and B finals. Note green book 5.4.2 (c)(d) requires an all-play-all final with 50% carry forward assuming same number of boards in each session. Entry is restricted to DBA members whose primary county is Devon.

7.3. Garden Cities - change handbook name to Devon Club Teams of 8. Agreed to reduce the requirement from 12 to 10 plays at the club in the previous 12 months.

### **8. Congress**

8.1. status report : 60 pairs, only 40 teams, locals very late. Hotel well booked with 47 rooms. Help needed on these day(s)

8.2. 2008 (18 to 20 Apr - note change) and 2009 (17-19 April) dates booked with hotel.

### **9. Any Other Business**

9.1. Hastily arranged National Newcomers Pairs at Plymouth on 25 Mar.

9.2. Tournament Secretary's report : several walkovers in Devon Teams (WMN).

### **10. Next meetings**

10.1. AGM 17 June (apologies from T Cannon).

10.2. Thursday 5 July at Isca at 7.30 pm.

### **Documents**

Treasurer's report tabled and held on file.

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