

Minutes of the Management meeting of the Oxfordshire Bridge Association held on Monday 12th June 2006

Present:

Sandy Constable	President
Keith Sadler	Chairman
Mary-Ann Sheehy	Secretary
Lynne Hayes	Treasurer
Nick Smith	Match Secretary
Geoff Nicholas	Wessex League/Aylesbury
Brenda Harris	Publicity Officer
Alan Grunwald	Wantage
Nick Perceval-Price	Menagerie
David Stead	Banbury
Frank Harris	Oxford
Esme Alden	Oxford
Kathy Talbot	Oxford
Peggy Manuell	Oxford

The dates for the management committee meetings were set as follows:

11 September 2006	6.30 Wessex league; 7.30 OBA
18 January 2007	OBA
26 March 2007	OBA
11 June 2007	AGM and OBA

Issues arising from the Simultaneous Pairs competition

Two clubs had refused entry to non members of the club and Wallingford restricted their entry. Some leaflets had been left around in houses of players and could have been seen by people who were to play in the competition later in the week. Some clubs were planning to give up since it was so very unpopular amongst the members.

There was discussion about whether the competition should be abandoned, or altered or limited to being played on one day only throughout the year. No decision was taken but it was agreed that this should be discussed further.

A sub committee was set up to discuss this issue together with ways to raise the profile of the prestigious President's and Chester cups and try to attract more participants.

Computer for OBC

There was a proposal to contribute to the purchase of a new computer for the OBC. A grant of £250 was agreed.

Green Point event 30 September

Keith said that help would be needed to organise this event and asked for volunteers. There were none forthcoming. Anybody reading these minutes are greatly encouraged to offer their services to help.

Oxford Times Cup

It was suggested that perhaps the Oxford Times would be willing to provide sponsorship for this event. Mary-Ann was asked to write to the editor.

Charges for Sunday OBA Events

There was discussion about whether these should be increased and whether teas should cost more. No decision was taken.

OBA Membership Dues

A discussion took place as to whether we should increase the membership fee by £1 or 50p. This can only be set at the AGM and a recommendation will be made at the next AGM to increase the fees by £1.

The Seniors event

This is to become an annual event – 6 best results out of 12 (i.e. once a month).

Date of next meeting of the OBA management committee : 11 September at 7.30 p.m. after the Wessex League meeting at 6.30.