

**Minutes of the LBHCBA's Annual General Meeting
on 13 September 2011 at Young Chelsea Bridge Club**

In the Chair – Peter Wagon

- 1. Opening by the Chairman:** In opening the AGM, the chairman, Peter Wagon, thanked the Young Chelsea for hosting the meeting and explained that the usual recent venue at IBM was unavailable as it was being refurbished.
- 2. Apologies for absence:** These were received from Philip Watson, Graham Cunningham, Catherine Rice-Evans, Ronald Ling, Benjamin Fang and Pauli Lauman.
- 3. Approval of the minutes of the 2010 AGM:** These minutes were approved as a true record with one amendment: item 7 should have listed Peter Cogliatti as a Committee member instead referring twice to Martin Wilson.
- 4. Matters Arising from the 2010 AGM:** There were none.
- 5. Chairman's Report (and Results Secretary):** The Chairman was pleased to report that in the league, apart from BPIM having to withdraw mid-season, there had been only one unplayed match and with one or two exceptions all matches had been played in good time. The Committee was pleased that this had meant that it had not needed to adjudicate any results or impose vp fines. As usual progress in the Cup and Plate competitions had been slower. The Leslie Dodds Cup had been completed jut before the new season, but the Plate competition still had outstanding matches. He urged everyone to make every effort to play Cup matches more promptly in the coming season. In the League for 2011-12 there would again be a deadline for all matches of 31st May 2012 and thereafter there would be an adjudication of results,taking into account any mitigating circumstances.
- 6. Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer was unable to be present and due to personal circumstances had been unable to produce accounts for auditing and approval in time for the meeting, These would therefore be brought to next year's AGM. However, the Committee was satisfied that the financial position remained good with no unusual expenditure and no significant depletion of reserves.
- 7. Election of Officers:** The chairman indicated that the committee, with the exception of Martin Wilson, 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), Marina Chaning Pearce and Audrey Hartley. In addition Richard Heys volunteered at the meeting to fill the vacant post of Vice Chairman and was elected by the meeting.
- 8. Pay to Play of the EBU (P2P):** the meeting was informed that the EBU was considering changes to the arrangements for Leagues in the P2P system but no specific proposal had yet emerged.
- 9. Location for Events and Competitions:** The use of the Young Chelsea as a venue for the Selfridges with pre-dealt boards had proved popular. The Committee therefore proposed to return there for at least one event in 2011-12. The refurbishment of the IBM building had still not been completed so the venue for the Surdoc trophy had not

yet been decided and would be notified to members as soon as possible via the website.

10. Substitute Player: The meeting voted to approve the following motion which formalised the rule for the use of substitute players from other teams during the league season discussed at the 2010 AGM:-

“ A player (not a pair) may play ONLY once for another team in a higher, lower or the same division”

It was confirmed that team members, preferably no more than eight, should be named before the season began, although new names could be added during the season.

11. Any Other Business: There was none..

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

'Registered' Attendees at the LBHCBA – 28th September 2010

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