

# London Business Houses Contract Bridge Association

## Notes of committee meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Present: Marina Channing Pearce (chair), Andrew Kisiel (vice-chair), Chris Chambers, Peter Cogliatti, Mark Hutton.

### 1. Requirement for new LBHCBA documentation

The committee discussed a number of incidents which had occurred so far during this season in matches which have highlighted the need for the LBHCBA to update its current documentation, in order to make clear the rules and procedures governing participation by teams in the LBHCBA.

In particular, it was noted that the committee believe they should not give rulings on Bridge matters.

It was agreed Chris would produce new documents, and circulate drafts to the committee in advance of the next committee meeting. The documents would cover:

1. A new constitution
2. Technical details on the conduct of matches
3. Conduct & disciplinary procedures
4. Data & Privacy policy

### 2. Cost sharing in cup matches

It was agreed that the committee wished to remove the concept of cost sharing discussed at the last AGM for cup matches as the committee has decided it is too difficult to implement this fairly in practice. It was decided that it should remain in place for this year as discussed at the AGM but the committee's plan is to revert to the previous arrangement for 2020-21. This will be communicated to the members before the next AGM.

In addition, it was agreed that the protocol for selecting home and away teams for cup matches will be as follows:

- 1st round selected randomly
- 2nd round selected randomly subject to the condition that where possible Home teams in the 1st round will be given an away match.

This will be included in the new 'Conditions of Contest' document.

### 3. League structure

The committee agreed that divisions should consist of a minimum of 5 and maximum of 6 teams and that in principle no more than 2 teams from the same organisation should play in the same division.

However, the committee will retain the final decision in which division a team will play. These facts are to be included in the new documentation to be drafted by Chris for approval at the next AGM.

### 4. Location of matches

The committee agreed that teams should not be required to travel more than 5 miles (as the crow flies) from Charing Cross for a match. It was also agreed that the LBHCBA should not state which venues matches should be played at but should provide information on the website over options.

## 5. Next meeting

Marina agreed to organise another face to face committee meeting before the end of June, in particular for the committee to discuss and approve the draft documents prepared by Chris before they are presented at the next AGM.

Mark Hutton