

At a Committee Meeting of the D.C.B.A. held at the Plymouth
Bridge Club on Monday the 22nd March, 1971, at 4.0pm.

Present: Mrs. B.K. Brown, Miss V. Heyden, Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. P.
Jones & Mrs. P. Hallett. N.A.T. Vinson, S. Johnson, F. Hastings-
James, H.R. Heyden, F.C. Keyte, Col. Teeple & S. Collins.

Apologies for absence from B. Doval & C. Haslam.

The Committee stood in memory of Geoffrey Heyden and
Charles Gemp.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & duly
approved.

A.G.M. The Annual General Meeting was fixed for Monday the
28th June, 1971, at 6.30pm.

MATCHES. Mrs. Hallett was instructed to write to S. Counties accepting
Sunday the 27th June, 1971, for the annual match. She was
also asked to write to the Somerset Secretary suggesting
the 23rd May & 13th June for their visit to Torquay. After some
discussion it was agreed that two members from the Devon &
Cornwall team entertain the visitors to lunch and that
the total cost for lunch & table money etc. be equally
divided between the team and then divided by two. This

final amount to be paid by the members of the home team & the away team next year.

CAMROSE
TRIALS

It was decided not to forward any names for the Pre-Camrose trials.

REPS.

The Committee also agreed to nominate W. Parsons & Haslam again as their representatives on the Council for 1971/72.

SUBS.

The Secretary agreed to remind all members about subscriptions or sending out notices of the A.G.M. pointing out that they were not eligible to play in any E.B.U. competition unless this was paid. A late fee to be charged if this was not paid by or on the date of the A.G.M. i.e. 25th June, 1971.

E.B.U.

RULES

The Committee instructed Mrs Hallett to write for half a dozen copies of the E.B.U. Rules for distribution to the sections and with a view to ascertaining any age limit laid down.

AUDITOR

It was agreed to ask Mr. Fry to audit the accounts for the current year ending 31st March, 1971.

BRIDGE

TALK.

Mr. Keefe announced that Joe Cusbury would be giving a bridge talk at the Torquay Bridge Club at 7.0 p.m. on Monday the 5th April, 1970. Tickets were 10p. each.

GREEN
POINTS

Mr. Rede again raised the question of the allocation of green points. The Committee instructed their representatives to take up the matter again with the Council and the Secretary was instructed to write ~~to~~ to Mrs Fleming making a formal protest and emphasising the strong feeling that the Torquay Congress should be permitted to issue Green Points.

PREMIUM
BONDS

Mr. Johnson stated that £50 has been received from the S.W. Section and a similar amount from Cornwall. Nothing had been received from the N.E. section however. Mr. Johnson was instructed to invest the £100 in premium bonds and elected as nominee & Mrs Hallett asked to write to the North Eastern Section pointing out the present position.

BERMAN
JAMES
COP

Several members eagerly stated that they had not enjoyed the Cornish Congress as much as in previous years and Mrs Brown & Mr. Collins stated how disappointed they personally had been in the way things had turned out and were sure better arrangements would be made in 1972.

There being no further business, Mr. Parson declared the meeting closed.

12.7.71

J.P. Parson

At a Committee Meeting of the ~~Reynolds~~ Bridge D.C.C.B.A
held on Monday, the 12th July, 1971, at 6.45 p.m.

Present: W. Paviour, S. E. Johnson, H. R. Haydon, A. Dival,
S. Coelings, C. Haslam, N. A. T. Vinson, Col. R. Telfer, Mrs.
H. R. Haydon, Mrs. D. Brown, Mrs. N. R. Rhead, Mrs. P. Jones,
Mrs. G. Ali Khan, & Mrs. P. B. Hallett.

Cepologues from Mr R. J. Holdar, Mrs. F. Keyte, & Mr. F. Hastings-
James

MINUTES: The minutes of the last meeting were read & duly
approved.

Arising out of the minutes, Mr Haslam said that at
the National Council would appreciate Devon & Cornwall
nominating at least one pair for the ^{Pro} Camrose Trials.

Mrs. Hallett stated that there were no E.B. Rules as
such and that a player of any age could participate
in duplicate bridge.

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
were read so that matters arising therefrom could be
dealt with.

The suggestion of Mr J. Prescott-Jay for a Victor

Indomina Cup be awarded was agreed to in principle but there was lengthy controversial discussion on the form the award would take. It became obvious that the matter would have to be given a great deal of thought & it was decided that no such award could be made for at least twelve months & that the matter be referred to sections for their suggestions & the committee to await further details from Mr. J. Percott-Day.

The suggestion that life members be appointed was rejected.

ELECTION

OPPOSITION The following were duly elected:

COMMITTEES: S.W. Section: Mr. H. R. Hayden with Mr. N. A. T. Vinson assisting.

N.E. Section: A. Doval with C. Islam assisting.

CORNWALL: S. Collings with Mrs. D. Brown assisting.

PREMIUM Mrs. Hallett apologised for mislaying the letter from Mrs

BONDS: Ali Khem which set out the N.E. section's views on the matter. After the point was again made that all monies held by them belonged to the County, Mr. S. Collings proposed that the N.E. Section forward £50 or more, from their funds, to the County Treasurer immediately for investment in Premium Bonds. Col. Telfer seconded this proposition & it was carried with two abstentions.

MEN'S TEAMS
OF FOUR:

Mr. Doral proposed that a Men's Teams of Four competition be held on the same date & to be run concurrently with the ladies' Teams of Four. This was seconded by Mr. Vinson and approved by the Committee.

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS:

Mr. Johnson asked for permission to purchase a further six card tables & this was granted.

TORQUAY

CONGRESS: Mrs. Jones suggested that a sum be allocated to the County Treasurer from the Torquay Congress each year but Mr. Johnson pointed out that he only requested money when it appeared that his balance might be overdrawn at the bank. Also Mr. Keyte needed a substantial sum of money in hand to run the Congress efficiently.

PRESIDENT'S

NOT:

Mrs. Hallett said she had accepted an invitation for D. & C. to send two pairs to compete in this competition again. The committee concurred.

There being no further business Mr. Pearson declared the meeting closed.

Mr. Pearson 13.3.72.

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the D.C.C.B.A. held at the Ripworth Budge Club on Monday, the 13th March, 1942, at 4.0 p.m.

Apologies from F.C. Kaye, R. Doval, Mrs. Leonard & R.J. Holden.

PRESENT: W.C. Pauson, C. Haslam, N.A.T. Vinson, S. Collins, S. Johnson, F. Hastings-James, H.R. Heydon, Col. R. Tedee, Mrs. P. Jones, Mrs. H.R. Heydon, Mrs. G. Ali Khan & Mrs. P.B. Hallett & Mrs. Brown.

MINUTES: The minutes of the last meeting were read and duly approved.

MATTERS ARISING: The suggestion of a Victor Hudson Cup was further discussed by the Committee. Several suggestions were put forward, but so many difficulties arose as to the nature of the award and the fairest way of making it, that it was left to the Chairman & the Secretary to collate suggestions from committee members before the next meeting & to decide whether a suitable ^{award} might be devised & whether all members of the association or a limited number be considered for such an award.

FRANCONIA BONDS Mrs. Jones presented Mrs. Johnson with a cheque for £50.

A.G.M. The Annual General Meeting was fixed for Monday, the 5th June, 1942.

WESTERN
MORNING NEWS
DISPUTE:

A dispute having arisen between two teams competing in the quarter final & the chairman being a member of one team, he vacated the chair temporarily & Mr. Collins presided. Col. Telfer informed the committee as to what had taken place & read several letters which had passed between himself & members of both teams. Mrs. Hallett also read a letter received from another member of one team. It was decided that the board had been fouled & should be played again. Col. Telfer was instructed to write to both teams in the following vein: The Torbay team must contact the Plymouth team by the 17th March offering three dates on or before the 25th March. Should they fail to do this, the Plymouth team would go through to the next round. On the other hand, should the Plymouth team fail to agree to play on any one of the three dates offered, the Torbay team would go through to the next round & the board was to be re-played at Plymouth. It was further resolved that the team wishing to play off the semi-finalist must play their match by the 19th April, 1972.

CHARITY
APPEAL:

A letter was received from Mrs. Cartwright about a further charity concert to be held in Korbourn and suggesting that Counties might like to run an extra event of their own. It was decided that no action be taken.

MASTER POINTS The award of ~~the~~ masterpoints at Hotel weekends
ALLOCATION: was deprecated by the Committee & Mrs Heyden was
asked to write further to Mrs Stavely on the matter.

DEVON. V. As this matter concerned Devon only a not Council.
CALVADOS Mr Collins proposed that the match be treated as a
private matter & it was left to Mrs Hallett & Col.
Telfer to make the necessary arrangements.

LEAGUE The date for the league final this year was fixed
FINAL: for Sunday, 23rd July, 1972, & because of the short
notice it was decided that for this year of amateur
members up in each section would be permitted
to participate should the winners find the date
unsuitable.

SHOW Mr Collins said they were constantly troubled
PLAY: by slow play and asked for remedies. Suggestions
were made by S. Johnson & Col. Telfer & Mr Collins
said he would bear them in mind.

EGGESFORD Mrs Jones said that the monthly teams of four held
TERMS: at Eggesford were now being held at the Turvey Bridge
Club. The next one was to be held at 2.15 pm on the
16th April next. Mrs Hallett was instructed to
put a notice on the board stating that any
teams from Plymouth would be welcome. As, of course,
would any teams from Cornwall.

EXPENSES: Mr. Johnson requested that Captains of teams playing in County events where travelling expenses were claimed be responsible for informing him of the amounts payable to respective members.

BALANCE SHEET: The amount at the bank stood at £115, but the Treasurer pointed out that £200 had been forwarded from the Torquay Congreg funds and without this the account would show a deficit.

MEMBERS: The Treasurer stated that at the present time there were 429 fully paid up members.

MASTER POINTS: Col Telfer stated that the scale of victor points for the league issued in future comply with those adopted by the F.B.U.

OFFICERS: The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer & Tournament Director, indicated their willingness to serve for a further year should they be re-nominated.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

W.P. Mason 10.7.72.

At a Committee meeting of the D.C.C.B.A. held at the Plymouth
Bridge Club on Monday, 10th July, 1912. 72

PRESENT: Mrs. ^{Mrs. Howard} Huxley, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Ali Khan, Mrs.
Hallett, Col. Telfer, C. Coelings, F. Hastings, James, N.A. Vinson,
C.R. Hadlaw, S.E.H. Johnson, F. Huxley & W.E. Parson.

Apologies for absence from A. Dival & R. J. Holden. ~~and~~

MINUTES: The minutes of the last Committee meeting were read and
duly approved, also those of the A.G.M.

MATTERS It was decided to discuss details for a Victor Hudson
ARISING award at the end of the meeting.

THEREFROM: Regarding the W.M.N. Cup ~~dispute~~ it was agreed that casual
rounds should not be zoned - and that all disputes and rulings
should be put before Col. Telfer and that an appeals
committee consisting of the chairman of each section be
set up in order that he might consult them should he
so desire - and any parties concerned in such matters
should also have the right of appeal there also concerning
any decision made by Col. Telfer. In the event of a
member of the appeals committee being concerned in a
dispute or not being available either the Treasurer or
Secretary of the section concerned be permitted to take
a place on the Appeals Committee.

SECRETORS: The following members were elected: - Secretary of Club
S.W. Section: Mrs. H.R. Haydon assisted by Mrs. P.B. Howard.
N.E. Section: C.R. Hadam assisted by F. Stone
Council: S.F. Collins assisted by Mrs. D. Brown.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Johnson stated that all the major team events had made a loss. It was agreed to raise the entry fee to £2 for teams of four & £4 for teams of eight competitors.

With reference to the use made by the Continental Hotel of tables and boards it was left to Mr. Johnson to negotiate some reasonable settlement with the Hotel.

NOTICE

AGENDA

CUP:

Mr. Hadam presented a points system to include the S.W. Pairs, Graphic Cup, Veerman-Jones, Jacks Full and the Ladies and Men's teams of four competitions. These were open to all members. The W.M. News Cup also to be included and a discussion of the award of points here resulted in a decision to award 6^{or 4} points for each win depending on the number of rounds.
Mr. Collins agreed to look into the question of a trophy at a cost of about £40. D. Howard to be asked to keep the points correct.

Mr. Haydon said that D.M. Howard was holding trials in July and August and any teams from other sections would be welcome if they wished to participate.

There being no further business, Mr. Parson declared
the meeting closed.

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W Parson

At a Committee Meeting of the D.C.C.B.A. held at the Roselior Hotel, Torquay, at 11.0 a.m. on Sunday, 4th Feb. 1973.

Present: Mrs. Daniel Jones, Ali Khan & Hallett, W.E. Paviour,
S.K. Johnson, C.R. Haslam, N.A. Johnson, F.E. Keyle,
R. Holder, S. Collings & R. Telfer.

Apologies: Mrs. D. Brown, Mrs. N. Leonard, Mrs. H.R. Hayden,
A. Dural & D. Howard.

MINUTES: The minutes of the last meeting were read and duly approved.

MATTERS: Mr. Collings stated that he had the opportunity of
ARISING: purchasing a nice cup at a Victor Ludorum Trophy for
THEREFROM: around £30. He was instructed to have it engraved
"D.C.C.B.A. Victor Ludorum Cup" and to purchase a
plinth with silver band if necessary. Mrs. Hallett was
requested to ascertain that Mr. Howard was keeping a
check of points.

Mr. Johnson stated that the ^{Continental} Hotel had provided
accommodation to the value of around £15 free, in
return for the loan of bridge equipment. He stated
that the accounts stood at about £25 in credit at
the present moment.

Mrs. Jones promised to let members have dates of

the remaining team events to be held at Exeter +
Torquay on Sundays.

TOWNMEETING
1973: Mrs Hallett had written to Mrs Fleming voicing
complaints ^{about} the ~~venue~~ ^{food} + playing facilities at
the Bristol Hotel. After a meeting she had
written stating that this year it would be held
at the Bristol Bridge Club + players could make
their own arrangements about accommodation.

TOWNMEETING
1972: A letter was read from Mr Percott-Day in which
he had withdrawn from the team for what the
Committee considered to be unacceptable reasons.
It was proposed and carried by a majority of 6-2
with three abstentions that Mr Percott-Day + his
partner Mr K Gee be banned from playing in
County events for the next two years.

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS: Mrs Jones stated that because of the restrictions
imposed on the selection of 'A' + 'B' teams it was
very difficult to raise a 'B' team. Col. Taffer +
Mr Holden concurred + it was unanimously decided
that the restrictions be withdrawn next year.

Mr Keyte said that he felt there must be a
simple method of paying ^{for} entries to the W.M.N. Cup

other than by having to make payments for
every round. The feet on entry fees by all teams
should produce the same sum or thereabouts. Col.
Teffer was asked to report on how much he would
receive from the competition this year.

As Mr Pason's term of office in the chair was
nearly over, the Vice-Chairman, Mr S Collings
expressed his willingness to take over as Chairman.
Mr Kayle was agreeable to becoming Vice-Chairman.
The A.G.M. was fixed for Monday.

There being no further business Mr Pason
declared the meeting closed.

Stalling
9.7.73.

Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the D.C.C.B.A. held at the Plymouth Bridge Club on Monday, 9th July 1973 at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Haydon, Mrs. Ali Khan, Mr. Duval, Mr. Haslam, Mr. Vinson, Mr. Hastings-James, Col. Telfer, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Collings, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Leonard, Mr. Howard, Mrs. Drew.

APOLOGIES: Mr. Keyte

MINUTES: The minutes of the last committee meeting were read and approved.

MATTERS ARISING: Victor Ludorum Cup

The Victor Ludorum Cup had been purchased and presented to this year's winner. Mrs. Bridgewater to hold the cup for the first six months and Mr. Hastings-James for the second. After a discussion on the scoring it was decided that the awarding of points would continue as before with the exception of the Ladies' and Men's Teams, the points for which would be calculated on a percentage basis.

Western Morning News Entry Fees.

Col. Telfer reported that he thought it a very good suggestion to pay an overall entry fee for this competition, which would save a good deal of work. It was decided that entry fees should be £2. per team.

A.G.M. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting were read.

Inter-Area Teams of Eight

It was decided to revert to the old system of selection whereby Plymouth, Torbay and Exeter were split geographically. The competition would then provide for the following:

Exeter - 2 teams
North Devon - 1 team
Plymouth - 2 teams (with the main Tavistock Road as the boundary)
Cornwall - 3 teams
Exeter University - 1 team (as and when available)
Torbay - 2 teams

It was left to the sections to organise their own geographical divisions.

SWISS TEAMS: Col. Telfer was asked to look into the possibility of having this as a special event next year.

HON. LIFE MEMBERS: It was decided to put to the next Annual General Meeting a written suggestion by Mr. Pescott-Day that life members of the County Association be elected.

MR. J. PESCOTT-DAY and Mr. K. SLEE: A special committee consisting of the Chairman, Col. Telfer, Mr. Hastings-James, Mr. Duval and the Hon. Secretary was appointed, with powers to act as they thought fit, to see both Mr. Pescott-Day and his partner, Mr. Slee. The Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to them suggesting two dates, the 23rd and 30th July at the Plymouth Bridge Club at 9 p.m.

DUTY OF SELECTORS: Mr. Hastings-James put forward his views on the duties and responsibilities of the county selectors. A general discussion followed but no formal proposal was placed before the Committee.

ELECTION OF SELECTORS: The following members were elected:

S.W. Section:	Mrs. Haydon assisted by Mrs. Hallett
N.E. Section:	Mr. Haslam assisted by Mr. Keyte
Cornwall:	Mrs. Brown assisted by Mr. Truscott

PRESIDENTS POT: A letter had been received from the Bristol Club inviting us to send two pairs again this year. The Selection Committee were dealing with the request.

EUROPEAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS 1975: It was decided not to run a '100 Club' scheme, but that each section would make their own arrangements for raising £50 towards the appeal for funds for the 1975 European Championship, to be held at Brighton.

SCORING OF TEAM EVENTS: Mr. Duval mentioned the different methods of scoring in competitions. It was decided to keep to the EBU recommendations.

PACING OF DUPLICATE BOARDS: It was a matter for the individual Tournament Directors concerned to see that contestants kept the board in the middle of the table to minimise misboarding.

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE: The question was raised of the retiring Chairman being a member of the Committee for one year after his term of office. As there were only four members from each section on the committee it was not possible for him to come on automatically. Mr. Hastings-James undertook to raise the matter at the next A.G.M. In the meantime Cornwall kindly suggested the ex-Chairman be co-opted to fill one of the places on the Committee at present at their disposal. This offer was accepted.

MRS. HALLETT: A letter was read from Mrs. Hallett expressing appreciation of the gift presented to her at the Annual General Meeting.

MRS. VINSON: The Committee proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Vinson for so kindly looking after the refreshments.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

A. L. Gallings
2/11/73.

Minutes of a Special Sub-Committee Meeting of the D.C.C.B.A. held at the Plymouth Bridge Club on Monday, 23rd July 1973 at 9 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. Hastings-James (in the Chair); Colonel Telfer; Mrs. Drew

1. The Sub-Committee interviewed Mr. Pescott-Day and Mr. Slee separately and each was invited to give his explanation of their joint refusal to play in the Devon ^{team} selected for the 1972 Tollemache cup as contained in a letter written by Mr. Pescott-Day.
2. During the course of the proceedings it was established that the letter had been written with the full approval of Mr. Slee.
3. Under examination by the Chairman both parties admitted that their actions had been misconceived and gave assurances that their conduct would not be repeated. Furthermore, both parties stated that they had intended no personal affront to the County selectors or the Committee and both apologised if their actions had been so interpreted.
4. After consideration of the evidence the Sub-Committee decided that both Mr. Pescott-Day and Mr. Slee had acted thoughtlessly, but that their basic motives had been those of loyalty to the County.
5. Mr. Pescott-Day and Mr. Slee were then jointly recalled before the Sub-Committee when the Chairman informed them that after full consideration it had been decided that each was reprimanded for their conduct but that no further action would be taken.

The Sub-Committee's proceedings closed at 10.20 p.m.

Sub-Committee's Recommendation

In view of the events which led to their appointment and the result of these proceedings your Sub-Committee recommends that in future the Committee should always hear the evidence of all parties in cases involving disciplinary proceedings.

J. Hastings-James

Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the D.C.C.B.A. held at the Plymouth Bridge Club on Monday, 17th September 1973 at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. Haslam (in the Chair) Col. Telfer, Mrs. Haydon, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Drew

APOLOGIES:

Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Duval, Mr. Howard, *Mr. Collins Mrs. Altham*
Mr. Kyle

The Committee met to consider a written protest by Mr. Ronald Bruce that his team had been excluded from the Western Morning News Cup because he had omitted to put in his entry in time owing to his failing to receive the D.C.C.B.A. Calendar .

Colonel Telfer explained the situation, and Mrs. Haydon mentioned that she had personally handed the envelope to Mr. Bruce containing the Plymouth Congress entry forms and felt sure she would have noticed if the bulky calendar had not been included.

Mr. Haslam said that he had consulted the committee members of the N.E. Section and had also spoken to the Cornwall members, and they were unanimous in saying that they felt the team should not be included.

Proposed by Mr. Johnson and Seconded by Colonel Telfer, that a letter be sent to Mr. Bruce deeply regretting the fact that his entry couldn't be accepted. This proposal was carried by a majority vote.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.5 p.m.

A. Haslam
17/9/1973

Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the D.C.C.B.A. held at the Continental Hotel, Plymouth, on Sunday, 4th November 1973 at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. Collings, Mrs. Ali Khan, Mr. Duval, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Hastings-James, Mr. Haslam, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Holden, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Keyte, Mr. Vinson, Mr. Brown, Mr. Howard, Mr. Parson, Mrs. Drew.

APOLOGIES:

Mrs. Haydon, Col. Telfer. *Mr. Leonard*

MINUTES: The minutes of the last Committee Meeting were read and approved.

MATTERS European Bridge Championships 1975

ARISING: It was proposed by Mr. Duval and seconded by Mr. Vinson and Mr. Keyte that £100 should be donated to the fund now and the situation reviewed again next year.

Swiss Teams

Colonel Telfer was still looking into the possibility of having these next year, although it was reported that they were not now so popular.

Presidents Pot

Only one pair, Mr. Beard and Mr. Howard had represented the County in the Presidents Pot this year, as last-minute sickness had prevented Mr. Truscott and Mr. Pentecost from attending.

SOUTHERN
COUNTIES
MATCH

It had been suggested that the Southern Counties match should be held at Dorchester this year to minimise travelling. The matter was left in abeyance to be discussed at the next meeting.

SPECIAL
SUB-
COMMITTEE
MEETING

The minutes of the Special Sub-Committee Meeting in connection with Mr. Pescott-Day and Mr. Slee were read and approved. Mr. Collings thanked Mr. Hastings-James for taking the chair in his absence, and the other members of the Committee.

WESTERN
MORNING
NEWS CUP -
LATE
ENTRIES

The minutes of the Special Committee Meeting in connection with late entries for the Western Morning News Cup were read and approved.

MASTER
PAIRS
COMPETITION

After a discussion on limiting the entry to the Master Pairs Competition to two or three star masters, and the suggestion by Mr. Johnson that a section Master Pairs event should be a qualifying round for the County Master Pairs, the matter was left to be considered again at the next meeting, after discussion among the Section Committees.

ENTRY FEES

Mr. Haslam explained that before the programme committee met next year some direction must be given about increasing entry fees for the main competitions. Mr. Johnson outlined the expenses involved, and said that the County runs at a loss. Mrs. Brown proposed that an Extraordinary General Meeting be held during the interval of the Graphic Cup on the 3rd February at Torquay and that a proposition be put by the Committee that the Annual Subscription to the D.C.C.B.A. be increased to £1 plus the amount required by the E.B.U., which was at present 25p.

Seconded by Mr. Howard. Mr. Duval said he thought this increase was far too great. Mr. Johnson proposed that the subscription be 75p. plus whatever the E.B.U. required. Seconded by Mrs. Ali Khan. Amendment carried.

CLUB EVENTS
IN N.DEVON

Mr. Keyte kindly offered to look into the matter and get in touch with N. Devon members.

PAYMENT OF
EXPENSES FOR
D.C.C.B.A.
REPRESENTATIVE
EVENTS

It was decided to make a retrospective payment to the two representatives at the Presidents Pot in September of the second class return railway fare to Bristol, and to pay the rail fare in future years. The question of future hotel expenses to be kept under review.

SELECTION
POLICY

It was emphasised that the players who were selected for County Events were the best we had available - subject to the fact that as we can't win now we should try to win in another three or four year's time - with a bias towards the younger players.

FINANCE

On a query from Mrs. Jones, on the financial situation of the Association, Mr. Johnson explained that there were five separate accounts. The North East; the South West; the Cornwall section; the Congress Account and the D.C.C.B.A. There was a loss in the D.C.C.B.A. account only - taking it all together there was a profit.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.15 p.m.

Johns
20/10/74

Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the D.C.C.B.A. held in the Plymouth Bridge Club on Monday, 20th May 1974 at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. Keyte (in the Chair), Mr. Hasting-James, Mr. Vinson, Mr. Haslam, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Parson, Mr. Duval, Col. Telfer, Mrs. Ali Khan, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Howard, Mrs. Drew

APOLOGIES:

Mr. Collings, Mr. Brown, Mr. Holden.

MINUTES: The minutes of the last Committee Meeting were read and approved.

MATTERS ARISING: European Bridge Championships 1975
It was proposed by Mrs. Ali Khan and seconded by Mr. Duval that £200 should be sent to the fund now. Mr. Keyte agreed to transfer the money from the Congress Account and Mr. Johnson would then send off a cheque.

Swiss Teams

It was agreed to get advice from either Mr. Franklin or Mr. Westbrook, and to inquire into the cost of running either a one-day or two-day event. The Committee to discuss again at their next meeting.

Southern Counties

It was decided to revert to the original system whereby the match was played at Torquay and Bournemouth in alternate years. We would then choose the best team we could and each member would pay 50p., the balance to be subsidised by the County.

Master Pairs

Proposed by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Haslam that there should be section qualifying heats in the three areas open to all masters, and the winners to go forward to the final. This was carried.

Club Events in North Devon

Mr. Keyte said he had been in contact with the club and all was well.

PROPOSED FRENCH VISIT:

Mr. Haslam explained that there had been great difficulty in arranging the French visit this year. After a discussion, Mr. Duval kindly undertook to complete the arrangements and to contact Dr. Berl.

TORQUAY CONGRESS SECRETARY:

Mr. Keyte said that he was resigning after twenty years as Secretary of the Torquay Congress. It was agreed that he should approach Mr. Welsh to see if he would be willing to take over, and to ask Mrs. Bell if she would act as his Assistant.

PRE-CAMROSE TRIAL: It was agreed that the county should not pay the fare and expenses for this event, and that Messrs. Michael Allen and Warner Solomon should be nominated for consideration by the Selection Committee.

SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS EVENT:

It was agreed that the County should run a Simultaneous Pairs Event in the three sections in aid of the European Bridge Championships - the date to be fixed when the Calendar was prepared.

HANDICAPPED TEAMS: Mrs. Jones queried whether it was in order for each club to send more than one entry. It was confirmed that each club could send as many teams as they wished.

WESTERN MORNING NEWS CUP:

Mrs. Leonard queried the nomination of reserves for the Western Morning

News Cup. According to the rules in the Programme it was not necessary to nominate reserves.

EXPENSES:

Mr. Haslam suggested that with the high cost of petrol members attending meetings should have their expenses reimbursed. The members for Cornwall said that this was already being done in their section. It was decided that claims should be dealt with by the Section Treasurers.

There being no further business Mr. Keyte declared the meeting closed.

A. Galloway
12.7.74.

Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the D.C.C.B.A. held on Friday, 12th July 1974 at the Plymouth Bridge Club at 6.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr. Collings (in the Chair), Mr. Haslam, Mrs. Ali Khan, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Leonard, Mr. Hasting-James, Mr. Parson, Mr. Howard, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Duval, Mr. Vinson, Col. Telfer, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Haydon, Mrs. Drew

Apologies: Mrs. Brown, Mr. Keyte.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the last committee meeting were read and approved.

MATTERS ARISING:

French Visit

Mr. Duval explained the reasons for the cancellation of the French visit and the Chairman requested that the matter should now be dealt with privately. Mr. Duval suggested a sub-committee of the interested parties should be appointed. Mr. Duval, Colonel Telfer and Mr. Rey were given powers to act.

European Bridge Championships

Mr. Johnson said that he had received a letter from Mr. Scully thanking the D.C.C.B.A. for their contribution of £200. Mrs. Ali Khan asked that a copy of his letter should be circulated to all affiliated clubs.

Torquay Congress Secretary:

Mrs. Ali Khan said that the Palace Hotel had been booked until 1976 and that the North East Section had the matter in hand. Mr. Keyte would still continue until his successor took over. Mr. Haslam reported that at the Torquay Congress Committee Meeting it was decided that Mr. Welch be approached to act as Congress Secretary. Mrs. Ali Khan would deal with the entries and Mrs. Bell would act in a secretarial capacity.

Swiss Teams

It was hoped to hold this event in Plymouth on Sunday, 3rd November. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Duval volunteered to assist and the Chairman thanked them for their offer.

Honorary Life Members

Mr. Hasting-James pointed out that the rules would have to be altered to allow for Honorary Life Members and he agreed to draw up a draft rule for the next Annual General Meeting.

Victor Ludorum Cup

The Committee considered a proposal by Mrs. Bridgewater that the qualifying events for the Victor Ludorum Cup should be altered. It was unanimously agreed that Crockfords should be dropped and that the Dorothy Lang And Congress Cups be added. It was decided that Colonel Telfer should present the Cup to John Beard, this years winner, at the Griffiths Cup Match.

Western Morning News Rules

It was decided that teams of six, with no reserves, and teams of four with two nominated reserves could be entered for the Western Morning News Cup. They would play 4 sets of 10 boards, and the final would consist of 4 sets of 12 boards. Mr. Hasting-James pointed out that there should be an addition to the rules for teams of six - if so entered a team may rotate the players at the end of any set of boards. No team of six should be allowed reserves. This was carried and left to Mr. Haslam to incorporate.

ELECTION OF SELECTORS:

Mrs. B.L. Brown assisted by Mr. A.C. Brown.
Mrs. Haydon assisted by Mr. Howard
Mr. Haslam assisted by Mr. Duval.

DIRECTORS' SEMINAR

Mr. Haslam said that Somerset were anxious to arrange some instruction for Tournament Directors and suggested ~~that~~ a 1-day Seminar at Taunton. It was suggested that the County should send 4 Directors from each section, paying the cost of petrol, and if anyone else was interested they could attend at their own expense.

CORNWALL GRANT

It was proposed by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Colonel Telfer that Cornwall should be paid a grant of £50 to reimburse Mr. Collings for his loan over the last twelve months.

TOLLEMACHE

Mr. Howard said that it had been suggested by Mr. Allen that the Tollemache team should be chosen much earlier in order that the team had the opportunity of match practices - The Committee suggested that the team should be picked before the end of September.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.04 p.m.

J. Key
19/5/75

At a special meeting of the D.D.C.B.A. Committee on 16th August 1974, it was unanimously agreed that an account be opened at Lloyds Bank Ltd. Walnut Road, Chelston, Torquay, and that the bank be instructed to honour and debit to the account of the Torquay Bridge Congress, provided all cheques, drafts etc. are signed by the Congress Secretary and the Congress Entries Secretary. The bank also to be provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the D.C.C.B.A.

Present: Mr. Collings, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. AliKhan, Mrs. Jones,
Mrs. Drew.

Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the D.C.C.B.A held on Monday, 19th May 1975 at the Plymouth Bridge Club at 6.45 p.m.

Present. F.C. Keyte (in the chair) Mesdames Leonard, P. Jones, Ali Khan, Brown, Haydon; Messrs Vunison, Johnson, Brown, Howard, Hastings - James, Parsons, Duval & Col. Telfer.

Apologies Messrs Collings & Haslam

Minutes The minutes of the last committee meeting were read & approved

Matters Arising

1. Swiss Teams - these were very popular & it was decided to repeat them next year as an extra event

2. Hon. life members. F. Hastings-James asked to draw up details of rules for the appointment of Hon. life members.

3. Director's Seminar - no further details provided. Secretary to enquire of Somerset Secretary for details, if any.

Jack Gordon Trophy.

Cornwall section invited N.E. & S.W. Sections to run heats in Torquay & Plymouth respectively. Dates preferred Sunday 7th & 14th Sept.

Inter-section Teams of 12.

Suggested by Cornwall section that the venue for "A" & "B" team matches between Cornwall & N.E. Section should be Plymouth. It was agreed that ~~these matches should be held as at present for next year~~ & that the Committee should discuss the problem for future years.

D.C.C.B.A v Somerset To be held at Torquay B.C. on

Sunday 22nd June 1975

Torquay Congress Secretary

W. Welch confirmed as Secretary of the Torquay Congress assisted by Mrs Ali Khan & Mrs Bell.

2) Notification of A.G.M.

Agreed that, in view of the cost of postage it would be sufficient to have notification notices of the A.G.M. displayed on club notice boards.

Accounts for year 1974/5

Hon. Treasurer reported a satisfactory year with a profit of approx. £1.70

Western Morning News Cup

F. Hastings - James suggested heats to be over 32 boards, Semi-Final over 40 boards & Final over 48 boards. Carried to next Committee meeting

National Pairs Heat at Plymouth 1974/5

Col. Telfer mentioned the problem of breaking a tie, one pair disagreeing with his decision. After correspondence with the E.B.U. Secretary it was decided to conform with E.B.U. method of breaking ties.

League Final. Mrs. Haydon suggested that there should be 2 teams from each section - the final, the winners playing - the Pachabo Cup.

W.M. News Draw. Suggested that it should be regionalised

S.W. Pairs Qualifying Round. Should be on different dates for different sections.

Decided to discuss the last 3 items at the next Committee meeting

F. Hastings - James informed the committee of his intention to retire from the committee. The chairman expressed a hearty vote of thanks to Frances Hastings - James for the services given over a very long period of years.

Expenses for National Pairs Final

The Chairman brought up this point, but it was decided not to allow expenses

3) Retiring Treasurer, Secretary & Tournament Secretary

It was decided to make presentations to S. Johnson
Mrs Drew & Col. Telfer for their services as holders
of the above offices at the next A.G.M.

Meeting closed at 9.22 p.m.

A. Halling
4 July 1975

Committee Meeting Held At Plymouth Bridge Club

on Friday 4th July, 1975 at 6. 45 p. m.

Apologies

Mesdames: P. Jones - D. Brown - C. Hooper.

Messrs : F. Keyte - N. A. T. Vinson.

Present

S. F. Collings (Chairman) A. Duval (Secretary)

Mesdames: AliKhan - Haydon - Leonard.

Messrs : C. Haslam - S. Johnson - J. Beard -

M. Allen - A. Brown - Col. Telfer - W. Welch (in officio)

Tournament Sec:

Mr. Miners having withdrawn, Col. Telfer proposed and Mr. Johnson seconded W. Greenwood. Carried Unanimously.

W. Greenwood invited to join the Meeting.

Minutes of previous Committee Meeting - Read and Signed.

Matters Arising

(a) Swiss Teams. Date Fixed - 30th November, 1975.

(b) Hon Life Members. Committee Members to suggest names to Secretary for next Meeting.

(c) J. Gordon Trophy Heats to be held by S. W. and N. E. Sections - Agreed.

(d) Inter - Section teams of 12. Recommended that this be a 3 team competition at Plymouth B. C. The Club acting as hosts since they would not travel "A" and "B" teams to play on different dates.

Mr. Haslam asked if Cornwall were thinking of breaking away. "The Chairman said not at present."

(e) D.C.C.B.A. v Somerset (+ 56) J. Beard proposed and Mr. Allen seconded that this match should be cancelled in view of the poor quality of the away teams. - Defeated.

Recommended that a verbal discussion should take place between the respective Secretaries regarding the quality of the away teams.

Recommended that the Tournament Secretary should be notified of the results of all inter-county matches..

Proposed by M. Allen and seconded by J. Beard that the Secretary communicates with other association with a view of holding teams of eight matches at a venue approximately halfway. Carried.

(f) League final. Proposed by M. Allen and seconded by A. Brown that it should be continued as 1 team per section. Ammendment. Proposed by C. Haslam, Seconded J. Beard that there should be two teams per section.

Amendment defeated - proposition carried.

Proposed by G. Ali Khan, Seconded A. Duval that the

D.C.C.B.A. should provide a suitable trophy - Carried.

(g) W. M. News draw should be regionised. No proposer so matter dropped.

(h) W. M. News number of boards. Proposed M. Allen - seconded A. Duval that all rounds except the final should be of 40 boards in sets of eight. Final should be of 48 boards in sets of eight.

Addendum - Proposed J. Beard - Seconded A. Brown that if both Captains agreed a match - 32 boards - sets of eight for all rounds except semi-final and final proposition and addendum carried.

Proposed C. Haslam - seconded A. Brown that the first round should be played by all teams at a fixed venue on a fixed date at a weekend. Defeated

Matters Arising From A.G.M.

(a) S. W. Pairs heats. Agreed to have section heats on different dates.

(b) "B" Grade tournament directors. Letter from J. Beard read out and a letter from E.B.U. - reply to a letter from the Secretary on subject of "B" tournament directors read out.

Proposed by C. Haslam and seconded by the Chairman that J. Beard be nominated for a seminar for tournament directors run by the E.B.U. - August and that he should be allowed full expenses - Carried.

C. Haslam stated that the E.B.U. only nominated persons as "B" grade directors if they were prepared to assist with tournaments in other parts of the Country.

(c) E.B.U. Quarterly - D.C.C.B.A. Omission from preface to players ratings. Secretary stated that E.B.U. had been notified.

(d) Updating D.C.C.B.A. rules. Secretary to attend.

Selectors

Nominated by sections as follows:-

Cornwall	-	A. Brown and Mrs. D. Brown.
S. West	-	Mrs. Hayden and J. Beard
N. East	-	C. Haslam and A. Duval.

Accepted by the Committee.

Delegates to the E.B.U. C. Haslam and J. Beard proposed by S. Johnson and seconded by Chairman.,

Expenses Allowed - 2nd Class rail and subsistence ^{to the value of £2} if necessary proposed by S. Johnson. Seconded by Chairman.

Association Secretary's Meeting at E.B.U. H.Q.,

The Secretary to attend.

President's Pot Approved that 2 pairs attend.

D.C.C.B.A. Treasurer Elected Treasurer resigned.

Proposed A. Duval and seconded S. Johnson that J. Woolcott be elected to the office. Carried unanimously.

A.A. O. B.

Letter from Mrs. A. Drew. thanking the association for the gift of flowers read out.

Cup for the Ladies Teams A cup loaned from the P.B.C. to the D.C.C.B.A. for the Ladies Teams lost in 1974. Proposer S. Johnson, seconded M. Allen that a spare cup be purchased from the P.B.C. for the Ladies Teams. Carried.

E.B.U. Council Meetings. C. Haslam emphasised certain new rules.

1. Initial Leads - face down until partner approves - clubs should put up notices about this.
2. E.B.U. Subscriptions to be increased.
3. E.B.U. Secretary's car provided by E.B.U. but Secretary's salary reduced by £900.00 to pay for it.
4. Teacher training 'E' level certificate to be introduced.

Graphic Cup - Proposed M. Allen that this should be run as a Swiss Teams event. After discussion this was defeated.

Selection D.C.C.B.A. Team for Tellemarch Cup - M. Allen not satisfied with the selection - he thought it should be based on a series of trials. Agreed that this was a good idea but very difficult to organise. R. L Telfer thought that selectors had the best idea of the best players.

After some discussion the Chairman ruled that the matter should close and be left to the next Committee Meeting.

Vote of thanks proposed by R.L. Telfer to the Chairman.

MEETING CLOSED 9.20 .M.

J. Keyes Chairman
5/6/74

Emergency Committee Meeting Held at the Continental
Hotel on Sunday 30th Nov. 1975

1. Apologies for absence - Mrs. D. Brown,
2. Cutty Sark/Torquay Bridge Club Congress Nov. 1976.
C. Haslam and W. Welch explained the sponsorship and
the financial implications of the proposed congress.

Free discussion followed in which the reason for the
date, the effect on the Plymouth Congress, financial
gain for the Torquay B.C. participation mainly by non
D.C.C.B.A. players.

It was explained that the Torquay B. C. badly needed
the money in view of their enforced move from their
present premises.

After a long discussion John Beard proposed and Mike
Allen seconded the motion that the D.C.C.B.A. give consent
for this sponsored congress to be run by the Torquay B.C.
The situation being reviewed each year.

The motion was carried, none against, 3 abstentions.

Key
Chairman
5/7/76