

# London Business Houses Contract Bridge Association

## Minutes of AGM

Held virtually at 6:00 pm, 4th September 2024

**Present:** Mark Hutton (MH), Alex German (AG), Andrew Kisiel (AK), Bill Linton (BL), Chris Chambers (CC) and Peter Cogliatti (PC), as members of the current Committee + representatives of all clubs in the LBHCBA League other than: Home Office, Nuthurst and RAC Seven

### **1 Introduction and Report by the Chair**

The Chair, Mark Hutton, welcomed the attendees to the meeting.

It has been another successful season with few problems, other than the difficulties which arose with finishing the League matches by the end of April.

For the current season the default, when no agreement is reached, will continue to be matches on BBO. However, of the matches played, 48 were face to face. As such teams will be asked next Summer whether there is interest in a separate league, where the default is face to face matches.

The Summer bridge competition, popular in past years, did not take place this year, in part because League matches were not completed by end of April.

The Committee has been meeting virtually, approximately every 2 months. The intention is to formulate a Conditions of Contest document during the coming year, for presentation for approval to next year's AGM.

Marina Channing Pearce resigned from the Committee during the Summer for family ill-health reasons. MH warmly thanked Marina for the big contribution she had made to LBHCBA over many years membership of the Committee, including its Chairmanship.

MH also announced that regrettably Philip Watson passed away on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Philip, like Marina, had served on the Committee for many years and will be sorely missed.

### **2 Minutes of 2023 AGM**

The minutes of the 2023 AGM were agreed as an accurate record. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### **3 Treasurer's Report re 2023/24 Accounts**

The Treasurer, Peter Cogliatti, presented the accounts. There was a small deficit in the year, primarily because EBU have doubled their affiliation fees, as had been explained at last year's AGM. The accounts were audited by Alex German. The accounts were approved.

There is a balance of over £4,000 on the accounts and PC proposed that the League entry fee of £20 be halved for teams that complete their League matches by end of April 2025. The proposal was approved.

The trophies have yet to be engraved with the winners' names. PC brought out that the Division 1 and Surdoc trophies have not been returned to him.

#### **4 Election of Officers and Committee Members**

The Committee had proposed the following for election as Officers and as members of the Committee. No other nominations had been received:

Chair	Mark Hutton
Secretary	Andrew Kisiel (also vice Chair)
Treasurer	Peter Cogliatti

Committee members: Alex German, Bill Linton, Chris Chambers.

The Committee was elected as proposed.

MH asked that if anyone present would like to join the Committee, they should contact him.

#### **5 Appointment of Auditor**

Alex German was re-appointed as auditor.

#### **6 Trophy winners**

The 2023/24 season trophy winners were:

Division 1	Civil Service
Division 2	Canary Wharf
Division 3	ICL
Division 4	Lords & Ladies
Division 5	RAC Spitfire

Leslie Dodds Cup	ICL
Gainsborough Cup	Lords & Ladies
Surdoc Trophy	Buttons 'B'

#### **7 Any Other Business**

There are currently 6 teams competing, after White Rabbits announced their withdrawal.