

Minutes of Meeting of the Oxfordshire Bridge Association Management Committee on Thursday 16 June 2005.

Present:

Sandy Constable	President
Keith Sadler	Chairman
David Stead	Treasurer
Mary-Ann Sheehy	Secretary
Jean Squires	Membership Secretary
Nick Smith	Match Secretary
Brenda Harris	Publicity Officer
Geoff Nicholas	President's and Chester Cup Secretary
Gordon Carroll	Abingdon
Norman Gascoyne	Wallingford
Ina Merriman	Witney
Frank Harris	Oxford
Kathy Talbot	Oxford
Maxine Henry	Oxford
Kris Kazmierczak	Summertown
Peggy Manuell	Oxford
Sandra Nicholson	Summertown
Marian Day	Menagerie
Alan Wilson	Menagerie
Gregory Moss	OUBC

1. Apologies:

Bill McCarthy	Tournament Secretary
Stephen Brown	Chief Tournament Director
Brian Claridge	Wessex League Secretary
Sandra Claridge	EBU Rep
Esme Alden	Oxford
Peter Stephenson	Oxford
Erica Sheppard	Summertown

2. Minutes of the last meeting were approved with two alterations. First, with regard to the report by the EBU Rep it was felt that the concerns regarding the move to Kettering were not emphasized enough. Second Alan Wilson had not suggested that he was willing to continue to collect the table money on Tuesdays.
3. Matters arising: It is proposed to hold the Men's Pairs and the Women's Pairs on the same day.
4. Dates for future meetings
5. Thursday 8 September 2005
Monday 9 January 2006
Thursday 30 March 2006
Monday 12 June 2006

6. EBU Report

It was reported that the EBU had made a loss from 1st April to February 2005. Mainly due to fall in membership. The Death of the Treasurer was reported. As regards Kettering this was still under consideration though there were many misgivings by County Chairmen and Delegates. The EBU is a single entity now and our County Representatives are now Shareholders.

7. The County Congress will be held on 17 and 18 June with no play on Friday night. Swiss Teams on the Saturday and Swiss Pairs on the Sunday. The venue can hold 40 tables and will be very much cheaper than the venue held for the Joint Venture. There had been an issue regarding the OBA Sims whereby results had been posted on a website. These were removed quickly. There is an anomaly in that people can obviously only play in the Sims once but there had been occasions apparently when a pair had played more than once. Vigilance is required. There is a slight concern that competitions are bunched and whether they could be spread out more was raised. The Tournament Committee would be asked to look at this.

It was agreed that the Harwell Cup will now become an OBA event in the Swiss Teams format and would not be by invitation.

The Duplimate machine was discussed and will be looked at again.

Greg Moss had pointed out that it was very difficult for the OUBC to garner enthusiasm and wondered whether a reduction in membership fee would assist. After much discussion it was considered that there was little more to be done as there were already reductions in table money for students. It was agreed however that the county would consider helping with funding for doing a TD course.

Date of next meeting: 8 September 2005.