

Minutes of the Devon County Contract Bridge Association
General Committee Meeting held at Plymouth 13th November
1955.

Present.

President. G. G. Wilson, Hon. Sec. F. C. Keyte. Hon. Treas.
M. C. Young. Mrs. Northcott, Col. Telfer, J. Hurwitt,
C. Haslam, N. A. T. Vinson, A. V. Morris, W. G. Haydon.

Finance.

The Secretary explained the difficulties of finance, pointing out that the D.C.C.B.A. as such had no funds or income, and after a full discussion it was proposed by Mr. Hurwitt and seconded by Mr. Haslam that the Plymouth and Torquay branches should each subscribe £20. at once to the Central fund. Also that from April next the subscriptions of all D.C.C.B.A. members, after paying the E.B.U. 2/6d. levy should be paid into the Central fund. The position to be reviewed after one years' working.

This was passed unanimously. The Torquay members afterwards offered to increase their donation to £40.

The Meeting then closed.

N. A. T. Vinson

16/7/56.

President.

Minutes of the General Committee of the Devon County Contract
Bridge Association held at the Devonshire Bridge Club, Torquay
on July 16th, 1956.

Present	President : N.A.T. Vinson. Mrs. F.L. Northcott, Mrs. G.S. Ali Khan, Colonel R.Telfer, G.G. Wilson, W.G. Haydon, W.C. Venn, C.R. Haslam, M.C. Young (Hon. Treasurer) and F.C. Keyte (Hon. Secretary)
Election of Chairman	Mr. N.A.T. Vinson was elected to the Chair on the nomination of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Haydon, all Members approving.
Apologies	Apologies for absence were received from Mr. J. Hurwitt.
Co-option of outside County Member	It was recommended that if Somerset were to form an outside Association that the vacancy for a co-opted Member from outside the County be filled by a Member from Exeter. No Member from outside the County was co-opted by the Committee pending the news from Somerset.
Next Season's Events.	The following dates were approved : - Southern Counties Match .. 23rd or 30th September Plymouth Congress .. 12th-14th October. Torquay v. Plymouth Match at Torquay .. 4th November Torquay Petit Congress .. 9th-10th February Hurwitt Cup - Final .. 14th April Torbay Cup - do. .. 12th May
Western Morning News Cup	It was proposed by Mrs. Khan, seconded by Mr. Young, that this event should be limited to Members of the D.C.C.B.A., resident in Devon, Cornwall or Somerset, and should be recognised as the County Teams of Four Championship. It was decided that one point should constitute a win under any circumstances in this competition, and that matches should be 32 Boards in all rounds except the Final, which should be 48 Boards. Entries to close on the 31st October. The draw to take place on the 4th November at Torquay. The rounds to be played as follows : - First round by 31st December Second " .. 15th February Third " .. 31st March Final .. 10th May

South Western Pairs	It was agreed that the South Western Pairs should be considered the Pairs Championship of the County.
Programme	It was proposed by Mr. Venn, seconded by Mr. Haydon, that the Secretary should have a printed Programme of the Season's events circulated to all Members.
Master Points Scheme	It was decided that the County Association should enter this Scheme. The following events to count for points :- Western Morning News Cup South Western Pairs Torbay Cup - Qualifying Rounds & Final. Hurwitt Cup - do. do. do. Plymouth League Graphic Cup Torquay & Plymouth Congresses
Sub-Committees	The following Master Points Sub-Committees were formed: - Torquay .. Mrs. G.S. Ali Khan. C.R. Haslam. Plymouth .. Colonel R. Telfer. W.G. Haydon.
Selection Committee	It was proposed by Mr. Haslam, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that N.A.T. Vinson and A.V. Morris be the Selection Committee.
Entertainment of Southern Counties	It was proposed and seconded that players taking part in the Southern Counties Match should subscribe 30s.0d. per head towards the expenses, the Association to pay the balance.
Accounts	It was proposed by Mr. Haydon, and carried, that in future, the Balance Sheet should be prepared to include assets such as Cups etc. of the Association. There being no further business the Meeting then closed.

N. A. T. Vinson

Chairman.

5/7/57

Minutes of the General Committee of the Devon County Contract Bridge Association held at the Devonshire Bridge Club, Torquay on July 5th, 1957.

Présent	President : N.A.T. Vinson. Mrs. F.L. Northcott, Miss D. Wray, Colonel R.L. Telfer, C.R. Haslam, W.G. Haydon, M.C. Young (Hon. Treasurer), F.C. Keyte (Hon. Secretary).
Election of Chairman	Mr. N.A.T. Vinson was unanimously elected to the Chair.
Apologies	Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. M. Stansell and Mr. J. Hurwitt.
Delegates	Delegates to serve on the E.B.U. Council:- Colonel R. L. Telfer Mr. F.C. Keyte.
Sub-Committee	The following Master Points Sub-Committees were formed :- Torquay ... Miss D. Wray, Mr. C.R. Haslam. Plymouth .. Colonel R.L. Telfer and Mr. W.G. Haydon.
Selection Committee	It was proposed and seconded, and carried unanimously that Messrs. N.A.T. Vinson and A.V. Morris continue to be the Selection Committee for the ensuing year.
Congress	The Secretary was instructed to pay £60 to the County Funds from the Congress account. He was also instructed to purchase two sets of Boards - one set to be held at Plymouth and one at Torquay - and to purchase as many cloths as required for use at the next Congress.
County Programme	It was approved that the Programme should take the same form of printed card as last year.
Western Morning News Cup	It was decided that the entrance fee for this event should be 10/- per team for the first round and 10/- for each subsequent round. Closing date October 31st: the draw to take place at the time of the Torquay/Plymouth match which is suggested for November 3rd. In connection with this, Mr. A.V. Morris should be asked to seed what he considers to be the strongest team from each of the two Sections of the County; these two teams then to be seeded into opposite halves of the draw. The rounds to be completed by approximately the same dates as last Season.

South
Western Pairs.

It was decided that this event should take the form of two Qualifying Rounds - one to be played at Plymouth and one at Torquay on approximately January 19th - and 28 pairs to go forward to the Final, to be played on February 8th.

Entrance fee for the Qualifying Rounds shall be 8/-d. per pair and 13/-d. per pair for the Final.

Graphic
Cup

This will be held on the Sunday following the South Western Pairs Final.

Hurwitt &
Torbay Cups

It was recommended that the entrance fee for these events should be 8/-d. per pair, this to include table money. The dates of Qualifying Rounds and Finals to be fixed by the separate Sections.

Extra
Event.

It was also decided to hold an extra event, in Plymouth on April 27th, in the form of an individual confined to Club and Local Masters.

Entrants should be asked to state the number of Local Points held at a certain date and in the event of there being more entrants than the movement can incorporate, those to play to be selected from entrants with the highest number of points.

Entrance fee 7/6d. per player.

50% from M/K & SW

The Secretary was also instructed to see what could be done towards arranging an inter-Town Team of Eight Competition, to be played on one day, in the form of a multiple team event, and if the response to this suggestion was satisfactory, a suitable trophy should be purchased to be competed for each year and to be held by the winning Town for one year.

There being no other business, the Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Devonshire Bridge Club for the use of the room for the Meeting.

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N. A. J. Vinson

Chairman.

Minutes of the General Committee of the Devon County Contract Bridge Association held at the Plymouth Bridge Club, Plymouth on April 27th, 1958.

Present	President: N.A.T. Vinson. Mrs. F.L. Northcott, Mrs. Ali Khan, Colonel R.L. Telfer, W.G. Haydon, M.C. Young (Hon. Treasurer), F.C. Keyte (Hon. Secretary).
Apologies	Apologies for absence were received from C.R. Haslam.
Minutes.	The Minutes of the Last Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.
Torquay Congress.	The Secretary gave a brief report of the 1958 Congress when he stated that although the accounts were not finalised they were expected to produce a profit of approximately £170. 367 different players taking part, 303 full Congress Members and 127 single session tickets were sold.
Palace Hotel.	The Secretary then read the correspondence he had had with the Palace Hotel, in which they repudiated the date they had agreed for 1959, and the Secretary's actions in this matter were approved by the Committee and it was agreed that the matter be left in the hands of Ald. Haarer, to see what could be done to persuade the Palace Hotel to honour their booking.
Accounts.	The Accounts were then presented by the Hon. Auditor and were approved for submission to the Annual General Meeting. Mr. Haydon stated that he hoped that at that meeting a balance sheet would be produced, showing all the various assets of the Association and the Treasurer stated that this would be done. The Secretary was instructed to pay over £60 from the Congress fund to the County Fund.
Jack and Jill Cup.	The Secretary then reported that he had been in communication with Mrs. Easterbrook, who presented the Jack & Jill Cup years ago to the Association and she had agreed that this cup should be given for the Mixed Pairs Championship of the County. The Committee expressed delight at this and the Secretary was instructed to write and thank Mrs. Easterbrook.
Master Points.	The Minutes of the Master Points Committee of the E.B.U. on March 27th was then discussed with reference to the suggestion that in order for a player to retain his standing with 50 Master Points, he has to earn 25 Master

Points in two years from the 1st. of August following attainment, and it was felt that this number was too high and that a lower number should be substituted.

Col. Telfer proposed that the lower number should be 15 m.p's and this was seconded by Mrs. Ali Khan. Mr. Haydon proposed an amendment that it should be 10 m.p's. This was seconded by the Secretary, and on a vote the amendment was carried. The Secretary was instructed to write to the E.B.U. expressing the Committee's views.

Resignations. The Secretary then read letters of resignation from the Committee from Miss D. Wray, Mrs. M. Stansell and Mr. C.R. Haslam. These resignations were accepted with regret and a vote of thanks for their past services.

A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting was fixed for Wednesday, May 21st at 6.30 p.m. at the Plymouth Bridge Club. The Agenda for same was approved and it was agreed that after the meeting a Duplicate Pairs Competition should be held in which the table money would be paid out of County Funds and the sweepstake be taken from the players for prizes.

There being no other business the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Col. Telfer for the use of the room for the meeting.

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21/7/58.

CHAIRMAN.

Minutes of the County Committee of the Devon County Contract Bridge Association held at the Devonshire Bridge Club, Torquay on Monday, 21st July, 1958, at 7.0 p.m.

<u>Present</u>	President - N.A.T. Vinson (in the Chair) Mesdames F. L. Northcott and G. Ali Khan. Col. R. Telfer, W. G. Haydon, N. Watkinson, M. C. Young (Hon. Treasurer) John Hammond (Hon. Secretary)
<u>Apologies</u>	Apologies for absence were received from W. Parson.
<u>Resignation</u>	Resignation of Mr. Frank Keyte was reported ^{ed} by the Chairman, and the Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to him accepting this with regret.
<u>Co-option</u>	Mr. A. V. Morris was co-opted in his place, subject to formal confirmation by the N.E. Committee.
<u>Resignation</u>	Mr. Haarer then expressed the view that Mr. Keyte's resignation was not due to the reasons he, Mr. Keyte, had given in his letter; in consequence he felt bound on a question of principle to protest and resign, as no other member of the Committee appeared to agree with him. The Committee accepted this with regret, increased by the lack of understanding ^{ed} what principles were involved.
<u>Minutes</u>	Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 27th April were read, approved and signed.
<u>W.M.N.Cup</u>	This to be limited to Devon & Cornwall only, because an outside team, if winners, could not represent the County.
<u>Torbay & Hurwitt Cups</u>	It was proposed by Col. Telfer, seconded by N. Watkinson, and carried unanimously, that these should both be open to all members of the D.C.C.B.A.; but that partners should both come from the same section; and that numbers qualifying from each heat should be on the same lines as the National Pairs with a maximum of four.
<u>Individual Masters</u>	It was proposed by Col. Telfer, and seconded by M. C. Young, that this should be for 20 players with the highest points, taking the County as one unit.
<u>Bournemouth Match</u>	It was agreed to accept this invitation for 21st September.
<u>Four Counties Cup</u>	It was agreed to inform the Southern Counties that the suggestion seemed excellent and the date suitable.

Jack & Jill Cup

It was agreed to hold qualifying rounds in Plymouth and Torquay, with the final at Torquay. Numbers qualifying in each heat would be proportional to total to provide a 7-table final.

Pair Competition

to be held in each section but paid for by the County.

South Western Pairs

Local secretaries to be responsible for qualifiers coming to the final, date of which was fixed

Graphic Hurwitt & Torbay Cups

Dates for finals of these events were agreed

Master Points Grant

It was resolved to apply to the E.B.U. for this to go towards members' travelling expenses in competitions such as Pachabo, Rose Bowl, Southern Counties, Four Counties

Title of Association

Col. Telfer proposed, and N. Watkinson seconded, that this should be changed to the Devon & Cornwall, but this was negated by 4 to 3.

Selectors

Messrs. N.A.T. Vinson and A. V. Morris were appointed, and it was agreed that their names should appear on the 1958/59 programme, whilst the names of those selected should be posted up.

Friendly Matches

It was agreed to approve the formation (not selection) of these in as many areas as possible. Sectional Secretaries should notify all their members, and names of teams willing to play should be passed to the County Secretary who should put teams in touch with others in other towns. It was decided not to apply for Master Points for such matches until one season had shown whether the idea was likely to be successful.

Rule 9

It was agreed to ask the next General Meeting of Members to modify this rule to read "within three months of the end of the Association's year".

E.B.U. Council

The Secretary gave a brief account of relevant points from the Council Meeting of 9th July.

Congress

Frank Keyte was appointed Hon. Secretary for this, and the County Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to him and ask that the names of members of the Congress

Next
Committee
Meeting

Committee should be supplied in due course. The County Committee would thus have the opportunity, if required, to approve the selection.

It was agreed to leave the date for this to the discretion of the Hon. Secretary; the general feeling being not to call these more often than appeared to him necessary.

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to the Hon. Secretary of the Devonshire Bridge Club to express thanks for the loan of the room.

H. A. T. Vusim 14/10/58.

Minutes of the County Committee of the Devon County Contract Bridge Association held at the Plymouth Bridge Club on Tuesday, 14th October, 1958, at 8 p.m.

Present

President - N.A.T. Vinson (in the Chair)

Mrs. F.L. Northcott, W. G. Haydon, D. Madge, A. V. Morris, W. Parson, Col. R. L. Telfer.
M. C. Young (Hon. Treasurer) John Hammond (Hon. Secretary)

Apologies

for absence were received from Mrs. G. Ali Khan and N. A. Watkinson.

Minutes

of the Meeting held on 21st July, 1958, were read and approved.

Grant from Master Points Fund

The Hon. Secretary stated a grant of £39.12.0. had been received to be spent either on coaching or a drive for new members. The original suggestion that the money could be used to meet members' travelling expenses when playing in big events had been rejected.

After discussion it was decided to leave the question of coaching in abeyance until some effort had been made in "missionary work", the success or otherwise of which could be judged before all the money was exhausted.

The Chairman having advised against direct newspaper advertising, it was agreed to draw up a letter to be sent to Golf Clubs, Bridge Clubs not now playing duplicate, and all others likely to be interested, suggesting that they try the experiment of duplicate, and ^{others} to send a team to show them exactly how to do it, and perhaps to play a very short match. It was felt that "guinea pigs" for this experiment could be found both in Plymouth and Torquay, and hoped that it might persuade more people to play duplicate.

All expenses of these visits would be paid.

N.E. v. S.W. Match

It was agreed that this should be the proper title for the match sometimes known as "Torquay v. Plymouth", and that each section should choose the best possible team for this match.

Right to play in both sections

It was agreed that members of the County should not have the right to play in similar events in each section, such as the Winter League, otherwise awards of Master Points might be adversely affected.

<u>Affiliated Clubs Cup</u>	It was agreed to award a cup for 1959/60 Season for this new event, as likely to induce more Clubs to affiliate, and as an encouragement to existing Affiliated Clubs.
<u>Score Cards</u>	It was decided to take no action pending a decision on this point by the E.B.U. Council.
<u>Programmes</u>	Owing to pressure on time this question was deferred.
<u>W.M.N.Cup</u>	It was decided that there should be no seeding and that a draw should be made after each round.
<u>Membership Records</u>	The Hon. Secretary repeated the compliments paid to Devon records at the Secretaries' Meeting.
<u>Friendly Matches</u>	It was agreed that the County should meet all expenses, other than travelling, i.e., teas, table money or hire of rooms.
<u>County Committee</u>	It was agreed that any member of the D.C.C.B.A. should have the right to have a complaint heard by the County Committee, if questions other than the procedure in sectional matches were involved.
<u>Plymouth Congress</u>	A letter from F. C. Keyte to Col. R. L. Telfer was read and it was agreed that any subscriptions received for County Membership from members of other County Associations should be received by the County Hon. Treasurer who could keep a separate list of such dual members.
<u>E.B.U. Council</u>	The Committee instructed its delegate to inform the Council - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. that it thought it perfectly in order for any member to serve on the Committees of more than one County, if all Counties affected were agreeable b. that it considered that the E.B.U. Council should have absolute authority to bind all Counties in all matters except County finances, where they could only intervene if mismanagement was alleged.
<u>European Championship</u>	The Hon. Secretary reported that the E.B.U. Council considered it possible that these might be held in England in 1960, but the venue would not be London. Delegates were asked to report the Counties' views on - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the probable cost - at least £4000 to the Country acting as host.

b. a desirable venue

to the next Council Meeting in January 1959.

He then reported that quite recently Mr. Haarer had informed him that he had heard this news while at the Weston-super-Mare Congress from Morgan-Brown. On his return to Torquay he had discussed the matter in the Mayor's Parlour, and that an invitation had at once been issued from Torquay to the E.B.U. Council to hold the Championship in Torquay.

Mr. Haarer was sorry he had not been able to contact the Hon. Secretary before this action was taken - - the Hon. Secretary stated that throughout the day in question he had been easily available by telephone, but was unaware of any attempt to get in touch with him.

It was agreed in principle that it might be very desirable to hold this Championship in Torquay, but far more detail of the financial implications was necessary before a decision could be made. However this might be, it was felt that Mr. Haarer's actions had been discourteous and precipitate, and for that very reason unlikely to achieve the results he apparently desired.

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Haarer to this effect and to ask him for proper details of what had actually been done.

The Hon. Secretary was also instructed to write to the E.B.U. stating that Mr. Haarer's actions had been taken without the authority or knowledge of the County who, whilst anxious to consider the matter, wished to do so when in possession of far more information.

It was considered this action was necessary in order to make the position clear to the Council, and also so that it should appear that the D.C.C.B.A. were not seeking to forestall other Counties' rights to be considered in this matter.

The Meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Col. Telfer for his hospitality.

N.A.T. Vinsin
9/12/58

Minutes of a County Committee Meeting held on 9th December, 1958, at 7 p.m. at Torquay

Present

President - N.A.T. Vinson (in the Chair)

A.V. Morris, D.Madge, W. G. Haydon, N.A. Watkinson, Col. R.L. Telfer and Mesdames W.A.E. Northcott and G.S. Ali Khan.

M.C. Young (Hon. Treasurer)

John Hammond (Hon. Secretary)

Minutes

of the Committee Meeting of 14th October, 1958, were read and approved.

Missionary Letter

Arising therefrom, the Hon. Secretary reported that he had had no response to the circular sent out to Clubs as such. But where he had sent this out to outlying but existing members, two at least had written to him.

Exeter

Mr. N.A. Watkinson reported that he considered a good nucleus existed for a duplicate Circle or Club, and if the County would lend a certain amount of support, this could well be started very soon, to include players from the Victoria Park Tennis Club, who now played some duplicate, and also to widen the scope for others.

Mr. Haydon proposed, and Mr. Parsons seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the County should -

- a. lend them a set of boards
- b. provide playing cards
- c. other necessary stationery
- d. pay the affiliation fee to the E.B.U. for this year.

This Circle should be open without restriction to all members of the D.C.C.B.A. but should not, at least for the time being, be limited to members.

It was believed that the award of Master Points would soon persuade most players to join.

European Bridge Championships

The Hon. Secretary reported fully on his correspondence with the B.B.L. and the Torquay Corporation, and gave the result of his interview that morning with the Mayor and others to whom he had emphasised that the County were by no means certain that they wanted the Championships in Torquay. For the County it would mean much work and expense; to Torquay would go all the publicity and kudos.

After the Mayor and his colleagues had recovered from their surprise at the County's attitude, they became very enthusiastic over the project and informed the Hon. Secretary of all the action they felt the Corporation could take to assist in bringing the E.B.C. to Torquay. The Hon. Secretary promised to convey their views to the B.B.L. and notify the Mayor of the County's decision and the B.B.L.'s reaction to the Corporation's proposals.

After discussion it was agreed that the Committee were in favour of the E.B.C. coming to Torquay in 1960, providing that this did not prove too great a burden on the County's finances, or demand too much from voluntary workers.

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to obtain further information on these points when seeing Geoffrey Butler of B.B.L. in London shortly.

Tollemache

It was reported that at the recent match, the question of venue was discussed with the players. The Committee decided that they did not favour a venue that changed each year, regardless of remaining in a comparatively central position for the Counties playing. They favoured this year's venue of Bristol strongly, but would not object to other central positions such as Bath, Taunton or Cheltenham.

The Hon. Secretary said he would make the point when the matter was discussed in the E.B.U. Council.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Devonshire Bridge Club for the use of its premises.

N. A. T. Verrin 28/4/59.

Minutes of a Meeting of the County Committee held on Tuesday, 28th April, 1959, at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Bridge Club (by courtesy of Col. R. L. Telfer).

	Meeting
<u>Minutes</u>	of the Committee, held on 9th December, 1958, were read and approved arising therefrom.
<u>Exeter Bridge Club</u>	<p>Mr. N. A. Watkinson gave a brief report of the successful launching of this venture, the recent third monthly meeting being attended by 50 players from several towns as well as Exeter. Now that local points were being won by various people, he would ask the County Hon. Secretary to suggest to players that they join the D.C.C.B.A. and so help the Association and themselves become able to register their points.</p> <p>He asked the Committee to provide a second set of boards and cards, and again pay the affiliation fee, and it was agreed to lend the former and pay the latter.</p>
<u>European Bridge Championships</u>	The Hon. Secretary reported how, after considerable negotiations, it was agreed that these should be held in Torquay in September 1960, but that the Olympiad had caused this event to be postponed until 1961. It was practically certain that the event would be played in England, and if England, then it had been agreed it would definitely be Torquay.
<u>Accounts to 31st March, 1959</u>	As these were not yet complete, the Hon. Treasurer gave a brief resumé.
<u>Annual General Meeting</u>	<p>It was agreed to hold this on Friday, 29th May, at the Abbey Lawn Hotel, if accommodation was available.</p> <p>Mr. A. V. Morris gave the agreement of the Devonshire Bridge Club, and the Hon. Secretary was instructed to arrange details - the meeting to be followed by a duplicate pairs match at 2/6d. per player including points and sweep.</p>
<u>Averaging</u>	It was agreed to award any players who could not play a board, through no fault of their own, an average of 10% taken to the nearest whole figure.
<u>Programmes</u>	It was agreed to put on future programmes names of affiliated clubs and an intimation that subscriptions became due on 1st April.
<u>Subscriptions</u>	The suggestion that members be asked to pay these triennially or by Banker's Order was discussed but not agreed.

It was, however, agreed that the Hon. Treasurer of each Section should collect subscriptions and issue receipts, advising the County Hon. Treasurer from time to time.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. M. C. Young, said that he had put the suggestion forward for the benefit of his successor; owing to his numerous other commitments and changed personal circumstances he did not intend to stand for re-election.

The Chairman asked Mr. W. G. Haydon if he would stand, Mr. Haydon said that he would certainly consider the matter but must consult his local Committee.

St. Austell Bridge Club

The Hon. Secretary reported that a group had now been formed there as a section of the St. Austell Arts Centre. He was visiting the local Secretary in two days' time when he would have more information. Mrs. Northcott reported that she had sent a team to play there. It was agreed that the County should give all the assistance required.

Accounts

It was agreed after some discussion of phraseology that the annual accounts of each Section and all Congresses should be submitted for approval to the County Committee.

The suggestion that a percentage of gross takings of each Section and of all Congresses should be paid to the County was negatived.

Torquay Petit Congress - S.W. Pairs; Graphic Cup; and Portland Cup Heat

Owing to the existing confusion in some people's minds, the Hon. Secretary asked for clear instructions as to whether these were County events, N.E. events or Torquay's own events. After considerable discussion it was agreed -

that all three events were clearly and indisputably County events; as such they were under the control of the County Committee, who would act through their Hon. Secretary, or through whomever else they might from time to time appoint

that the expression "Torquay Petit Congress" was a phrase of convenience, probably originated by Mr. G. G. Wilson, as the S.W. Pairs had existed as a County event many years before that

but that none the less the County would continue to pay over ex gratia the profits from the first two

events named to the N.E. Section, as Mrs. Northcott had first proposed some years ago, as compensation to that Section for the fact that it had no local Congress, like the Plymouth Congress.

County Master Points Secretary

Mrs. G. S. Ali Khan was formally appointed and thanked for acting as such for the past twelve months.

Club within a Club

The Hon. Secretary mentioned the 28 Group, explaining that he was somewhat tender on this point, as he had helped to form this Group before he became the Hon. Secretary of the County.

Mr. Young explained that the 28 was entirely separate with its own membership and paid a rent for the use of the Torquay Club Room. The position was considered in order.

Domicile

It was agreed that if a member had played for one Section in the past, he had the right to elect to continue to play for that Section and that only, notwithstanding that he now lived in the other Section.

Cheating

Complaint having been made by a member of the Committee against a particular, but unnamed, player for attempting to overlook opponent's cards, it was agreed -

not to name the player to the Committee, but to inform the Hon. Secretary of the Section concerned

to keep observation herself and to instruct the other members of her Committee, who were also members of the County Committee, to do likewise

to report back to the next Committee Meeting.

The Hon. Secretary, who stated his own observation, tended strongly to support the charge and undertook to inform the Committee members concerned.

Disputes

It was agreed that whilst Section Committees should attempt to iron out all minor arguments, anything serious must be referred to the County Committee to whom all members at all times had the right of appeal.

Camrose Trials

It was agreed the County Selectors should consider whether to submit any names to the E.B.U.

Torquay Congress

The Hon. Secretary stated Mr. Keyte had agreed that in future a strictly limited number of single session tickets would be available to, say, within a month before the Congress date.

The Chairman reported that it was being considered whether the Congress should run from Thursday to Sunday, instead of Friday to Monday, owing to poor attendance on the last day, when so many players had left.

Congratulations

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Keyte and express the County's congratulations on the success of the 1959 Congress.

The Hon. Secretary was also instructed to write Mr. Haarer on his election as next Mayor of Torquay.

Pachabo Cup

The Hon. Secretary pointed out that entries had to be in the hands of the E.B.U. by 30th April, but the final match would not be played by agreement until 8th May. He was instructed to ask the finalists if they wish to play in the event of winning.

Individual Masters Competition

As points won at the Torquay Congress were being issued over a series of many days with the result that some players had been able to register by 25th April, whilst others had not yet received their points, it was agreed to count such points in whether registered or not.

Posting of Results

The Hon. Secretary asked for instructions as to whether he was to put up the Recapitulation Sheet and Travelling Score Sheets of County events; and if so, where.

After considerable discussion it was agreed that these were to be posted at the place where the event was held, and that the Hon. Secretary should, as an act of courtesy, inform each Section of the results for display by the local Secretary.

Accounts

Mr. W. G. Haydon, as the County's Hon. Auditor, asked Mr. Young to submit the Congress accounts at the same time as the County's own accounts.

Publicity

The Chairman reminded the N.E. Section representatives that if they did not bother to send him results, he could not get them published in the newspaper!

N. A. V. V. V.
6/7/59.

<u>Apology for Absence</u>	by Mr.F.C. Keyte
<u>Minutes</u>	of the Committee Meeting of 28th April 1959 were approved; and arising therefrom:-
<u>Cheating</u>	The action of a certain member was further discussed and the Hon.Sec. of the N.E. Section was instructed to ask the lady concerned, when opportunity occurred, to sit at the table in a more normal manner.
<u>Exeter Bridge Club.</u>	Further progress and new members were reported
<u>St.Austell</u>	A circular letter from the Hon.Sec. to players in Cornwall was approved.
<u>Delegates</u>	Col.R.L. Telfer and the Hon.Secretary were reappointed. The latter reported that he had been elected to the Master Points Sub-Committee of the Council (who paid travelling expenses for all members of executive Sub-Committees).
<u>Issuing of Points</u>	The County Master Points Secretary was asked to expedite in future as far as possible the issue of points certificates.
<u>Rules</u>	It was agreed to recommend to the next A.G.M. that rule 9 should be amended:- (a) that any notice of proposition for submission to an A.G.M. must be given to the Hon.Secretary not later than May 15th before the meeting and must be included in the written notice and agenda for such A.G.M. sent to members. (b) must be carried by a 2/3rd majority - those not present being able to vote by post to the Hon.Secretary on any such proposition.
<u>Tournaments</u>	After much discussion it was agreed that for each County event the Chairman and Hon. Secretary should appoint a Tournament Director,(who need not be a member of the Committee) who should be responsible for the way such event should be run.

<u>Torquay Congress</u>	It was agreed to defer discussion until after the meeting of the Congress Sub-Committee, which had been deferred through illness to a date shortly after the present Committee meeting.
<u>Programme</u>	for the 1959/60 Season was considered in detail and:- (a) owing to printing strike as little alteration to the format was essential
<u>Graphic Cup</u>	(b) If this continued to have large entries a different movement would have to be employed.
<u>Teams of Eight</u>	(c) It was agreed that any town or district could enter as many pairs <i>Teams</i> as it wished.
<u>Handicap Pairs</u>	(d) A new County event was approved and Mr.A.V.Morris was thanked for giving # prizes and agreeing to arrange details of handicapping.
<u>An Executive Sub-Committee</u>	was not considered necessary. Four County Committee meetings a year was not considered unreasonable, with all the matters that had to be discussed. The Hon.Secretary put forward for future consideration the idea that there should only be one Committee for the whole County with Sub-Committees, whose members should all be members of the County Committee for the N.E. and S.W. Sections and the Torquay Congress, and Exeter, Cornwall etc. as need arose. It was felt that this might well produce a County Committee unwieldy in size, but was an idea that needed further consideration.
<u>Signatures to Bank.</u>	It was agreed that the signature of the new Hon.Treasurer Mr.W.Parson should replace that of Mr.M.C.Young; that Col. R.L.Telfer be added; and the Hon.Secretary remain. That the account be transferred from Lloyds, Newton Abbot to Lloyds Plymouth, who be instructed to accept any 2 of the 3 signatures. <i>M.A.T. Vunzi 21/9/59</i>

Minutes of a County Committee Meeting held on Monday 21st September 1959 at 7.30 p.m. at the Plymouth Bridge Club.

Apologies

for Absence by Mr. F.C. Keyte who had to go to London
Mrs. G.S. Ali Khan was abroad.

The Late

Mr. J. Hurwitt The Chairman expressed the Committee's deep sense of loss
The Hon. Secretary stated that he had at once written to Mrs. Hurwitt.

Minutes of
the last
Meeting

held on 6th July 1959 were read, approved and signed.

Organisation
of Work

The Hon. Secretary reported that certain matters of records and payments of accounts and re-imbusement of members' expenses had been allowed to get seriously in arrears. The Hon. Treasurer expressed his regrets but pointed out that he had not effectively taken over until July. He gave his assurance that everything was now up to date and would be kept there.

Bank
Signatures

The Hon. Secretary pointed out that at the previous Committee Meeting, it had been decided to instruct the Bank to accept two out of three of the following:
the Hon. Treasurer, Col. R.L. Telfer, and himself.
The Hon. Treasurer promised to have the Hon. Secretary's signature added.

Activities
in Cornwall

The Hon. Secretary read his letter of 10th September 1959 to Perks & Jordan, and informed the Committee of present activities in that County. After discussion it was agreed to give D.C.C.B.A. members in Cornwall all assistance possible; it was thought that their numbers were far too few, and distances too great for them to be able to form a separate County Association. But if they wished to do so, the D.C.C.B.A. would put no obstacle in their way, but would in fact give them all possible friendly advice.

Master
Points
Credit

It was agreed to ask the Master Points Committee to release the sum of £18. 9. 0d standing to the credit of the D.C.C.B.A. for the purpose of buying a cup and providing further financial assistance to outlying districts.

Affiliated
Clubs Cup

After discussion it was agreed to hold this event as a handicap event. It was to be known as "Inter Club Handicap" Teams of 8, and to be held on Sunday 1st May 1960 at 2.15 p.m. at the Abbey Lawn Hotel, Torquay.

Rose Bowl

The Hon. Secretary pointed out that this date clashed with the N.E. Qualifying round of the Jack & Jill, but as so few players were involved, it was considered inevitable.

Camrose

The Hon. Secretary pointed out that the E.B.U. wished it to be known that Counties could invite these matches to be played in their area, and that the E.B.U. met 75% of the cost. It was decided to take no action.

Partners in
Different
Sections of
County

It was re-affirmed that in all County events, a partnership could comprise a player from each Section. If there were sectional heats, the partnership could play in either but not both.

Torquay
Congress

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(a) The accounts for the 1960 Congress submitted by Mr. F. Keyte, were approved.
(b) It was decided to ask him to include ex officio the County Hon. Treasurer on his Congress Committee.
(c) It was decided to leave the question of the signatures of the Congress Bank account until the next Committee meeting when Mr. F. Keyte could be present.

Hon.
Secretary's
Expenses

On 29th August 1959, the Hon. Secretary reported that in attending the Secretaries' Meeting at the E.B.U. he had incurred heavy expenses by travelling First-class with a sleeper. He asked for and received approval of this, and reported that in 1961, on his suggestion, the Meeting would not be held on a Saturday, nor in August.

The Meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Col. R.L. Telfer for the use of his room and his hospitality.

N.A.T. Vansin 2/1/60

Minutes of a County Committee Meeting held on Saturday 2nd January, 1960 at 8.0 p.m. at the Devonshire Bridge Club, Torquay.

<u>Present.</u>	<p>President - N.A.T. Vinson (in the chair)</p> <p>Mesdames F.L. Northcott, G.S. Ali Khan. A.V. Morris, Col. R.L. Telfer, W. Parson (Hon. Treasurer) John Hammond (Hon. Secretary).</p>
<u>Apologies for Absence,</u>	<p>Mr. W.G. Haydon sent apologies for absence owing to his wife's illness. Mr.F.C.Keyte.</p>
<u>Resignation</u>	<p>Mr. N.A. Watkinson had sent in his resignation owing to pressure of business. The Hon. Secretary was instructed to write expressing the Committees' great appreciation of his past services, and to ask Mr. or Mrs. F.H. Addison if one of them would be willing to be co-opted.</p>
<u>Minutes of the last Meeting</u>	<p>held on September 21st, 1959, were read and signed.</p>
<u>Attendance</u>	<p>Arising therefrom: a) In view of Rule 9 and other reasons, the Hon. Secretary was instructed to record those present at, as well as absent from, Committee Meetings.</p>
<u>Resignation of Hon. Treasurer.</u>	<p>b) Mr. W. Parson expressed his desire to resign as Hon. Treasurer, owing to pressure of work, and explained that the work had proved more onerous than he had anticipated.</p>
<u>Election of new Hon. Treasurer</u>	<p>c) The Committee accepted this with thanks for his past services and elected Mrs. F.L. Northcott to act at least until the end of the present year, and thanked her for stepping into the breach.</p>
<u>Congress Account Signature to Bank.</u>	<p>d) In view of Mr. Keyte's absence this was left until the next Committee Meeting.</p>
<u>Grant from Master Points Fund</u>	<p>The Hon. Secretary reported that the County's application had been deferred for further information which he had supplied.</p>

Consolidated
Accounts.

It was agreed that the Hon. Treasurer, who should have received all the Section's Accounts, should produce a Consolidated Statement of assets each year.

Cornwall

It was agreed to advance £5.0.0. for a float for a bank account to be opened in Cornwall, and to recommend to the A.G.M:-

- a) that the formation of a Cornish Section be approved.
- b) that such Section should have representation on the General Committee.
- c) that the name of the Association be changed to Devon and Cornwall Contract Bridge Association - all such changes be subject, of course, to approval of the E.B.U.

Drafting of
New Rules.

A Sub-Committee of the Chairman, Col. Telfer, and the Hon. Secretary was appointed to prepare a draft of new rules to incorporate these changes and to be sufficiently flexible to admit other similar changes without the necessity of further alterations, and to consider all such matters as could arise.

General
Activity.

in the County - The Hon. Secretary gave a brief report and stated that 12 Clubs were now affiliated.

Invitation
to
Players

It was agreed that Selectors should contact both players in a partnership, after one had agreed.

Complaint
against
Referee's
Action at
Eastbourne
Congress.

The complaint of a Member was fully discussed; it was felt that technically the Referee and Tournament Directors had acted within their rights and that no further action be taken.

Officials
paving
Entrance
Fees

It was held that this was not a County matter, and that any Section should do as it wished in the matter.

E.B.C.
1961.

The Hon. Secretary reported the position to date and the Committee instructed him to oppose at the E.B.U.

Council Meeting the holding on an E.B.U. Congress at Eastbourne or anywhere else in the Autumn of 1961; and to state that on the contrary they would welcome a National event at Torquay immediately after the Championship.

Torquay
Committee

of E.B.C: At the request of the E.B.C. Executive Committee, the County Committee elected:-

John Hammond.
Ald. J.F. Haarer.
Miss D. Bufland (as Hon. Secretary)

Publicity.

It was agreed to ask Mr. F.C. Keyte to keep the Press notified of Bridge events.

Registration

The County agreed to register under the Lotteries Act in case it was decided to run a local draw in aid of the E.B.C.

W.M.N.

The Hon. Secretary expressed his apologies for not having arranged all Byes in the 1st Round.

Tables.

It was agreed to explore the possibility of the County purchasing and storing bridge tables.

Vote of
Thanks:-

to the Devonshire B.C. was agreed for the use of their rooms.

N.A.T. Vusini 9/5/60

Minutes of a County Committee Meeting held on
Monday 9th May 1960 at 8.0 p.m. at the
Plymouth Bridge Club.

Present.

President - N.A.T. Vinson (in the chair)
Col. R.L. Telfer F.H. Addison,
F.C. Keyte, A.V. Morris, G.S. Haydon
E.J. Perks, H. Veerman
Mrs. F.L. Northcott (Hon. Treasurer)
John Hammond (Hon. Secretary).

Apologies
for
Absence

Mrs. G.S. Ali Khan who sent apologies
Mr. W. Parson.

The Chairman welcomed the new members of the Committee.

Minutes of
the last
Meeting

held on 2nd January 1960 were read and approved.

Signature
of the
Torquay
Congress

Arising therefrom:

a) Now that Mr. Keyte was present the matter was discussed and Mr. Keyte informed the Committee that he had seen the bank manager, who informed him that in the event of his (Mr. Keyte's) illness or demise the County Committee had merely to pass a resolution appointing another signature.

It was agreed to ask the Bank to confirm this in writing to the Hon. Sec. and also to change the title of the account to " D.C.C.B.A. - Torquay Congress Account" and to authorise the Bank to accept the signature of F.C.Keyte.

Grant from
Master
Points Fund

b) The Hon. Secretary reported that the second application had been successful and a sum of £18 odd received. In future granting of such sums would be automatic on formal application

Publicity

c) Mr. Keyte asked and was requested to keep the Western Morning News advised per N.A.T. Vinson of all N.E. results.

Rules

The draft of the new rules were fully discussed and various amendments made to the draft to be submitted to the A.G.M.

Accounts

The Hon. Treasurer stated that the Accounts were not yet ready but gave a brief resumé of the financial position from which it appeared that the County's financial position was unchanged on the year, after receiving £60 from the Torquay Congress Account.

Torquay
Congress

The Congress Hon. Secretary reported that attendance had been smaller, but that a profit of about £65 had been made - the accounts were now being audited.

Recommendations.

of Officers for 1960/61.

The Committee agreed to recommend to the A.G.M. the following:-

Chairman N.A.T. Vinson
Vice Chairman (under the new rules) Col. R.L. Telfer
Hon. Secretary John Hammond
Hon. Treasurer Mrs. F.L. Northcott

Both the Chairman and Hon. Secretary took the opportunity of expressing to her their great appreciation of the way she had taken this work in hand and the present excellent order of all records.

Tournament
Secretary

The appointment of such an officer for the 1960/61 year was suggested by the Hon. Secretary and agreed in principle.

Advising
Competitors

- of next opponents e.g. in W.M.N. - this question was deferred to the next Committee Meeting.

Local
Heats

The advisability of more local heats was also deferred.
Clashing of dates of events consideration also deferred.

Master
Points

Expediting issue also deferred.

Inter town
Teams of
Eight

The Hon. Secretary was advised that all players must belong to one town or district, as the case might be.

A.G. M.

Was fixed for Monday May 27th at 6.30 p.m. at the Plymouth Bridge Club - to be followed by a duplicate match for which only table money would be payable.

European
Bridge
Champion-
ships.

The Hon. Secretary reported that this was progressing well and that £53 had been raised by selling raffle tickets at the Torquay Congress, of which £8 had been donated to the World Refugee Fund and £45 remained in the hands of the Torquay Sub-Committee of the E.B.C. to meet current expenses.

Capitation
Fee

The Hon. Secretary reported that even when someone joined the D.C.C.B.A. whilst still a member of another Association capitation of 2/6 was payable to the E.B.U.

Congress
Licence

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to agree at the next E.B.U. Council Meeting to levy of 5/- per player at all licenced Congresses other than the E.B.U.'s own when £1 per player would be charged.

Master
Points Fund

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to agree to donate the allotment due for year to 31st March 1960 to the E.B.C. fund.

Master
Points

The Hon. Secretary asked for guidance to him as a member of the Master Points Sub-Committee on the Associations News as forming ranks above Master, which did not need "green" Master Points. The Committee favoured this.

Devonshire
Bridge
Club

The Hon. Secretary reported that this Club had decided not to charge for the use of their chairs and tables at County events held in the Abbey Lawn Hotel. The gesture was gratefully received.

Penalties

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to inform all Affiliated Clubs and Sections of the Committee's decision of

Indemnities

28 April 1959 to award average of minus or plus 10% of the top on the Board, taken to nearest whole figure


Vote of
Thanks :-

to Col. Telfer for the use of the room was carried.

N. A. S. V. 22/7/60

Minutes of an Association Committee Meeting held
on Friday 22nd July 1960 at 7.30 p.m. at the
Plymouth B.C.

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<p><u>Present</u></p>	<p>N.A.T. Vinson (in the Chair)</p> <p>Col. Telfer (Vice Chairman)</p> <p>Mrs. G.S. Ali Khan: Messrs. W.G. Haydon, D. Madge; A.V. Morris; H. Veerman; B.S. Gordon and Mrs. Ali Khan.</p> <p>Hon. Treasurer - Mrs. F.L. Northcott Hon. Secretary - John Hammond</p>
<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p>	<p>Were received from:</p> <p>F.H. Addison W.C. Parson W.G. Welch</p>
<p><u>Minutes of the previous Meeting</u></p>	<p>Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 9th May 1960 were read and with an alteration to the wording of the last resolution were approved and signed</p>
<p><u>Appointment of Hon. Tournament Secretary</u></p>	<p>The Chairman stated that it had been suggested that Mr. C.R. Haslam be appointed Hon. Tournament Secretary for the 1960/61 Season and asked the Hon. Secretary to express his views, which were that he himself had proposed it and that it would be a great relief to him by removing some of his work; it would also make for the better running of tournaments and competitions. Mr. C.R. Haslam was unanimously elected and asked to join the Committee Meeting forthwith.</p>
<p><u>Section Champion- ships</u></p>	<p>The question of whether competitions (such as the Hurwitt and Torbay Cups) should in future be restricted to members in a particular Section in view of the growth in the Association's membership was discussed at length.</p> <p>Whilst it was felt by some that this was a matter to be decided by the Section concerned, others felt that the Association should give a clear ruling if it did not favour restriction.</p> <p>The S.W. Section stated that they would continue the Hurwitt Cup as before and the North Eastern expressed the desire to consider the question again with regard to the Torbay Cup.</p>
<p><u>Partners in Different Sections</u></p> 	<p>Where two players were in different Sections and wished to play in a qualifying heat of the Torbay or Hurwitt Cups they must choose the heat or heats where the greater number of competitors <i>qualifiers</i> played.</p>

Selectors

Messrs. A.V.Morris & N.A.T. Vinson were chosen as Selectors for the Association and were requested to give full consideration to all remarks made at the A.G.M. on the question of Selection but were given full discretion.

Programme for 1960/61

Was considered in detail and fully discussed

E.B.C. Appeal

The Hon. Secretary reported that Geoffrey Fell was disappointed with the response from all counties and it was decided to send out a reminder with the 1960/61 programmes.

Affiliation

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Overseas League at Torquay had said they wished to affiliate and he was awaiting their written application.

Audit Fee

The Committee considered that it could no longer allow Mr. W.G.Haydon to carry ^{honorary} out the greatly extended audit now that a consolidated balance sheet was produced; and in his absence voted him an honorarium of ten guineas, the maximum he was willing to accept.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Col. Telfer for the use of the room and Mrs. Telfer for her hospitality.

N.A.T. Vinson
16/1/61