

DRAFT\Minutes of the Annual General meeting held on Monday 12 June 2006

Present:	Sandy Constable	President	
	Keith Sadler	Chairman	
	Mary-Ann Sheehy	Secretary	
	Frank Harris	Treasurer	
	Nick Smith	Match Secretary	
	Brenda Harris	Publicity Secretary and OBC and EBU Delegate	
	Geoff Nicholas	Presidents and Chester Cups Secretary	
	Esme Alden	OBC	
	Winnie Ling	OBC	
	Kathy Talbot	OBC	
	Peggy Manuell	OBC	
	Lynne Hayes	OBC	
	Bryan Emmett	Auditor	
	Krishan Jalie	OBC	
	David Stead	Banbury	
	Alan Grunwald		Wantage
	Jeremy Mitchell	Summertown	
	Nick Perceval Price	Menagerie	
	Alan Wilson	Menagerie	
	Denis Talbot	County Selector	

Apologies	Jean Squires	Membership Secretary	
	Stephen Brown	Tournament Director	
	Krys Kazmierczak	Summertown	
	Erica Sheppard	Summertown	
	Brian Claridge		
	Sandra Claridge		
	Marion Day	Menagerie	
	Deirdre Jalie	OBC	
	Gordon Carroll	Abingdon	
	Peter Baxter	Wallingford	
	John Simpson	OBC	
	Rita Todd	OBC	
	Maxine Henry	OBC	

Approval of Minutes of 59th AGM on 16 June 2005

These were approved subject to minimal typos.

Matters arising

No standard constitution had been received from the EBU. It was noted the Nick Doe had now left the EBU.

Officers' Reports

1. Chairman

Keith reported that members had increased to 860 members in the last year. Mainly newcomers. Buckingham club has affiliated to the OBA. OBC has

bought its premises. The Oxfordshire teams had not been as successful this year:

1 st Team	6 th in Dawes League
2 nd Team	2 nd in Porter League
3 rd Team	3 rd in Markham League

All had 9 teams which was excellent. John Williams was once again an excellent Captain (playing). Keith thanked all players for representing the County. It takes some commitment and it is much appreciated.

Wessex League

Division 1	Menagerie B
Division 2	Balliol
Division 3	Summertown A
Division 4	Oxford D
Division 5	Wantage

Keith extended congratulations to all winning teams.

Other competitions

Oxfordshire came 5th in Pachabo out of 30 teams. Very well done to: Nick Smith, Alan Wilson, Stuart McPhee, Richard Lonsdale and Steve Noble.

Oxfordshire represented by Nick Smith and Alan Wilson came 14/112 in the Corwen.

Aylesbury A came 7th in the Regional Finals of the Garden Cities.

The Calendar last year was very full. Number of players in OBA competitions up considerably. The Harwell Cup had 19 teams. This is a large increase from before. The Green Point event had 59 Tables. The Pro Am had again been a struggle and several Ams had had to be turned away due to lack of support from the Professionals.

Attendance at forthcoming Congress looks very promising. 11 tables for championship pairs; 23 for the Swiss Teams and 10 tables for the Sandra Landy Cup. Still plenty of room. Interesting to see that quite a lot of competitors are from outside the county.

There have been 5 entries for forthcoming Green Point event on 30 September. This is a Swiss teams event.

Good news is that there will once again be a Camrose Match held in Oxfordshire. Will be held at Four Spires in Abingdon Road. Sandra Claridge will want help with collecting players. Any volunteers?

The Simultaneous pairs had 196 entries. Up again from last year. A number of issues did arise. A mistake had been made and a discussion needs to be had as to whether it is a competition worth continuing with.

The Duplimate machine had been acquired and on balance it was thought a good acquisition. There are several participating clubs. Any more would be more than welcome. And finally the Beck cup had been very successful this year. 14 teams 3 of which were from Oxon. This is a prestigious event at the prize money has been upped to £80.

Keith thanked various officers for their contribution for the year. Special mention to be made to Frank Harris for stepping in as Treasurer, to Jean Squires for doing a wonderful

job as Membership Secretary for 11 years. To Bill McCarthy who has been Tournament Secretary for many years and has provided a wonderful Results service. And to Esme Alden for continuing to provide a wonderful teas to the very many county events. A special thanks to OBC whose premises have been used by OBC for many years. Let us hope that this continues for many years.

Finally the Chairman announced that this would be his final year as Chairman. He promised to do 3 years and this will be his fourth. The task of Chairman is immensely time consuming.

2. Secretary

Mary-Ann reported that there had been very little correspondence of any vital nature. Her main task for this meeting was to thank Keith for the very hard work he has done over the year and very much hoped he could be persuaded to change his mind.

3. Treasurer

Treasurer gave a full report for the year. There were difficulties in accounting given two treasurers and the figures had not yet been finally audited. But it looked as if the final surplus is £2098.97 with cash current assets of £20039.90. It should be remembered that this year had been very heavy expenditurewise because of the purchase of the duplimate machine plus boards, cases, cards etc. As well as the running costs involving in the production of the duplimate boards. Many thanks to all those who helped collect the money on Tuesdays, to Bryan Emmet for his forbearance. The Treasurer will be sending to the incoming Treasurer an unsolicited aide de memoir.

4. Tournament director

Stephen Brown sent in his report. Thanked all those who had scored and directed on Tuesday.

5. Tournament Secretary

Wessex League: Couple of teams have dropped out Banbury B and Thame C. But 5 division for 3rd year running.

6. Publicity Secretary

Reported that there have been two very successful Bridge in Oxford. Both sell outs. A total of 10 new members for the EBU had emerged out of these events. Many thanks to all who had helped especially Peter Jordan who had directed on both occasions. There had been no profit but this had never been the intention. She drew attention to the advertisements in the English Bridge magazine for the forthcoming Congress and Green Point Event. Brenda also thanked Steve Noble, Clive Keep, Brian and Sandra Claridge for proof reading the Oxfordshire entry in the English Bridge Magazine. As in the past OBA members are reminded to let Brenda know of any significant wins in any competitions (national, GP events) for inclusion in her column in English Bridge.

7. Match Secretary

Had nothing special to report this year. He did mention that the invitational events from other counties did cause some problems to him in finding possible participators. He encouraged people to let him know if they were interested in entering any of these events. A special thanks to Esme for her hard work throughout the year in providing teas for an increasing number of competitions.

Prizes were given out for all the Competitions. Sadly several winners were not present to receive their cups:

Ladies Pairs	Mrs. M. Day	Mrs. G. Lonsdale
Mens Pairs	A. Gidman	K. Jalie
Swiss Pairs	C. Keep	J. Clifford
Mixed Pairs	D. and K. Talbot	
Flitch	A. and D. Lintott	
County Pairs	A. Wilson	N. Smith
Simultaneous Pairs	N. Smith	R. Procter
President's Cup	N. Smith	A. Wilson, R. Lonsdale, S. McPhee, S. Noble, K. Bennett
Tuesday Pairs	Dr. D. Talbot	
Tuesday Teams	N. Smith	
Harwell Cup	N. Smith	A. Wilson, S. McPhee, R. Procter
Tuesday Championship	S. McPhee	R. Lonsdale
Chester Cup	Dr. K. Talbot	D. Talbot, N. Smith, R. Procter, S. Noble, R. Lonsdale
Sadler Salver	C. Jones	N. Gascoyne

The Wessex League trophies were also presented:

Wessex League

Division 1 Menagerie B
Division 2 Balliol
Division 3 Summertown A
Division 4 Oxford D
Division 5 Wantage

Premiership

Was again won this year by Nick Smith.

Election of Officers

The following were duly proposed, seconded and elected. No position was contested.

Chairman	Keith Sadler
Secretary	Mary-Ann Sheehy
Treasurer	Lynne Hayes
Tournament Director	Stephen Brown
Membership Secretary	Brian and Sandra Claridge
Tournament Secretary	Rita Todd
Match Secretary	Nick Smith
President's Cup, Chester Cup And Wessex League	Geoff Nicholas
Selection Committee:	Colin Jones (Wallingford) Denis Talbot (OBC) Nick Smith (Menagerie) Andrew Lintott (Aylesbury) John Williams Captain.
Master Point Secretary	Humaira Erfan-Ahmed

The post of Education/Youth Officer is still vacant. It was agreed that the issue of the Bridge Education in OBA NEEDS discussion.

A vote of thanks was proposed and seconded to thank Keith for generous donation of drinks to all those who had attended the AGM.

DATE OF NEXT AGM:

11 June 2007