

**Minutes of the LBHCBA's Annual General Meeting  
on 28 September 2010 at IBM – South Bank**

**In the Chair – Peter Wagon**

**1. Opening by the Chairman:** In opening the AGM, the chairman, Peter Wagon, thanked Graham Cunningham of IBM for arranging for the AGM to be held at the IBM offices and also for providing refreshments. He went on to express his grateful thanks and gratitude to Carol Regulski, who was standing down from the committee as Treasurer this year, for her sterling work over the past six years in sorting out the LBHCBA's accounts and organising them in easily understood format.

**2. Apologies for absence:** These were received from Chris Chambers, Chris Wright, Richard Heys, Peter Langford and Paul Garwood.

**3. Approval of the minutes of the 2009 AGM:** On the proposal of John Brooks and seconded by Martin Wilson these minutes were approved as a true record.

**4. Matters Arising from the 2009 AGM:** The chairman referred to the matter of the size of divisions within the league and it was agreed by the meeting that if it was not possible to have 6 teams per division, then there should be five teams per division and not seven.

**5. Chairman's Report (and Results Secretary):** The Chairman was pleased to report that nearly all matches had been played in both the league and also in the Cup and Plate competitions, but, regrettably some with a great deal of the delay. Thus, the committee had not had to make any adjudication. Nevertheless for the Season 2010-11 it had been agreed that all league matches had to be played by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011 and thereafter there would be an adjudication of results, but taking into account any mitigating circumstances sent to the committee by the errant captains.

**6. Treasurer's Report:** Carol Regulski, the outgoing treasurer, reported that the LBHCBA had an excess of expenditure over income of about £200, which had arisen by continuing to provide supper for LBHCBA members taking part in competitions held at IBM – this latter venue was kindly provided free of charge by IBM. She explained that in the season 2010-11, the LBHCBA would incur the normal cost of about £85 for master points (EBU) and if the LBHCBA remained affiliated to the EBU an annual cost thereafter of about £180. The accounts were approved unanimously by the meeting on the proposal of John Brooks and seconded by Marina Channing Pearce.

Ivor Perera stood down as the current **auditor** and Jeff Gill (Home Office) was elected by the meeting to replace him.

**7. Election of Officers:** The chairman indicated that the committee, with the exception of Carol Regulski, were all willing to stand again. The meeting re-elected Peter Wagon (Chairman), Graham Cunningham (Treasurer), Chris Chambers (Results Secretary), Philip Watson (Tournament Organiser/Secretary), Martin Wilson, Martin Wilson and additional Marina Channing Pearce. Later Audrey Hartley was co-opted onto the LBHCBA committee.

**8. Pay to Play of the EBU (P2P):** the meeting, after discussion, agreed that the LBHCBA should remain affiliated to the English Bridge Union under the P2P scheme.

**9. Table Money for Events:** The Membership were informed that as table money for events had not changed for a number of years that this would now be £5 per player in that it would slightly defray the cost of suppers at IBM, equipment usage and be very easy to collect.

**10. Substitute Player:** The meeting was informed that committee had discussed this matter and agreed that in a league match any player be allowed to play once in a season for a lower (or higher) team, but only one such player per league match with their opponents agreement. It is the right of the opponents to seek a re-arrangement of the match. This guideline should also apply to an organisation which has two or more teams in a division. Clarification was sought by a member on the matter of late arrival. The Chairman indicated that all matches should begin no later than 7.00pm, so that players could get home easily. Philip Watson indicated that if a match begins late (with the agreement of both captains) the normal rule is that for each delay of seven minutes a board is not played and three IMPs are awarded to non-offending side, with a maximum of 12 IMPs (half an hour) and a reduction to 20 boards. If the delay is greater than 30 minutes, the match should not take place as the VP scale does not cover a match of less 20 boards duration.

**11. Any Other Business:** Peter Cogliatti sought guidance from members about what kind of prizes they would like as the supply of china mugs was running out and seemed to have run its course. Although various ideas were discussed no final decision was reached, but some members thought that the winners might be asked what they might like.

The Chairman, **Peter Wagon**, closed the meeting with the presentation of trophies.

**‘Registered’ Attendees at the LBHCBA – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

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| Peter Wagon           | Church Commissioners |
| Hazellanne Lewis      | Atheneum             |
| Carol Regulski        | Buttons C            |
| Roy Ham               | Stock Exchange       |
| Philip Watson         | Livesey              |
| Jon Brooks            | BPIM                 |
| Angela Alderslade     | USA Braves           |
| Jeff Gill             | Home Office          |
| Mike Bull             | Civil Service        |
| Peter Cogliatti       | Stock Exchange       |
| Sue Thorburn          | John Lewis           |
| Stan Siemaszkiewicz   | Formtex              |
| Michael Duncombe      | Wanderers            |
| Vicky Crittenden      | USA Diamonds         |
| Arlette Shenkan       | RAC Jaguar           |
| Victoria Ansary       | RAC Rolls Royce      |
| Roy Stewart           | Temple Bar           |
| Martin Wilson         | Stock Exchange B     |
| Graham Cunningham     | IBM B                |
| Audrey Hartley        | London Underground   |
| Roy Stewart           | Temple Bar           |
| Marina Chaning Pearce | RAC Morgan           |
| Mark Hutton           | KPMG                 |
| Roger Whitaker        | Wanderers            |
| Jim Bochsler          | USA Diamonds         |
| Bill Linton           | Buttons A            |
| Roland Gronau         | Buttons A            |
| Nigel Stuttard        | Buttons C            |
| John Beamish          | GL C                 |