

OBA AGM 14 June 2010

Summary note of action points, for discussion at MC meeting on 22 July

Minutes of previous meeting were agreed with the amendments to the prizewinners list. Matters arising – agreed to continue with Men’s and Ladies’ pairs but with more encouragement to less experienced players, e.g. non-expert prizes, perhaps stratification (rather than flighting, as not enough participants).

Chairman’s report - Bill McCarthy – please could anyone who has any additional information in support of our proposal to put Bill forward for a Dimmie Fleming award, send it to SN.

Treasurer’s report – The auditor recommended we should discuss what to do with the ongoing surplus.

Election of officers – Vacant posts are Membership Sec, Education Officer. BH and SN to continue as shareholders, but there was no nomination for Sue Maxwell and no other name proposed at the meeting (although we had a volunteer afterwards).

Selection committee – All those nominated were elected. Colin Jones had not been nominated and was not at the meeting, so needs to be co-opted later if willing.

P2P fee - Proposal to raise to 6p in 2011/12 was agreed but MC was asked to discuss whether the aim in future should be to make subscription income “neutral” (i.e. equivalent to that raised previously via annual subs).

Wessex League – Proposal to change rules was agreed after discussion. Denis Talbot mentioned that there is a very narrow window of opportunity to arrange any playoff that might be necessary at the end of the season. This was already in the rules, but might be worth another look.

Constitution – Agreed as proposed, after discussion, but we will need to look again at the “1 rep per 30 members” rule if the committee becomes unwieldy – maybe with a different algorithm, e.g. 1 per 50 members, or a cap? To be reviewed next year. Also the MC was asked to consider what constitutes “membership” of a bridge club: perhaps we should be asking members to nominate a primary club of allegiance.

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