

Emergency Committee Meeting held at St. Remo Hotel on  
Sunday 18th February, 1976

Minutes.

1. Increased subscriptions.

Minutes referring to increased subscriptions of Emergency Committee meeting in 2nd February 1974 read out.

Details of new levy by E.B.U. given by Treasurer.

Proposed by Mrs. Ali Khan - seconded by F. Keyte that D.C.C.B.A. SUB. to be £2.00 which includes £1. levy to E.B.U.

Passed Unanimously.

Club subscription to E.B.U. to be £3.00 the whole going to the E.B.U. Proposed by F. Keyte, seconded M. Allen.

Passed unanimously.

2. Controversy at Swiss Teams 30th November, 1975.

Letter from R. Parkins read complaining about the behaviour of D. Howard and J. Beard.

Chairman invited J. Beard to reply.

J. Beard described his method of play. He explained that the score entered on the card was correct, not as R. Parkins stated.

Ch. Haslam suggested that there was no need to discuss anything but the hesitation incident. He regretted the incident completely as he was one of R. Parkins' team.

M. Allen proposed and C. Haslam seconded that a sub-committee be formed to deal with the matter. Agreed.

Decided to hold a sub-committee meeting comprising the Chairman, the Secretary and S. Johnson who ran the Swiss Teams Event during the Inter-section teams of 8 on Sunday 14th March, 1976.

  
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Sub-Committee Meeting held at Continental Hotel  
on Sunday, 14th March, 1976

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MINUTES

Letter from R. Parkins complaining of the behaviour of D. Howard and J. Beard at the Swiss Teams Event on Sunday 30th November, 1975. Read out and discussed.

Letter from D. Howard on same subject read out and discussed.

J. Beard and D. Howard invited to give their version of the hesitation incident complained of. J. Beard denied taking advantage of D. Howard's hesitation, stating that had he done so he could have defeated the contract by a trump promotion. This seemed possible.

J. Beard mentioned a disagreement which occurred before this incident and stated that R. Parkins was aggrieved at this and looking for an opportunity to retaliate.

The sub committee were of the opinion that both pairs were niggling each other.

The sub committee considered the case carefully and agreed that there was some hesitation on the part of D. Howard which may not have been fully justified. The pair did not play too slowly and finished all boards within the time limit. The result was that the board in question was completely flat.

D. Howard was spoken to regarding his hesitation. A bidding enquiry on a previous board had not been properly answered and this probably started the ill feeling between the pairs.

D. Howard and J. Beard were told of the conclusions of the sub-committee and accepted them with the comment that hesitation incidents are bound to occur.

  
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Committee Meeting held at Plymouth B. C. on Monday 5th July, 1976 at 7.00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence:- Mrs. P. Jones. S. F. Collings. D. Coom.
2. Fifteen members were present.
3. Minutes of previous Committee Meeting were read and agreed.
4. Matters arising.

(a) Life Members ; N. E. Section proposed Col. R. L. Telfer.  
Carried Unanimously.

(b) D.C.C.B.A. v Somerset. Sunday 4th July, lost by 41 IMP's.

J. Beard mentioned that Mr. Samuels, Somerset C.B.A. had suggested a league competition between associations in the South and South-West. Secretary to discuss with Samuels.

(c) Travelling Expenses: Away Matches.

1 day events. Single 2nd Class rail fare allowed. If person has to travel by rail, return 2nd Class fare allowed.

2 day events. Return 2nd Class rail fare allowed. Proposed by C. Haslam, Seconded by J. Beard, Carried.

Also carried that Treasurer should pay full return 2nd Class rail fare for match v Somerset, Sunday 4th July.

(d) D.C.C.B.A. League Final: Trophy to be provided. W. Solomon to purchase cup to value of £20.00.

J. Beard proposed that League Final should be abolished. No seconder.

(e) W. M. News Cup: Proposed by Chairman, Seconded by N.A.T. Vinson that all earlier rounds should be 32 boards with no discretion by Captains. Voting 8 for 7 against. ~~Chairman gave casting vote in favour.~~ Carried.

(f) Tollemache Cup: Selection of Teams.

*other* C. Haslam suggested that selectors should choose a possible team and a second team should be chosen to play against them for practice. *selection*  
~~W. Solomon suggested that the winner of this match should play in The Tollemache.~~

It was pointed out that the team chosen this year did better than it had for many years, thus justifying the method of selection.

5. Minutes of Emergency Committee held on Sunday 30th November 1975 were read and agreed.
6. Matters arising.

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*not* W. Welch pointed out that this year Cutty Sark had withdrawn their support. Torquay B. C. had found new supporters, but the hotel was not now available so the congress was postponed until November, 1977.

7. Minutes of Emergency Committee Meeting held on Sunday 18th February, 1976 read and agreed.

8. Matters Arising.

(a) Treasurer mentioned that E.B.U. had informed him that the club affiliation fee was now £5.00 not £3.00 as previously notified.

Proposed by S. Johnson and seconded by C. Haslam that the D.C.C.B.A. should pay the balance of the Clubs' affiliation fee for the year 1975/76 when there was a similar late increase, if the club continues to be affiliated. Agreed.

9. Minutes of Sub-Committee Meeting held on Sunday 14th March, 1976 read.

10. Matters arising.

The chairman proposed that, to deal with any future problems a 5 member Rules and Ethics sub-committee with powers to co-opt should be appointed. Seconded by S. Johnson. Agreed.

The following were nominated for the sub-committee:-  
Col. R. L. Telfer. Messrs. C. Haslam. S. Johnson. J. Beard.  
N.A.T. Vinson. The Chairman automatically serves on the sub-committee ex officio. Agreed.

11. Selectors 1976/77:

Cornwall : Mrs. B. L. Brown and S. F. Collings.  
S. West : Mrs. H. Haydon and J. Beard.  
N. East : C. Haslam and ~~A. E. B. Duval~~.

12. Delegates to the E.B.U. 1976/77

S. Johnson proposed and N.A.T. Vinson seconded that C. Haslam and J. Beard continue. Agreed.

13. Typing Minutes :

Proposed by Mrs. AliKhan and seconded by Mrs. Leonard that minutes of meetings and agenda be typed and payment made. Agreed.

14. Book for Minutes :

It was agreed that a proper book be purchased to hold the minutes. C. Haslam to purchase.

15. Matters arising from the A.G.M.

(a) C. Haslam mentioned that one section had not been notified of what had happened at an emergency committee meeting. He proposed that a copy of all committee and sub-committee minutes should be sent to section secretaries. Seconded by R. L. Telfer. Agreed.

(b) Notice of A.G.M.

Proposed by S. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Ali Khan that notice of the A.G.M. should be sent to all affiliated clubs at least one month before the A.G.M. Agreed.

(c) Cup for Men's Teams

Miss Butland had offered £10.00 for cup for Mens' Teams. Proposed by S. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Ali Khan that W. Soloman should purchase a cup up to the value of £20.00 to be competed for by Mens' Teams and to be known as the Doris Butland cup.

16. A. O. B.

(a) The Chairman suggested

that a report from the Treasurer should be on the Committee Meeting Agenda. He invited the Treasurer to report.

The Treasurer reported that ----

- (1) Entry fees had been increased for 1976/77.
- (2) All expenses, particularly engraving cups, had increased sunstantially. He suggested that, because of variation of charges, engraving of all cups should be done on contract.
- (3) Most subs for 1976/77 had now been collected.
- (4) Expenditure was running at approximately 25% above last year.

(b) Camrose Matches Sat/Sun 15/16 January, 1977

Letter from the E.B.U. thanking the D.C.C.B.A. for the offer to run the English v Wales match was read out.

C. Haslam has had further conversation with the E.B.U Secretary. He thought that demands may be too great for the San Remo Hotel. He thought that the ~~Continental~~ Hotel, Plymouth might be more suitable.

*Duke of Cornwall*

Arrangement for venue etc., were left to delegates to the E.B.U. C. Haslam and J. Beard to work out with E.B.U. Secretary.

(c) President's Pot

Bristol bridge club invites two pairs from the D.C.C.B.A. to complete for President's Pot on Sat/Sun 25/26 Sept. 1976. Agreed to invite two pairs but pay only entrance fee.

(d) J. Beard mentioned sudden death of Bill Greenwood the tournament secretary. The secretary was instructed to write from the Committee to his widow.

(e) Tournament Secretary

J. Beard proposed and Mrs. Brown seconded that H. Miners be invited to become tournament secretary with W. Solomon his assistant. Agreed.

(f) C. Haslam expressed special good wishes to the Chairman for his operation next week.

(g) Next Committee Meeting was fixed for Monday 20th September, 1976 at Plymouth B. C. at 7.00 p.m.

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*[Signature]*  
Chairman  
20/9/76



Devon and Cornwall Contract Bridge Association.

1) Special Committee Meeting held at Plymouth Club on Monday 9th August, 1976.

Subject:- Camrose Match, Saturday, Sunday 15/16 January, 1977.

Minutes

Present:- Mesdames Leonard and Haydon, Col. R. L. Telfer, Messrs. H. Miners, W. Soloman, J. Beard, NAT Viuson OBE, H. Haydon, *C. Haslam* W. Welch, A. Duval, S. Johnson in the chair.

1. Description:- C. Haslam described the match, and the operation of the open and closed rooms and the vugraph! Teams of 6 players a side (4 to play) with a Non-Playing Captain. The E. B. U. Secretary will probably be present.
2. Venue:- Duke of Cornwall Hotel, Plymouth.
3. Accommodation:- 3 rooms and office.
4. Timetable:-

Friday	7.30 p.m.	- run through
Saturday	a.m.	(or Friday p.m.) arrival of teams
	1.00	Helpers arrive
	2.00	1st session starts
	8.00	Helpers arrive
	8.30	2nd session starts
Sunday	11.30	Reception by Lord Mayor (Total present approx 40)
	1.30	Helpers arrive
	2.00	Final session starts
	8.30	Formal Dinner - teams, key helpers and paying guests.
5. Helpers:-

Host -	F. C. Ketye
Office -	dealing and recording:- Mrs. Ali Khan, Miss Lillson and A. Duval.
Vugraph -	operators:- W. Soloman and 6 assistants. commentator - T. Reese.
Closed Room -	Scorer and Linkman - Mr and Mrs. K. Slee.
Open Room -	Scorer and Courier - Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. B. L. Brown.
Director -	J. Beard.
Referee -	Col. R. L. Telfer.
Hospitality -	hotel booking, reception:- Mrs. Haydon & Mrs. Drew.
Publicity -	NAT Viuson O.B.E.
Finance -	J. Woolcott
Equipment & Electronics -	S. Johnson.
Transport -	W. Soloman and assistants.
Reception -	H. Haydon.
Stewards -	tickets Mr and Mrs. Collings.
Ushers -	open room - W. Welch and assistant.
6. A.O.B. - Price of admission - 50p per session.  
Open Room:- All spectators must be seated before play starts. No spectators will be admitted while a hand is being played.  
Dinner:- Teams, T. Reese, key personal, paying guests.  
Equipment from Thame:- J. Beard to enquire.  
Invitation to press and T. V.  
Transport to meetings and for teams:- cost to be claimed from E.B.U.  
Verification of accommodation:- Secretary to write to Hotel.  
Reservation of Commentator:- Secretary to write to T. Reese.  
Sign Boards required for guidance of spectators.
7. Next meeting to be decided at D.C.C.B.A. Committee on Monday 20th September, 1976.

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Plymouth Bridge Club

on Monday, September 20th, 1976.

<u>Present:-</u>	F.C.Keyte (Chairman), S. Johnson (Vice-Chairman), J. Woolcott (Hon. Treasurer), Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. N. Leonard, Mrs. B. Brown, C.R.Haslam, Col. R. Telfer, N. Vinson, S. Collings, Mrs. H. Haydon, H. Miners, D. Coom, J. Beard, W. Solomon, W. Welch.
<u>Apologies:-</u>	Mrs. P. Jones, Mrs. C. Hooper.
<u>Statement by Chairman:-</u>	The Chairman asked the Committee to stand as a tribute to the late Mr. A.E.B.Duval.
<u>Appointment of Secretary:</u>	Mr. C.R.Haslam was appointed Secretary.
<u>Appointment of Assistant Secretary:-</u>	Mrs. K.J.Slee was co-opted to the Committee as Assistant Secretary.
<u>Appointment of Sectional Representative:-</u>	Mr. K.J.Slee was co-opted to the Committee as representative for the North Eastern section to replace Mr. C.R.Haslam.
	Mr. & Mrs. K.J.Slee then joined the meeting.
<u>Minutes:-</u>	The minutes of the previous meeting were read, amended and signed.
<u>Matters arising:-</u>	
a) Purchase of cups:-	Mr. W. Solomon said he had purchased two cups and agreed to have them engraved as follows:- 1. D.C.C.B.A. League Championship 2. Doris Butland Cup for D.C.C.B.A. Men's Teams of Four.
b) Engraving of cups:-	It was agreed that it was not practicable for engraving of all cups awarded by the County to be done under contract. Mrs. Ali Khan suggested that Mrs. Slee take cups awarded to players in the Torquay area to Exeter for engraving, where this could be done at a reasonable cost.
<u>Minutes of Special Meeting:-</u>	The minutes of the Special Committee Meeting held on Monday, 9th August, 1976, were read, confirmed and signed. <i>of Bawson Trophy.</i>
<u>Matters arising:-</u>	Mr. Haslam agreed to stand in for Mr. A. Duval dealing and recording in the office. Mr. Terence Reese had agreed to come as commentator for a fee of £30 plus his expenses. Mr. & Mrs. Slee said they would be unable to act as scorer and link-man in the Closed Room as they would be away. Mr. Beard and Mr. Haslam to choose substitute.
<u>Sub-Committee</u>	- Mr. N. Vinson proposed that a sub-committee be appointed to deal with arrangements for the Camrose match, to consist of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, the Secretary, Mr. J. Beard, Mr. W. Solomon and Mrs. H. Haydon. Carried.
<u>Secretary's report:-</u>	The Secretary regretted that he had no report to make as he had only just taken office.
<u>Treasurer's report:-</u>	The Treasurer reported that following the death of Mr. Duval he had obtained a new mandate from the bank to sign cheques. It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mrs. Ali Khan that in future one signature only be used to sign cheques - either the Chairman, Treasurer or Secretary. Carried.

The Treasurer read a letter written by Mr. J. Beard asking whether the D.C.C.B.A. would sponsor the second class rail fare to Liverpool and table money for him and his partner in the Pre-Camrose trials. Mr. Beard withdrew from the room while the Committee discussed this. It was proposed by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. Slee that £10 each should be given to the pair towards the cost. Carried.

The Chairman then left the meeting saying that he had already stayed longer than he intended. Before he left the room Mr. N. Vinson said on behalf of the rest of the Committee how pleased he was that the Chairman had been able to attend and was making such a good recovery from his recent illness.

The Vice-Chairman then took the chair.

E.B.U.

Delegate's report:-

Mr. C. Haslam reported that the E.B.U. had made a profit this year as against a loss for last year, largely due to the increase in the membership affiliation fee for clubs. He said the E.B.U. felt they would not have to raise this fee again for at least three years.

Pachabo:-

The E.B.U. had decided to retain the present form of movement for the time being but to abandon the point-a-board form of scoring.

Insurance:-

The Treasurer stated that the insurance for D.C.C.B.A. property throughout the county had not been increased for many years and was now grossly inadequate. He suggested this should be reviewed. The Chairman agreed to ask Mr. Cochane to look into this matter.

Election of Selectors from N/E section:-

Mr. C. Haslam resigned as selector for the N/E Section. Mr. K. Slee proposed that Mr. W. Stewart be asked to replace him. He also proposed that Major G.F. Stone be asked to act as assistant selector to replace Mr. A. Duval. These proposals were seconded by Mrs. Ali Khan. Carried.

Centralised Collection of Subscriptions:-

The Committee discussed how to advise our E.B.U. delegates to vote at the E.B.U. Council meeting on 29th September on the subject of centralised collection of subscriptions. The opinion of the Committee was that our delegates should vote against this, as it was felt that in a scattered community membership would decrease rapidly unless the subscriptions were individually collected.

Any Other Business:-

- a) Life Membership of D.C.C.B.A.
- b) Victor Ludorum Cup:-
- c) Revision of D.C.C.B.A. Rules:-

Mr. N. Vinson proposed that Mr. F.C. Keyte be put forward for life membership, for all the work he had put into the County and especially for his work for the Torquay Congress. Seconded by Mr. S. Johnson and carried unanimously.

Mr. K. Slee suggested that this should be presented each year at the Plymouth Congress. The Vice-Chairman said he would be pleased to do this.

Mr. Vinson agreed to see Mr. Hastings-James and ask him if he would continue looking into this.

Date of Next Meeting:-

November 28th, 1976, at 10.30a.m. at the Continental Hotel, Plymouth.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.35p.m.

  
Chairman.



Sunday, November 28th, 1976, at 11 a.m.

- Present:- F. C. Keyte (Chairman), C. R. Haslam (Hon. Secretary), Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. P. Jones, Mrs. N. Leonard, Mrs. B. Brown, Mrs. H. Haydon, Col. R. Telfer, N. Vinson, S. Collings, H. Miners, Mr. & Mrs. K. Slee, W. Welch, J. Beard, W. Solomon.
- Apologies:- J. Woodcote, S. Johnson, D. Coom.
- Chairman's Statement:- The Chairman said he would like to welcome Mr. & Mrs. Slee to the Committee, which he had omitted to do at the last meeting. He also thanked the Committee for putting him forward as an honorary life member of the D.C.C.B.A. and electing him forthwith.
- Minutes:- The minutes of the last meeting were read, amended and signed.
- Secretary's report:- The Secretary read a letter he had received from Mr. L. C. Bell re the County Trials, in which Mr. Bell said that whilst he realised that the team could not be selected on the basis of one session only, he felt it unreasonable that people should have played in the Trials and that the result should have little bearing on the team selected. He said that in future if trials were to be held there should be more than one session, which he would be pleased to attend. Mrs. Haydon said that it had been hoped to run more Trials this year but that there had not been time to fit them in. It was, however, hoped that in future Trials would start earlier in the year. It was decided to discuss the question of holding Trials at a later meeting. The Secretary agreed to reply to Mr. Bell and pass on this information.
- The Secretary said that he had just attended the Secretaries' meeting in Thame. The majority of them were against centralised collection of subscriptions, and therefore it was most unlikely that this would now be carried out. The question of enlarging the E.B.U. quarterly had been discussed, but it had been decided that this was not necessary as there were already two perfectly good bridge magazines on the market.
- Treasurer's report:- As the Treasurer was unable to be present, no report was presented.
- General Policy on Expenses for Players:- A request for expenses for the President's Pot had been made by Mr. D. Hardie. After some discussion, Col. R. Telfer proposed that students under eighteen not in employment should get their expenses paid by the Association. This was seconded by Mrs. Brown and carried. Mr. W. Solomon proposed that Mr. Hardie be given £7 on this occasion. This was seconded by Mr. Collings and carried. It was agreed to bring the whole question of expenses in general up at the next meeting.
- E.B.U. Delegate's report:- (1) Charity Congress and Special Charity events. Mr. Haslam brought up the question of holding Charity Congresses and Simultaneous Pairs in aid of charity, which was to be discussed by the E.B.U. The Committee thought that it was a good thing that these should continue, and the decision as to which charity the proceeds should go to should be left to the E.B.U. to decide.
- (2) Cash Prizes at Congresses. Mr. Haslam also brought up the matter of cash prizes at Congresses. The Committee discussed this and decided to ask our delegate to vote against the awarding of large cash prizes.
- Torquay Autumn Congress:- The Chairman of Torquay Bridge Club asked the D.C.C.B.A. if they would apply for a licence to the E.B.U. for a sponsored congress at the Palace Hotel, Torquay, for the weekend 25th to 27th November, 1977. This was agreed by the Committee. Proceeds to go to the Torquay Bridge Club.

Camrose Match:- The Secretary reported on the meeting of the Camrose Sub-Committee. He said that numbers for the Lord Mayor's cocktail party would have to be limited to forty, and that the Lord Mayor wished to have the names and addresses of the people who were to be invited.

Dinner. The EBU had said that payment would be made for four key helpers to have dinner as well as for the teams and Mr. Reese. Anyone else who wished to attend would be welcome at their own expense. Mr. Solomon said that he had understood, and had already told some of the helpers, that they would have a free invitation to attend the dinner. It was agreed that the Secretary should write to the EBU and ask if more of the helpers could be given dinner.

It was agreed that 250 tickets at 50p each should be printed for each session and that these should be distributed to the three areas as soon as possible.

Scoring in  
County  
events:-

The Secretary said that irrespective of what had happened in the past the Officers and Committee have a responsibility to the Association to check that the results of all County events were correct, and that if a result were announced on the same evening as the event it must be stressed that this was only a provisional result and was subject to check.

The majority of the Committee agreed that this should be done.

Tollemache:-

Mrs. Haydon announced the selectors' choice for the team to represent Devon and Cornwall in the Tollemache on December 11th and 12th at Bristol. This was as follows:-

J. C. Beard (Captain) & D. Howard  
F. Hastings-James & P. Whitehead  
Mr. & Mrs. K. J. Slee  
M. Allen & D. Hardie  
P. Bowles & K. Woods.

Subscriptions:- Col. Telfer said that he was not notified of the increase in subscriptions this year until after several had been collected. He had explained this to Mr. Woolcott who had agreed to write to the people concerned and apologise and ask for the difference. This had not been done. The Secretary agreed to have a word with Mr. Woolcott about it.

Date of Next  
Meeting:-

To be notified later.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12.55 p.m.

  
Chairman.  
4/5/77

President: F.C.Keyte, Chairman C.R.Haslam, Hon. Secretary Mrs.G.S. Ali Khan, Mrs. Barley, Mrs. H.R.Haydon, Mrs. N.Leonard, J.C.Beard, S.Johnson, W.Solomon, N.A.T.Vinson. W.G.Welch.

Apologies: Mr. & Mrs. K.Slee, S.F.Collings, Mrs. D.Brown, Mrs. P.Jones, J.Woolcott, Mrs. C.Hooper.

Minutes of last Meeting: We read confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising: Plymouth Subscriptions: S.Johnson told the committee that no letters had gone out from the County Treasurer to assist with the recovery of the additional £1.00 subscription short collected last year. It was agreed that no further effort should be made to collect these outstanding amounts. Mr. Johnson went on further to state that he had received a considerable number of complaints arising from the non forwarding of subscriptions to the E.B.U by the County Treasurer, After considerable discussion it was decided that this situation must be rectified and it was decided that the Chairman and Secretary should see that the present situation was put in order immediately and that for the future a scheme should be worked out whereby the Section Treasurers would submit subscriptions direct to the E.B.U sending half the subscription to the County Treasurer. Final details of the scheme to be worked out between the Secretary and Treasurer.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary reported that he was at the present time occupied with and perturbed by the state of organisation in the Association and felt that the Committee should make every effort to ensure that matters were raised to their normal level of efficiency.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer being absent there was no report. The Secretary told the Committee that he had been unaware that this date had coincided with the last day in the Exeter League and that it was to play in that, that the Treasurer (and Mrs. Hooper) was not present.

E.B.U. Delegates Report: Mr. Haslam reported that only two matters of any consequence needed bringing to the attention of the Committee.

The Circular from the E.B.U on alerting which had been in the Quarterly.

The suggestion that, if Air transport from Belfast to Exeter was available in January that the D.C.C.B.A. stage the England Ireland Camrose Match in 1978.

General Policy on Players Expenses: The Committee agreed on the proposal of Mrs. Ali Khan, seconded by Mrs. Leonard that the Association would pay expenses at the following rates for all representative matches including Pachabo, Tollemache Presidents Pot and Walton Cup and matches against other countries.

1 Day Events; Single 2nd Class Railfare if person has to travel by rail return 2nd Class fare *Return*

2 Day Events: Return 2nd Class rail fare. *Return*

Students under 18 not in employment if selected for representative matches to receive their minimum out of pocket expenses e.g. share of petrol cost and food and board. In certain instances the Association pays table money for representatives as in Pachabo, Tollemache.

The Captain of a team is responsible for advising the Treasurer of the Teams expenses.

The Walton Cup: The Secretary asked if the selectors could advise him of the selection procedures that had preceded the selection of the Team for the Walton Cup after another team had been given the impression that they were to represent the Association, the South Western Section and Cornish Sections advised that as they had had no suitable team to nominate that the matter had been left in the hands of the North Eastern



continued Selectors The Secretary stated that he would ask Mr. Stewart and advise the committee. The Committee were of the opinion that selections should be notified to the Secretary for publication and that in this particular case it was very unfortunate that Mr. Woolcott should have been given the impression that he had been selected.

A.G.M. The Annual General Meeting was fixed for Friday 1st July at 7.p.m. apologies in advance were given by Mrs. Bailey.

Nomination of Officers: F.C.Keyte proposed as Chairman by S.Johnson, seconded by Mrs.Bailey  
S.Johnson proposed as Vice Chairman by F.C.Keyte, seconded by N.A.T. Vinson,  
C.R.Haslam proposed as Secretary by Mrs. Leonard, seconded by J.C.Beard.  
Mrs. K.Slee proposed as Minute Secretary by Mrs. G.S.Ali Khan, seconded by S.Johnson.  
J.Woolcott proposed as Treasurer by Mrs. G.S.Ali Khan, seconded by S.Johnson.  
W.Solomon proposed as Tournament secretary proposed by Mrs. Ali Khan seconded by Mrs. Haydon.  
The position of Assistant Tournament Secretary to be filled on a nomination from W. Solomon after he had made some enquiries.

Graphic Cup: To lessen burden of the Tournament Secretary it was agreed that in future all entries for the Graphic Cup be made to the N/E Section. Restrictions on members Entering Qualifying Rounds when they are aware that they cannot play in the final.  
It was felt that this was not enforceable and therefore should not be passed also there was the question of V.L.Points and the fact that the total entry effects the number of qualifiers.

E.C.L.P: Letter: The Secretary advised the committee that The English China Clays Bridge Club had affiliated.

Pachabo Entry It was advised that Mrs. K.Slee's team having won the W.M.News Cup wished to go forward to the Pachabo. The Secretary said he would enter the team.

Redrafting Rules: The Secretary explained that he was having difficulty in obtaining the early minutes of the Association from Mrs. Jane Duval but hoped that these could be obtained soon, and handed over to Mrs. Vinson to help with the redrafting of rules.

County Individual: The Chairman expressed his dismay on the poor attendance at the County Individual owing to a Swiss Teams Event being played in Cornwall. The Cornish Secretary said she regretted the outcome of the Charity event run by the Lions Club which had grown out of a local event. After some discussion it was decided to leave the matter of dropping the County Individual, in favour of a more attractive event, to the next committee.

Money in Congress A/C: It was felt that the step of investing this cash should not be taken though further advise might be sought.

Paid Tournament Director: The committee approve the appointment of paid Tournament Directors for the principal County events. E.B.U rates to be paid. Mr.J.C.Beard to become D.C.C.B.A. Chief Tournament Director.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 6th July 6.30. p.m.

Any Other Business: Mr. Vinson said that the two Life Members appointed by the Committee must be confirmed by a special general meeting immediately preceding the A.G.M. on 1st July 1977. The original proposers and seconders to speak to the nominations.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Plymouth Bridge Club for the use of the room.

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6/7/77



Bridge Club on Wednesday, July 6th, 1977, at 6.30 p.m.

Present.

F. C. Keyte (Chairman)  
 S. Johnson (Vice-Chairman)  
 C. R. Haslam (Hon. Secretary)  
 Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)  
 Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Haydon, Mrs. Holden, Mrs. Jones,  
 Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Slee, Messrs. J. Beard, S. Parker, K. Slee,  
 W. Solomon, N. Vinson.

Apologies.

Mrs. C. M. Hooper, Mrs. P. M. Smith, S.F. Collings.

Membership of  
New Committee

The new Committee is as follows:-

Officers: F. C. Keyte (Chairman)  
 S. Johnson (Vice-Chairman)  
 C. R. Haslam (Hon. Secretary)  
 Mrs. K. Slee (Assistant Secretary)  
 Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)  
 J. C. Beard (Tournament Director)  
 W. Solomon (Tournament Secretary)  
 Mrs. A. Drew (Assistant Tournament Secretary)

Committee Members:

N/E Section - Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. P. Jones, Mrs. C. Hooper  
 K. Slee.

S/W Section - Mrs. H. Haydon, Mrs. Bailey, S. Parker, N. Vinson  
 Cornwall - Mrs. N. Leonard, Mrs. P. Smith, Mrs. Holden,  
 S. F. Collings.

Ex Officio: W. G. Welch (Secretary Torquay Congress)

and ~~County Selectors.~~

Minutes of  
last meeting.

Read, confirmed and signed.

MattersarisingMembership of  
E.B.U.

Mr. S. Parker stated:-

- that 14 members of the Ivybridge Club had not received their May quarterlies although their names and addresses had been forwarded to Thame.
- one of his members had been deleted from the annual County Ranking list although he had always been a fully paid up member.
- some members sending up Master Points to the E.B.U. were still receiving letters from Thame saying they were not paid up members.
- He was worried that the E.B.U. would not accept Gold Cup entries from their members.

In answer to the above four points, Mr. Haslam produced a complete up-to-date list of members registered by the E.B.U.

Mrs. P. Jones felt a personal acknowledgement should be sent to Treasurers when subscriptions are sent to the E.B.U.

The Chairman suggested that Treasurers should obtain regular Bank Statements which would prove receipt of subscriptions.

Re-Drafting  
Rules.

The Chairman said that the re-drafting of rules had been in abeyance too long and he felt that this really should be done in the coming year. He also felt that there should be a separate list of By-Laws, i.e. laws made by the Committee which could be altered at any time. It was agreed that Mrs. P. Jones, Mr. C. Haslam and Mr. F. Keyte should form a sub-committee to look into and draft new rules for the D.C.C.B.A. Proposed by Mr. S. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. N. Leonard. Carried.

Walton Cup  
Report.

Mr. K. Slee said that a team consisting of himself, Mrs. Slee, K. Woods and P. Bowles had played in this event at Bristol. There were 5 other teams from surrounding Counties and 6 teams from Bristol Bridge Club. Unfortunately our team came bottom, but it was felt that it was well worth sending a team again next year.

County Individual.	Mr. Haslam suggested that as the County Individual did not attract a very large entry, a different event should be substituted for this. It was proposed by the Chairman that the County Individual be dropped from the calendar and the cup be awarded for the Swiss Teams event held in November. Carried.
<u>Points arising from A.G.M.</u>	
Investment of D.C.C.B.A. funds.	It was agreed that Mrs. Lamb should ask our Auditors in Plymouth for further advice on investment of D.C.C.B.A. funds.
Affiliated Clubs.	The Secretary asked if he could be supplied with a list of affiliated Clubs in the County from the section secretaries. They agreed to do this.
Confirmation of method of forwarding subscriptions to Thame.	It was confirmed that it was now the responsibility of section treasurers to collect subscriptions and send them to Thame, and that the sub-section of Exeter should send their subscriptions via their own treasurer to the treasurer of the North East section to send on to Thame.
Victor Ludorum points in Western Morning News walkovers	Mr. K. Slee proposed that a team scratched against in the Western Morning News should be awarded 2 Victor Ludorum points if they won no matches, or a third of their total Victor Ludorum points gained in the competition up to a maximum of 7. Carried.
Seeding of W.M. News.	Mr. K. Slee proposed that the Western Morning News competition should be seeded on the basis of the winners and runners-up for the past two years (teams containing at least three of the original members). Carried.
<u>Venue for A.V. Morris Handicap Pairs</u>	Mrs. Ali Khan suggested that as this event had not attracted a large entry when held at Plymouth, it should be held in the North East section. Mrs. Bailey said she felt a lot of members did not realise that anyone could enter. Mr. Beard suggested keeping it at Plymouth for the time being. Mr. Parker stated that Ivybridge Club would very much like to have a County event at Ivybridge, and it was proposed that the A.V. Morris cup be held there. Carried.
<u>Entry Fees for Competitions.</u>	The Secretary asked if the Committee felt that entry fees should be put up for the coming year. Mr. J. Beard proposed that entries should be standardised at £1 per head. Seconded by Mr. S. Johnson. Carried.  The Chairman suggested subsidising the W.M.N. prize money. It was agreed that £10 should be allocated.
<u>Appointment of Selectors.</u>	The following were appointed: Mrs. H. Haydon assisted by J. C. Beard  S. F. Collings assisted by Mrs. Holden  It was not certain whether W. G. Stewart and Major G. Stone were prepared to stand again as selectors, and it was agreed that the selectors from the N/E section would be appointed at their next committee meeting.
<u>Tollemache Captain.</u>	Mr. W. Solomon proposed that a Captain for the Tollemache team be appointed now so that Trials, Practice matches, etc. could be arranged. Seconded by Mr. C. Haslam. Carried. Mr. Solomon proposed that Mr. M. Allen should be appointed Captain. Seconded by Mr. K. Slee. Carried.

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at Plymouth Bridge Club  
on Friday, November 18th, 1977.

Present.

S. Johnson (Vice-Chairman)  
G. R. Haslam (Hon. Secretary)  
Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)  
Mrs. Ali Khan, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Haydon, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Leonard,  
Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Slee, Messrs. W. Solomon, S. Parker, J. Beard,  
S. Collings.

Apologies.

Mrs. Holden, Messrs. F. C. Keyte, K. Slee, N. Vinson.

Minutes of  
last meeting.

Read, confirmed and signed.

Matters  
arising.

Drafting rules. Mr. Haslam said that the sub-committee were making good progress. The rules were now ready to be submitted to a solicitor, after which they would be put before the full Committee.

History of D.C.C.B.A. The Section Secretaries said they were unable to find out much about this from looking at their own Sections' past minutes. Mr. Parker said that if the Committee were not in a hurry he would be prepared to undertake some research at a later date. The Committee agreed to leave the matter in abeyance for the time being.

Investment of money. The Secretary had made enquiries from other County Associations, most of whom invested their funds in Building Societies. The Treasurer said that Mr. Fryer, our accountant, was prepared to recommend a suitable Building Society for investment of our funds. Proposed by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Parker that a minimum of £2,000 be invested. Carried unanimously.  
Mr. Johnson said that the D.C.C.B.A. had £150 invested in Premium Bonds in his name. It was decided to leave this money where it was.

Purchase of tables. Mr. Parker said there had been a slight delay in ordering the tables due to a misunderstanding, but that they had been ordered three weeks ago. He had recently been notified, however, that the cost was now about £20 instead of £15. The Committee agreed that this still was good value and asked Mr. Parker to let the order stand.

Secretary's report. Mr. Haslam stated that he had asked the EBU if a scale could be drawn up for points for small Swiss Teams events. At present points could only be awarded when a minimum number of matches and boards were played.

Swedish visit. The Secretary said it did not seem likely that the Swedish Team, which consisted of 14 players, would be able to afford to come to Devon for a match. If, however, they did come, it was agreed that they could be accommodated in various homes in the area.

Autumn Congress. It was reported that so far there were 440 entries for the Charity Congress to be held at Torquay, and the Secretary was glad to be able to say that the entries for the usual Spring Congress at Torquay had not been adversely affected by this second Congress.

Aide Memoirs. The Secretary asked the Section Secretaries to draw the attention of their members to the new rule in the EBU quarterly that "aide memoirs" on convention cards were no longer allowed.

Treasurer's report. The Treasurer was glad to say that the Accountants were hoping to have the books ready by the end of November. She had now nearly completed the card index of members.

<u>President's Pot.</u> <u>Instructions to selectors.</u>	<p>The Secretary said that it had been the practice in previous years to send a pair of good standard who had not played in the event before. Mr. Slee proposed that this should be changed and that the Selectors should pick what they consider to be the two best pairs in the County. Seconded by Mrs. K. Slee. Carried.</p>
<u>Camrose Match.</u> <u>Appointment of sub-committee.</u>	<p>It was agreed that the venue should be as before at Plymouth. The sub-committee as appointed for the English/Welsh Camrose match last January agreed to stand again.</p>
<u>History of D.C.C.B.A.</u>	<p>The Secretary suggested that in view of the loss of old County Minutes someone might be appointed to write an early history of the D.C.C.B.A. It was decided that Mr. N. Vinson be asked, and Mr. F. C. Keyte agreed to assist him.</p>
<u>County Committee Meetings.</u>	<p>It was agreed by the Committee that in future, Committee meetings would not be held on mornings of County events or congresses but would be held at regular intervals.</p>
<u>Signing Cheques.</u>	<p>It was decided that Mrs. Lamb (as the new County Treasurer) should become a signatory on D.C.C.B.A. cheques in place of J. Woolcott.</p>
<u>Expenses</u>	<p>The subject of expenses for players representing the County was brought up, and it was agreed that this should be put on the agenda for the next meeting.</p>
<u>Date of Next Meeting</u>	<p>Friday, September 16th, 1977.</p> <p>There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9 p.m.</p>

*F. C. Keyte*

Chairman

16/9/77



<u>Present.</u>	F. C. Keyte (Chairman) S. Johnson (Vice-Chairman) C. R. Haslam (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Haydon, Mrs. Holden, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Snee, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Drew, Messrs. N. Vinson, W. Solomon, K. Snee, J. Beard, S. Parker.
<u>Apologies.</u>	Mrs. C. M. Hooper.
<u>Minutes of last meeting.</u>	Read, confirmed and signed.
<u>Matters arising.</u>	<p>The Chairman queried whether County Selectors should be ex officio members of the Committee. It was decided that Selectors should come only if invited to a specific meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman of the N/E Section stated that the selector from that Section was K. Snee assisted by Mrs. C. M. Hooper.</p>
<u>E.B.U. Membership report.</u>	The Section Treasurers said that the records of EBU members were still not completely correct. The Secretary said he felt it was now the responsibility of the Section Treasurers to sort it out in their own areas.
<u>Report from Sub-Committee on redrafting rules.</u>	The Chairman said that the Sub-Committee had made a start on this task.
<u>History of D.C.C.B.A.</u>	Mr. N. Vinson said he felt unable to undertake this task - he would be prepared to put all the information together but could not do the research. It was decided that the Section Secretaries would try to research in their own Sections.
<u>Secretary's report.</u>	The Secretary had no report to make.
<u>Treasurer's report.</u>	<p>The Treasurer stated that the books were now in the hands of the Auditors. She had sought advice from them about investment of D.C.C.B.A. funds - they were of the opinion that it was better to invest it. There remains however the question of the funds from Torquay Congress. Mr. Collins proposed and Mr. Vinson seconded that the funds should not be invested. Amendment proposed by Mr. Parker seconded by Mrs. Jones that enquiries should be made by Mr. Haslam to see what other counties in a similar situation do. Amendment carried.</p> <p>Investment of funds to be put on Agenda for next meeting.</p> <p>Proposed by Mr. Haslam seconded by Mrs. Ali Khan that a £50 impressed account be opened by the Treasurer for Petty Cash. Carried.</p> <p>The Treasurer asked the Committee's permission to purchase equipment to hold stationery. Committee agreed.</p>
<u>Report from Selectors on arrangements for Tollemache</u>	Mr. Allen, who had been invited to attend the meeting for this purpose, reported that practice matches had been started and more were arranged. It was hoped to be able to arrange a match against a team from Popular Bridge Monthly captained by Joe Ansbury. He asked that in future the selection of the Tollemache team be done earlier. Mr. Vinson proposed that a squad of not less than 16 should be selected during the summer and that practice matches should be held with results shown to the Selectors. It was also hoped to host the Swedish team that is visiting this country in January. Possible venue for play - Plymouth College. The Committee discussed this and agreed in principle.

President's  
Pot Selection

The following had been selected:- Mr. & Mrs. K. Slee, D. Howard & J. Beard.

E.B.U.  
Delegate's  
report.

Mr. Haslam said that the European Bridge League was holding a Simultaneous Pairs on November 20th. Unfortunately this clashed with our Swiss Teams. Mr. Haslam to complain to the E.B.U. that the notice for this event was too short.

Camrose Match  
arrangements

Duke of Cornwall booked for 21st and 22nd January. Committee voted unanimously to ask Joe Amsbury to do commentating. Jeremy Flint to be asked if Joe Amsbury unable. Mr. Vinson said he would be unable to be Publicity Officer this year but would be willing to give advice.

Expenses for  
County  
Players.

The Secretary read out the minutes for 6th May. Mr. Collins proposed and Mrs. Bailey seconded that this minute be rescinded. Carried. It was proposed that in future actual expenses be paid for petrol + for overnight stays the cost of bed and breakfast at a hotel no more expensive than the one at which the event was being held. Carried. (The Association still to pay table money for certain events, e.g. Pachabo, Tollemache)

Exeter &  
District  
representation  
on D.C.C.B.A.  
Committee.

Mrs. Hooper had said that she would be unable to continue on the Committee owing to lack of transport. Mr. Slee to ask Exeter & District to appoint a new representative.

Purchase of  
tables

The Secretary reported that Exeter & District had asked if the County would purchase 10 or 20 tables for use by their League. These could also be used for the Congress. Mrs. Holden proposed and S. Johnson seconded that 20 tables be purchased. Mr. Parker said he knew of some at £15 each. Mr. Beard to inspect and order if suitable.

Stationery

Mrs. Haydon reported that the S.W. Section pays for the stationery for several County events. It was agreed that the County Treasurer would pay for one quarter of the S.W. Section stationery.

Date of next  
meeting.

Friday, November 18th, 1977.

  
18/11/77  
Chairman.

Selection  
report on  
Tollemache  
team.

Mr. Allen said there had been a few practice matches but that it was difficult to fit any more in before the Tollemache owing to so many other bridge commitments by the team. It was agreed that the Selection Committee should make their final choice of not more than five pairs after the meeting.

Popular Bridge  
Monthly match.

The match against Joe Amsbury's team had been arranged for December 3rd. As all the Tollemache team would be available on that day, three pairs were to play - M. Allen & D. Hardie, W. Solomon & D. Howard, K. Woods & P. Bowles. Mr. Parker agreed to organise the publicity for this match. It was agreed that the D.C.C.B.A. would finance a meal for the teams afterwards.

Camrose Match

Neither the Mayor nor his Deputy was available to hold a cocktail party before lunch as had been done last year. Proposed by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Collins that D.C.C.B.A. hold a reception. Carried. Possible venue - Yacht Club - Mrs. Haydon to make enquiries.

Ivybridge  
event

Mr. Parker said that the Ivybridge Community Association had asked the Ivybridge Bridge Club if they could raise some money for them by holding a special event. He suggested a Handicap Teams of 4 event. Agreed. It was decided that each Section should do their own handicapping.

A.V. Morris  
Cup

Mr. Solomon said that after this event he and Mr. Allen had held a panel with an overhead projector to discuss the hands. This had been a great success and he suggested it might be done at other events.

Plymouth  
Congress

Mrs. Haydon said that it seemed unfair that members of other counties wishing to play in Plymouth Congress had to pay £2 to join the D.C.C.B.A. whereas the normal fee for joining was £1. The Secretary agreed to take it up with the EBU.

Rubber Bridge

Mr. Solomon suggested holding:-

1. a knock-out rubber bridge competition possibly in the closed season
2. a regular rubber bridge get together to be held in different parts of the County.

Although this did not strictly come under the auspices of the D.C.C.B.A. it was agreed to put it on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

Date of Next  
Meeting

Friday, February 17th.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

  
Chairman

17/2/78

<u>Present.</u>	F. C. Keyte (Chairman) C. R. Haslam (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs. P. Jones, Mrs. Haydon, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Drew, Mrs. Slee, Mrs. Holden, N. Vinson, S. Parker, W. Solomon, H. Busby, K. Slee.
<u>Apologies.</u>	Mrs. Ali Khan, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Collings, Mr. Beard Mr. Johnson.
<u>Minutes of last meeting.</u>	Read, confirmed and signed.
<u>Matters arising.</u>	
Investment of money.	The Treasurer said that as yet no money had been invested as she was still waiting to receive it from Mr. Welch.
Tables.	Mr. Parker said that the new tables had been delivered.
<u>Tollemache.</u>	Mr. Slee said that the team chosen to represent Devon & Cornwall in the Tollemache had been:- M. Allen (Captain) & D. Hardie W. Solomon & D. Howard Mr. & Mrs. K. Slee K. Woods & P. Bowles with J. Woolcott & J. Griffiths as reserves. The reserves actually played 15 boards. The result had been that the Devon & Cornwall team had come second to Southern Counties by one Victory Point. He also said that if Devon & Cornwall had had one more Victory Point they would have won on a split tie. The Secretary said that this was the best result the County had ever had and he felt that the team should be congratulated.
Subscriptions.	It was decided that the rule should be adhered to that players who wished to become members of the D.C.C.B.A. and who were already members of the E.B.U. should have to pay £2 to join.
Ivybridge event.	Mr. Parker said it was not possible to hold the Handicap Teams of 4 at Ivybridge on April 22nd, and he asked if it could be on either June 17th or June 24th instead. June 17th was agreed upon.
Rubber Bridge Knock-Out competition.	The Committee approved Mr. Solomon's proposal for a knock-out rubber bridge competition in the County, and Mr. Solomon agreed to get notices posted on Club boards. The Committee also discussed Mr. Solomon's other proposal re high stake rubber bridge. Mr. Haslam to find out if the Gaming Laws allow this in affiliated clubs.
Chairman's Team v County Team.	June 25th as a provisional date was agreed for a match between the County team and a team selected by the Chairman.
<u>Secretary's Report.</u>	The Secretary read out two letters he had received - one from Mr. K. Woods and one from Mr. D. Howard - both in full support of the way Mr. M. Allen had captained the County team in the Tollemache and expressing the wish that he should remain as Captain. He also read a letter from Mr. W. Welch representing Torquay Bridge Club asking whether the County would agree to apply to the E.B.U. for a licence for a Congress to be held on 24th, 25th & 26th November, 1978. Agreed.
Mini-No-Trump	In his capacity as E.B.U. delegate Mr. Haslam reminded members that players using a mini no-trump <u>must</u> alert.
Swiss Teams Local Points.	The E.B.U. had agreed to bring this matter up at a later meeting. Mr. Haslam distributed photo-copies of action to be taken by Directors



Masters Pairs  
Final.

There had been complaints about a certain lack of liaison between the Tournament Secretary and the Section Secretaries. The N/E Section Secretary was informed at 6.30 p.m. the evening before that four pairs were unable to play. She spent the evening trying to find replacements. Eventually an 8 table  $\frac{3}{4}$  Howell had been held instead of the usual 9 table full Howell. Mrs. Holden felt that the Tournament Secretary should have results of heats sent to him so that he could arrange reserves in the event of cancellations. It was agreed that only the first two reserves in any qualifying section should be called upon.

Seeding in  
Gold Cup.

Mr. Haslam said that the E.B.U. had agreed to seed not more than 8 teams from the first round.

Treasurer's  
Report.

The Treasurer stated that the card index was now complete and that the books were up to date. She asked that all money for competitions be paid to her and that all outgoings should come from her, in order that the books can be kept properly.

Popular Bridge  
Monthly match

The Secretary stated that the expenses were £195.19. This included:-

8 subscriptions (to be given as prizes in local events)	£52.00
Tankards & engraving	28.34
General Expenses	14.00
Train Fare for D. Hardie	10.17
Dinner (14)	90.68

It was felt that these expenses had been far too high. Mr. Haslam apologised for not supervising the outgoings more closely. Mr. Vinson proposed that the Committee accept his apology. Agreed.

Redrafting of  
Rules.

The Committee were given and considered copies of the rules amended by the Sub-Committee.

Rules.

1. Unaltered )
2. " ) agreed
3. " )
4. " )
5. Amendment agreed
6. Delete underlined amendment
7. Amendment agreed
- 8a. Add Hon. Assistant Secretary
- b. Alter to "who shall be the Chairman and 5 members from each Section" (This alteration proposed by Mrs. P. Jones, seconded by K. Slee, carried unanimously.)
9. Amendment agreed
10. Amendment agreed
11. Unaltered )
12. " )
13. " )
14. " ) agreed
15. " )
- 16a. " )
- b. " )
- c. " )
- d. Amendment agreed
- e. Amendment agreed
- f. Delete this section. (Proposed by A. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Holden, carried.)
17. Unaltered, agreed
18. Delete "either in person or by proxy" (see 16f above)

It was agreed that the rules in their amended form should be brought before the members to vote upon at the A.G.M.

Mr. K. Slee proposed a Vote of Thanks to the Sub-Committee for all their work on these rules. Seconded by Mr. N. Vinson. Carried.

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Prizes at County Events.

The Chairman read a letter from Miss D. Butland who was complaining about the poor prizes for the winners and runners-up at the South West Pairs final. It was agreed that this was a matter that should be left to the next Committee to discuss.

Victor Ludorum points.

Mr. Slee asked that the scale of Victor Ludorum points for the Plymouth Congress be amended now that Swiss Teams were held instead of Multiple Teams. He proposed that only the top 16 teams be eligible for Victor Ludorum points. Agreed.

Competition Results.

Mrs. Holden said that it was difficult for players to find out the results of County competitions. Mr. Vinson said that if they could be sent to him he would see that they were printed in the Western Morning News and he would also circulate the Sections.

Date of Next Meeting.

Friday, May 19th, at 7 p.m.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

  
18/5/78  
Chairman.

Ref: 20 Plain and Margin

<u>Present</u>	F.C.Keyte(Chairman) C.R.Haslam (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) S. Johnson (Vice Chairman) Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Holden, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Slee, W. Solomon, K. Slee, S. Parker, <del>England</del>
<u>Apologies</u>	Mrs. Ali Khan, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Haydon, N. Vinson, J. Beard.
<u>Minutes of last meeting</u>	Read, confirmed and signed.
<u>Matters arising</u>	
Rubber Bridge.	Mr. Haslam had written to the E.B.U. concerning Mr. Solomon's proposal for the playing of rubber bridge for high stakes in the County. He handed their reply to Mr. Solomon.
Reserves in finals.	Mr. Haslam had circulated the Section Secretaries asking them to send a list of qualifiers + two reserves to the Tournament Secretary as soon as possible after the qualifying round had taken place. The Tournament Secretary would then be in a position to arrange for reserves to play in finals.
Notifying results.	Mr. Haslam had written to all concerned asking them to send their results to Mr. Vinson.
Knock-out Rubber Bridge competition	Mr. Solomon reported that there had only been five entries and that therefore this competition would not be held and entry fees would be refunded to entrants.
Prize money	There had been a complaint that prize money was not available for winners at the time of events. The Treasurer said that this was because she was not notified previous to the event how much would be required. The Tournament/secretary agreed to notify her in future.
Investment of funds.	The Chairman said that too much Congress money had been passed over to the Treasurer for investment and that there was not now a large enough float for the Congress Committee to work on. The Treasurer agreed to return some to the Congress Secretary when he asks for it.
<u>Secretary's Report</u>	The Secretary said that there was a lack of communication in various directions - one of these being between the Treasurer and the Congress Secretary over the investment of Congress funds, but this had now been sorted out. Another lack of communication occurred in the Men v Ladies match when Cornwall did not send any men. It was suggested that in future the County selectors should elect a Chairman amongst themselves who would be responsible. He also reported that the EBU were looking into the question of the small amount of Master Points awarded for some Congress events - e.g. the Ladies Teams at Torquay. He stated the EBU's policy of not returning entry fees to competitors withdrawing from an event after the last date of entry.
<u>Treasurer's Report</u>	The Treasurer reported that she had invested £2,000 in the Leicester Building Society @ 4½%. The insurance had been upgraded for the first time since 1969 - the total outlay now being £32.01 per annum. Apart from the North Eastern section accounts, which had been



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delayed owing to the incapacity of their Section Treasurer - the accounts had been handed to the Auditors. The Treasurer thanked the Hon. Secretary and the Section Treasurers for all their help to her during the year.

The Chairman queried whether the trophies had been up-graded sufficiently in value. He said that with regard to the Congress cups, each holder was being asked to get the cup in his possession valued at the expense of the Congress. The Committee decided if these valuations differed widely from the upgraded value at which they were now being insured that the rest of the trophies should be valued and the insurance altered accordingly.

Pat Walton  
Cup report

The following were selected to play in the Pat Walton Cup at Bristol Bridge Club on Sunday, June 4th :-  
Mr. & Mrs. K. J. Slee, J. Woolcott and J. Griffiths.  
Hon.

Rules  
(redrafting  
additions)

A paragraph was added to cover/life membership of the D.C.C.B.A.

A paragraph which had been added to the rules in June 1971 stated that if membership fees were not paid by June 30th an additional charge of 25% would be made. It was proposed by Mrs. Holden and seconded by Mr. England that this paragraph should be retained. An amendment proposed by K. Slee and seconded by Mrs. Slee that the wording should be altered to read "50% of the Association's subscription" was defeated. The original motion was carried.

Rules and Ethics Sub-Committee. It was decided to word this as follows:- "A rules and ethics sub-committee shall be elected by the Association Sub-Committee to deal with appeals in accordance with the rules laid down in the current EBU rule book".

Mrs. Julia  
Chadwick

The Secretary stated that Honorary membership of the EBU had been awarded to Mrs. Chadwick which included one free Congress per year. The Committee put forward the recommendation to the Annual General Meeting that she should also be awarded free membership of the D.C.C.B.A.

Reporting  
of Psyches

The Secretary said that in future all psyches reported to Directors should be communicated to him and that he would see that they were passed on to the Rules and Ethics Committee of the EBU.

EBU  
Membership

The Secretary reported that for this year the procedure for forwarding subscriptions to the EBU would remain as it was, but from the 1979/80 season Thame wished the subscriptions to be forwarded through a single officer.

Nominations  
of Officers  
for 1978/9

Mr. F. C. Keyte (Chairman) proposed by S. Johnson  
seconded by Mrs. Leonard

Mr. S. Johnson (Vice-Chairman) proposed by C. Haslam  
seconded by K. Slee

Mrs. M. Lamb (Treasurer) proposed by Mrs. Bailey  
seconded by Mrs. Holden

Mrs. C. R. Haslam (Secretary) proposed by K. Slee  
seconded by Mrs. Bailey

Mrs. K. Slee (Assistant Secretary) proposed by C. Haslam  
seconded by S. Johnson

Mr. W. Solomon (Tournament Secretary) proposed by Mrs.  
Lamb  
seconded by S.  
Johnson.



Stationery  
for DCCBA  
events

Mr. Johnson said that the South Western Section had now given Mr. Beard a supply of stationery for DCCBA events.

North Devon  
Swiss Pairs  
event

North Devon wish to run a Swiss Pairs event next season. This was discussed by the Committee and it was agreed to ask Mr. Beard if he thought it could be run successfully and then to make a final decision at the next Committee Meeting.

North Devon  
& Cornwall  
League

It was agreed that teams from North Devon and Cornwall should be allowed to form a League.

Tournament  
Directors

Roger Evens and John Pain had expressed a wish to train as Tournament Directors. It was agreed that they should be recommended.

Training  
Teachers  
of Bridge

Mr. Lawrence said that Rhoda Lederer was willing to come down to the area for a weekend at a cost of £50 + expenses in order to run an intensive teachers' training course. It was decided that Clubs should be circulated to find out how many would like to take this course.

Venue for  
EBU events  
at Bristol

Mrs. Slee asked our EBU representative, Mr. C. Haslam, whether it would be possible to hold EBU events in Bristol in a hotel other than the Royal Hotel where the playing conditions were extremely poor. Mr. Parker endorsed this opinion. Mr. Haslam agreed to bring it up at the next EBU meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

  
Chairman.

7/7/78

<p><u>Present.</u></p>	<p>F. C. Keyte (Chairman) C.R. Haslam (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) S. Johnson (Vice-Chairman) Mrs. Haydon, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Ali Khan, Mrs. Slee, Mrs. Holden, Messrs. Busby, Solomon, Beard, Brown.</p>
<p><u>Apologies.</u></p>	<p>Mrs. P. Jones, K.J.Slee, Mr. Lawrence.</p>
<p><u>Minutes of last meeting</u></p>	<p>Read, confirmed and signed.</p>
<p><u>Matters arising.</u></p>	<p>Mr. Brown queried the interest at which the funds had been invested. He said that 4½% seemed very low compared with the Abbey National Building Society which were currently offering 6¼%. It was agreed not to look into this further for the moment, as it was still by no means certain that we wished to leave the money invested.</p> <p><u>Pat Walton Cup.</u> Mrs. Slee reported that the Devon &amp; Cornwall team had come 4th out of 11 teams. The Welsh team won, with two teams from Somerset coming 2nd &amp; 3rd. She also said that Devon &amp; Cornwall had actually beaten both the 1st &amp; 2nd teams in their individual matches.</p> <p><u>Swiss Pairs in North Devon.</u> Mr. Beard said that it would need a lot of helpers, time and work to run such an event. The Committee decided to allocate a weekend for an event in North Devon, the actual event to be decided later.</p> <p><u>Teachers' Course.</u> Mr. Beard said he was responsible in this area for taking such a course if required. The Secretary to write to Rhoda Lederer to find out exactly what she was offering to do.</p>
<p><u>Matters arising from A.G.M.</u></p>	<p><u>Alternative Playing Venue.</u> The Committee appointed a Sub-Committee consisting of Mrs. Lamb, Mr. Solomon &amp; Mr. Beard to look into the possibility of finding another venue in Plymouth.</p> <p><u>Representation of League Teams in Final.</u> It was proposed by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Brown that six teams should in future play in this event - two from the North East Section, two from Cornwall, and one each from Plymouth and North Devon. Carried.</p> <p><u>Rules.</u> The Committee asked Mrs. Leonard to go carefully through the revised rules for spelling and punctuation errors.</p> <p><u>Western Morning News Final.</u> Mr. Solomon proposed and Mrs. Slee seconded that 48 boards should be played in the final, as at present. Mr. Keyte proposed and Mr. Beard seconded that 40 boards should be played. Mr. Keyte's amendment defeated. Mr. Solomon's motion carried.</p>
<p><u>Secretary's Report.</u></p>	<p>Mr. Haslam reported that there was still some trouble in some areas with membership not being recorded by the E.B.U. although by and large the problem was nearly overcome.</p> <p>He also reported on the outcome of the match between the Chairman and the Tollemache team held on July 2nd at</p>

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He read a letter written by Mr. R. Swinton-Eagle which asked if the boundaries could be altered and the number of areas increased by so doing, in the Inter-Area Teams of 8 event. The Committee discussed his proposal and decided not to alter the areas at all, but to keep them exactly as at present.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer asked if it would be possible to standardise the book-keeping in the Sections, as the auditors at present find it impossible to present the accounts properly. She said that at the present time the Congress wrote off all their capital expenditure, e.g. for tables, cards, etc., whereas some of the Sections showed depreciation for these items. Mrs. Holden proposed and Mr. Haslam seconded that in future these items should be written off for the purpose of the accounts. Carried.

Selection Committee.

Mrs. Haydon assisted by Mr. Beard.  
Mr. Slee assisted by Mrs. Hooper.  
Mrs. Holden assisted by Mr. Brown.  
The Selection Committee to elect a Chairman from amongst their number.

Mrs. Slee proposed that Mr. M. Allen be asked to Captain the Tollemache team for the coming season. Seconded by Mrs. Holden. Carried.

President's Pot.

The Secretary said that he had accepted on behalf of the County an invitation to send two pairs to Bristol for the President's Pot. He asked the selectors to select two pairs.

Prize Money for Competitions

The Treasurer asked that the method of deciding how much prize money shall be given for a particular event be standardised in some way. The Committee discussed this at great length, and it was eventually decided that Mrs. Lamb and Mr. Solomon should discuss this between themselves and come up with a formula.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.50 p.m. The Section Secretaries then held a meeting to arrange the Winter Programme.

  
Chairman.

8/9/78



<u>Present.</u>	F. C. Keyte (Chairman) C. R. Haslam (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs. Haydon, Mrs. Holden, Mrs. Ali Khan, Mrs. P. Jones, Mrs. K. Slee, Mrs. D. Brown (representing A. Brown), Messrs. Slee, Beard, Solomon, Johnson, Lawrence.
<u>Apologies.</u>	H. Busby.
<u>Minutes of last meeting</u>	Read, confirmed and signed.
<u>Matters arising.</u>	<p><u>North Devon Weekend.</u> Mr. Beard reported that it had been decided to have some kind of ordinary pairs event during this weekend, rather than a very difficult to run Swiss Pairs event.</p> <p><u>New Plymouth Venue.</u> The Sub-Committee had arranged provisionally that this year's County events should be held at the College of St. Mark &amp; St. John, Derriford. There was some question of whether this was large enough and Mr. Beard agreed to check this.</p> <p><u>Prize Money.</u> The Sub-Committee recommended that for Teams of 4 events the prize money should be £16, £10 &amp; £6, for Teams of 8 events it should be £12 &amp; £8, and for the Western Morning News Cup it should be £32 &amp; £16 (all the above being team awards). Mr. Haslam proposed and Mrs. Slee seconded that this scale should be adopted. Carried.</p> <p><u>Teachers Course.</u> The Secretary reported that he had found out that it would cost £15 per person, and that a minimum of 12 people would be required for a teacher to come down. It would in addition cost £6 examination fee + the cost of a trip to London to sit the examination. This was discussed and it was agreed that a notice be circulated to Clubs to see how much support there was in the County for such a course to be held.</p> <p><u>Selection Committee.</u> Mrs. Haydon said that Mr. Slee had been elected Chairman of the Selection Committee.</p>
<u>Investment of funds.</u>	Mrs. Jones said that if the funds were invested in the name of three nominees instead of in the name of the County, more interest could be obtained. Mr. Haslam reported that Torquay Bridge Club were negotiating the purchase of new premises and had asked if the D.C.C.B.A. might be prepared to make the Club a loan. Mr. Johnson proposed that we seek qualified advice with the idea that if they think it feasible we agree to lend Torquay Bridge Club the money. Seconded by Mr. Slee. Carried.
<u>Alternative Bristol venue.</u>	Mr. Haslam reported that he had spoken to the EBU about the complaints of playing conditions at the Royal Hotel, Bristol, and they had informed him that the hotel was now under new management and that conditions should now be improved.
<u>Appointment of Press Secretary.</u>	Mrs. Haydon reported that Mr. Vinson had said that he did not want to carry on in this capacity, but she felt he might be persuaded to change his mind. Mr. Beard proposed and Mrs. Jones seconded that a letter be sent to Mr. Vinson saying that it was the unanimous wish of the Committee that he be co-opted to the Committee.



Selection Committee report.

President's Pot. Mr. Slee reported that the selectors had selected the following two pairs for this event:-  
M. Allen & D. Hardie  
P. Bowles & K. Woods.  
Tollemache. Mr. Slee said that eight pairs had been selected provisionally. Mike Allen was holding practice matches, and the Tollemache team would be selected from these pairs.  
It was proposed by Mrs. Lamb and seconded by Mr. Solomon that the D.C.C.B.A. pay for the hire of the room at Plymouth Bridge Club for these practices.  
It was decided that students who were possible choices for the Tollemache team and who were away at college could not be brought back to Plymouth for practices at D.C.C.B.A. expense.

Cornwall.

The possible separation of Cornwall from the D.C.C.B.A. was discussed. It was felt that although at some time in the future this might be advantageous for Cornwall, it was not in anyone's interest at the present time.

Rules.

The Secretary reported that Mrs. Leonard had gone through the D.C.C.B.A. rules for possible errors or omissions, and that the rules had now been sent to the E.B.U.

Parent/Child Tournament.

Mr. Lawrence suggested holding an event in the County for parents and children playing together. He offered to put up a trophy for such an event. It was decided to circulate a notice for club notice boards to see how much support there would be for such an event.

Co-option to Committee

The Chairman proposed that as Ivybridge now had no-one representing them on the County committee, Mr. Parker should be co-opted to the Committee. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. This was discussed and it was felt that there was no reason why Ivybridge should be represented any more than other areas such as North Devon, and the size of the Committee would then become unwieldy again. Motion defeated.

Mr. Johnson

The Chairman said that unfortunately Mr. Johnson was shortly going into hospital for an operation. The Committee all wished him well.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.5 p.m.



Chairman.

9/3/79.

<u>Present.</u>	F. G. Keyte (Chairman) C. R. Haslam (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs. Ali Khan, Mrs. Holden, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Leonard, Messrs. Busby, Beard, Brown, Lawrence, Solomon, Slee. & JOHANSON
<u>Apologies.</u>	Mrs. Slee.
<u>Minutes of last meeting</u>	Read, confirmed and signed.
<u>Matters arising.</u>	<p><u>North Devon Weekend.</u> The Secretary was asked by the organisers of the North Devon Weekend if it was possible to make this a permanent annual date. The Chairman asked those members who had attended what they thought of this year's event. Mr. Beard said the only slight disadvantage was that it had to be held on two floors, which made the Tournament Director's job somewhat difficult. It was agreed that North Devon should be allocated January 12th and 13th, 1980.</p> <p><u>New Plymouth Venue.</u> The new venue for County events at the College of St. Mark &amp; St. John was discussed. Mrs. Lamb said that the cost was only £10 as compared with £25 at the Continental Hotel, and said that she would see if she could improve the arrangements for refreshments.</p> <p><u>Teachers Course.</u> The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Lederer which said that the E.B.U. would be prepared to send a teacher to Devon &amp; Cornwall for a two weekend course, but that the candidates or the County would have to bear the cost of travelling and overnight stay. It was decided by the Committee that it was possible for Mr. Beard to run an equally good course, and the Secretary said that he would circularise the Clubs to see if there was enough interest for such a course to be run by Mr. Beard for the 1980 examinations.</p> <p><u>Loan to Torquay Bridge Club.</u> Not proceeding.</p> <p><u>Press Secretary.</u> The Secretary said that he would be responsible for notifying Clubs, the Tournament Secretary, the Treasurer and the organiser of the Victor Ludorum award, of the results of County events, provided that the Tournament Directors of these events sent him a copy of the results.</p> <p><u>Parent/Child Tournament.</u> It was agreed that this would be held on the 12th August at Plymouth Bridge Club if there were sufficient entries. The Secretary to circularise the Clubs.</p>
<u>Cornwall - Possibility of separate Association</u>	It was agreed that this was a matter which should be left entirely to the Cornwall Sub-Section to decide themselves, when and if they wish to become a separate Association.
<u>Separate Sub-Section for N.Devon</u>	The Secretary had been asked by Messrs. Evers and McVitie Clarke if the North Devon area could become a separate Sub-Section of the North East Section, on the grounds that they felt they were very isolated for qualifying rounds for County events. Agreed.

<u>Subscriptions for schoolboys.</u>	The E.B.U. have asked the Secretary to find out if the County was in agreement with reducing the subscription for schoolboys. The Committee decided against this.
<u>Centralising of subscriptions</u>	The Secretary said that Thame insisted that henceforth all subscriptions should be forwarded to Thame through the County Treasurer. The Treasurer asked that when subscriptions were sent to her, an accompanying list of names and addresses should either be typewritten or written in block capitals, with particular attention being paid to the initials of members.
<u>Inter-Counties Fairs Championship</u>	It is the intention of the E.B.U. to organise a National competition, qualification for which would be a proportion of the leaders from each of the Counties' Pairs Championships. It was agreed in principle to subsidise entries for this to a certain degree.
<u>Treasurer's report.</u>	The Treasurer read a letter from the Accountants which stated that they were somewhat worried that the County may be liable for Income Tax on the proceeds of Torquay Congress. It was agreed, since the majority of other Counties also invested their funds, that the money should remain in the Building Society.
<u>Selection Committee report.</u>	Mr. Slee said that the team selected for the Tollemache last December was as follows:- M. Allen (Captain) & S. Jury W. Solomon & D. Howard Mr. & Mrs. K. J. Slee P. Bowles & K. Woods J. Woolcott & J. Griffiths.
<u>Dates for A.G.Ms.</u>	The team came second out of the six Counties, the winners being Somerset. South Western Section - April 27th. Cornwall - April 28th North Eastern Section - May 16th. <i>done 12/14</i> It was agreed to hold the County A.G.M. at Plymouth Bridge Club at 6.45 p.m. on June 22nd.
<u>Officers.</u>	The following nominations were suggested:- Chairman - S.E. Johnson Treasurer - Mrs. M. Lamb Secretary - C. Haslam Assistant Secretary - Mrs. K. Slee Tournament Secretary - W. Solomon Assistant Tournament Secretary - Mrs. A. Drew. A nomination for Vice-Chairman should be put forward by Cornwall.
<u>Western Morning News rules.</u>	The Secretary had been asked by Mrs. L. C. Bell what the arrangements were about the seating for Western Morning News matches. It was proposed by Mr. Beard and seconded by Mr. Slee that the Western Morning News competition should be played under Gold Cup rules as far as seating arrangements were concerned. It was decided that the team in the top of the draw should be considered the home team.
<u>Belgium course for juniors.</u>	The Secretary read a letter from Mr. M. Allen about the possibility of sending two junior members on a week's course to Belgium. It was decided to put this on the Agenda for the next meeting.
<u>Electric Stair.</u>	Mrs. P. Jones said that Torquay had purchased an electric stair for their new premises, into which they were about to move. She proposed that the County might donate £250

from the N/E section to pay for this amenity for the new Club. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence. Carried.

Stationery.

Mrs. Haydon said that recently, instead of stationery for County events being purchased by the South West Section and then being reimbursed by the County, it had been purchased direct by the County Tournament Director, Mr. Beard. The Treasurer felt that she should at least have been informed of the change in arrangements, but she was agreeable to this provided that there was an annual stocktaking. Agreed.

D.C.C.B.A. tables.

Mrs. Ali Khan asked if the new Torquay Bridge Club might have the use of the D.C.C.B.A. tables which were at present stored in Torquay at the cost of £147 per annum, on condition that Torquay Bridge Club stored them free of charge. Agreed.

Date of next meeting

Plymouth Bridge Club on May 25th, 1979, at 7 p.m.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.55p.m

  
Chairman.  
25/5/79



Present.

F. C. Keyte (Chairman)  
C. R. Haslam (Hon. Secretary)  
Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)  
Mrs. Ali Khan, Mrs. Holden, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Leonard,  
Mrs. Haydon, Mrs. D. Brown (standing in for Mr. Lawrence)  
Mrs. Slee, Messrs. Busby, Beard, Solomon, Johnson, Brown.

Apologies. Mr. Slee, Mr. Lawrence.

Minutes of last meeting The date of the A.G.M. of the N/E Section was amended to read June 13th. Minutes then confirmed and signed.

Matters

arising

Western Morning News Competition. The Chairman suggested that more explicit rules be drawn up with regard to offering dates, etc. The Committee felt that this was not necessary.

Date of 1980 Teachers Training Examinations. The Secretary stated that the course had been arranged for the weekends of 10th & 11th May and 17th & 18th May, 1980, and the examination for May 31st.

North Devon Sub-Section. In reply to a question from this sub-section, it was stated by the Committee that it would not be possible to hold qualifying rounds for County events in North Devon, but only for N/E Section events.

Course for Schoolboys in Belgium. With regard to a seminar being held in Belgium, for which four boys from Devon & Cornwall had entered, it was proposed by Mrs. Holden and seconded by Mrs. Jones that the County sponsor them for £50 each boy. It was made quite clear that this was no precedent and the matter should be reviewed each year. Motion carried.

Parent/Child Tournament. So far, there have been seven or eight entries.

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Busby had been put forward by the Cornwall section for the next Vice Chairman.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer stated that she was having some trouble with refreshments at the College of St. Mark & St. John, as these had to be ordered beforehand and it was difficult to estimate exactly. It was agreed by the Committee that in future an extra 15p would be added to the entry fee. She also asked whether schoolboys were automatically affiliated to the E.B.U. as one boy had offered her £1 instead of £2 subscription. Mr. Haslam to check with Thame.

Matters affecting A.G.M.

David Howard to be asked to bring Victor Ludorum Cup, and Mr. Hastings-James to be asked to bring Western Morning News Cup.

Inter-Section Teams.

Mrs. Holden asked that this be played as it used to be done, with each Section playing a straight match against each other Section, the "A" team playing at home and the "B" team away on the same day. It was agreed to bring this matter up at the next Committee meeting.

Cutty Sark November

The Secretary asked the County's permission to hold this Congress again this year. Agreed.

Affiliated Clubs.

Mr. Haslam said he needed to know the names and addresses of all affiliated Clubs each year. All affiliation fees must go to the County Treasurer.

South West Pairs.

The question of whether the format of the South West Pairs competition should be changed, possibly by holding a semi-final or by holding a three session final instead of running the Graphic Cup during the same week-end, was discussed. It was decided that this should be a matter for the next committee to decide.

Men v Ladies

Mrs. Slee said that she did not feel that the Men v the Ladies match was scored in the proper manner this year, as the IMPs were not scored as a whole team but as three separate teams of four. Mr. Beard said he would see that this did not happen in future.

National Pairs Final

Mr. Brown said that Mike Allen and Steve Preston should be congratulated on coming fourth in the National Pairs final.

Qualification for County Selection.

Mr. Haslam brought up the question of Steve Preston who was joining the D.C.C.B.A. this year although as far as was known did not reside in the area. It was proposed by Mr. Keyte and seconded by Mrs. Jones that players who are selected to represent the County in National events must actually reside within the county or only be away temporarily (such as at University). Motion carried.

Proposed Life Member

Mr. Busby said that Cornwall would like to propose Mr. Pentecost as a Life member of the D.C.C.B.A. It was thought that this was not fitting, and it was suggested that his Club could, if they wished, make him a Life Member of the Club.

The Chairman said that as this was his last meeting as Chairman, he would like to thank all his Committee for their help and hard work.

Mrs. Jones proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for all his hard work.

Mr. Beard proposed a vote of thanks to all the Officers of the Committee.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

  
6/7/79  
Chairman.

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Present. S. E. Johnson (Chairman)  
 C. R. Haslam (Hon. Secretary)  
 Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)  
 Mrs. Haydon, Mrs. Ali Khan, Mrs. Holden, Mrs. Leonard,  
 Mrs. Slee, Messrs. Busby, Brown, Parker, Beard, Solomon.

Apologies. Mrs. P. M. Jones, P. G. Lawrence, K. J. Slee.

Section Representatives. The Sections named their representatives as follows:-

- N/E Section - C. R. Haslam  
 Mrs. P. Jones,  
 Mrs. G. Ali Khan  
 Mrs. K. Slee  
 K. Slee.
- S/W Section - Mrs. M. Lamb  
 Mrs. U. Haydon  
 W. Solomon,  
 J. Beard  
 S. Parker.
- Cornwall - Mrs. C. Holden  
 Mrs. N. Leonard  
 A. Brown  
 P. Lawrence  
 H. Busby.

Minutes of last meeting Read, confirmed and signed.

Matters arising Mrs. Leonard said she felt it was unfair that students at University paid a subscription which included £1 for E.B.U. membership and had to pay another £1 to the E.B.W. when joining the County Association. Mr. Haslam said he thought this practice would be coming to an end shortly. He also mentioned that the E.B.U. subscriptions would be going up by 50p, not by £1 as had been thought.

Teaching Courses. Mr. Beard said that in the 1979 examinations he had had four pupils entered, three of whom passed.

Intersection Teams. Mrs. Holden proposed that we revert to the old system of A and B matches, with each Section playing a straight match against each other Section, the A team playing at home and the B team playing away on the same day. Seconded by Mr. Brown. Carried.

Qualification to represent the County in National events. Mr. Solomon questioned the resolution made at the last meeting that players representing the County must reside in the area. It was decided to leave the resolution as it was.

South West Pairs format. Mrs. Ali Khan felt that the Petit Congress weekend should be left as it is, with the South West Pairs final on the Saturday and the Graphic Cup on the Sunday. She suggested, though, that the next 14 pairs should qualify to play in a secondary final on the same day as the South West pairs. Mr. Beard proposed that a cup be purchased for this event and that it should be called the Ali Khan cup. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Carried.

Secretary's Report. Mr. Haslam said that the E.B.U. had lost £14,000 in the last 12 months.

Inter-counties Pairs Final. He said it had been decided that the number of pairs to qualify for this final should be one more than the number of delegates from that County

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<u>Treasurer's report.</u>	The Treasurer said that the Accountant was still worried about the question of tax on the proceeds of Torquay Congress. The Committee felt that as the people who come to play in the Congress are members of the E.B.U. we were not, in fact, trading with the public.
<u>Entry Fees for Competitions</u>	As the D.C.C.B.A. is making an overall profit on competitions at present, it was decided not to raise the entry fees for at least another twelve months.
<u>New Convention Cards.</u>	Mr. Beard asked whether the new convention cards should be used immediately. Mr. Haslam said that these had not yet been printed, but that the new rules with regard to exchanging cards, alerting, etc. should be put into practice immediately.
<u>Selectors for 1979/80</u>	<p>N/E Section - K. Slee assisted by Mrs. Hooper  S/W Section - J. Beard assisted by W. Solomon  Cornwall - Mrs. Holden assisted by <i>A C. Brown</i></p> <p>The Secretary suggested that there should be a separate Chairman of the Selectors, not to have a vote, but to see that the Selectors hold meetings and to be in charge of those meetings. He suggested Mr. H. Busby who agreed to do this.</p>
<u>Captain for 1979/80</u>	<p>Mr. Solomon proposed and Mrs. Slee seconded that Mr. M. Allen be elected Captain of the Tollemache team until next July with the recommendation to the next Committee that he be re-elected next year. It was made clear that the Captain does not have to be a playing Captain.</p> <p>Mr. Solomon felt that the Captain should be co-opted to the selection committee and be able to vote on this Committee. It was pointed out that this would be unpractical unless the assistant selectors also had votes, as there would be four people who would vote. Therefore it would be necessary for the assistant selectors to have a vote so that there would be an odd number. This was discussed at length, and it was decided that only the selectors themselves should vote and that the Captain and assistant selectors should not have a vote. Mr. Parker suggested that this be reviewed in a year's time.</p>
<u>Representation of County at E.B.U.</u>	<p>Mr. Johnson proposed and Mrs. Holden seconded that Mr. Haslam and Mr. Beard be re-elected to be our E.B.U. representatives. Carried.</p> <p>There being noother business, the meeting closed at 8.50p.m.</p> <p>The meeting was followed by a Section Secretaries Meeting to arrange the programme for 1979/80.</p>
	<p><i>J. H. Johnson</i>  21/9/79.  <u>Chairman.</u></p>

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Plymouth Bridge Club on Friday, September 21st, 1979, at 8 p.m.

<u>Present</u>	S. E. Johnson (Chairman) C. R. Haslam (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs. Haydon, Mrs. Ali Khan, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Slee, Mrs. Holde Messrs. Busby, Brown, Beard, Solomon, Slee, Parker, Lawrence.
<u>Apologies.</u>	Mrs. P. Jones.
<u>Minutes of last meeting.</u>	The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.
<u>Matters arising.</u>	<u>E.B.U. Subscriptions.</u> Mr. Haslam said that the E.B.U. were now considering increasing the fee possibly to as much as £5. He wished to know the feelings of the Committee about this. The Committee, after some discussion, felt that it would be better to increase it to say £3 in the first place, with a gradual increase in succeeding years. They felt the E.B.U. would lose many members if the subscription was increased to £5 in one step.
<u>Treasurer's report.</u>	The Treasurer said that two of the boys who went to the course in Belgium had written to thank the D.C.C.B.A. for sponsoring them. One of the two had written a long letter, which the Treasurer read to the Committee, describing exactly how the weekend was organised, what events were held, and how the Devon and Cornwall contingent fared. It was decided to write and thank him for taking the trouble to write such a detailed and interesting letter.
<u>Circulating Results.</u>	The Secretary said that Mr. Rayment from Cornwall had kindly offered to take over responsibility for circulating results.
<u>Non-payment of E.B.U. subscription</u>	Mrs. Lamb said that she noticed someone playing in the Gold Cup from Devon who had not paid their E.B.U. Subscription.
<u>President's Pot.</u>	The Chairman of the selectors said that the following had been selected to play:- M. Allen and W. Solomon K. Woods and P. Bowles. Reserves:- Mrs. & Mrs. K. Slee. No substitutes allowed to play.
<u>Purchase of Computer.</u>	The Chairman asked the Committee to consider the purchase of a computer for scoring at events such as the Torquay Congress. He said he could obtain a specially built one with print-out for between £1500 and £2000. Mr. Lawrence said that he and his son had used a microcomputer at the last Torquay Congress and they had found it to be not absolutely satisfactory. To get one that would really be efficient he thought would cost a great deal more than £2000. Mr. Haslam said that the E.B.U. were considering the purchase of a computer in the near future, and this would be available for hire. After a lot of discussion, the Committee decided to leave it for the time being, especially as the cost of computers was dropping all the time.
<u>Tea for League final</u>	Mrs. Leonard was concerned that no tea was provided at the League Final held at Plymouth. Mrs. Lamb said that it was difficult to get people to provide teas, and it also had not been known how many teams there were going to be. It was agreed that the D.C.C.B.A. should pay for tea and

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<u>Expenses for Section events.</u>	Mrs. Leonard proposed on behalf of the Cornwall section that the Sections be authorised to pay expenses of players representing their Section when they travelled to other Sections. Seconded by Mr. Beard. The motion was defeated.
<u>Money for League Final Winners.</u>	Mrs. Haydon asked if there was a money prize for the League Final winners. The Chairman said that there was no money prize for this event as the winners had already won money when winning the League in their Section.
<u>E.B.U. Convention cards.</u>	Mr. Slee asked Mr. Haslam whether the new convention cards could be made bigger as it was impossible to fill them out in a detailed way in the space provided. Mr. Haslam said that this was not possible at present as a large quantity had already been printed.
<u>Torquay Congress.</u>	Mrs. Ali Khan said that the date of the Torquay Congress had been altered to 20th March instead of 27th March. This was because the date had clashed with the date for the Portland Cup.
<u>Date of next meeting.</u>	A provisional date for 8 p.m. on January 25th, 1980, was made.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.15p.m

*J.E.H. Johnson*  
 25/1/80.  
Chairman.

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<p><u>Present</u></p>	<p>S. E. Johnson (Chairman)                  C. R. Haslam (Hon. Secretary)                  Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)                  Mrs. Haydon, Mrs. Ali Khan, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Leonard,                  Mrs. Slee, Mrs. Brown (rep. Mrs. Holden), Mrs. Lawrence                  (rep. Mr. A. Brown), Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Parker, Mr. Beard,                  Mr. Slee.</p>
<p><u>Apologies.</u></p>	<p>Mr. H. Busby.</p>
<p><u>Minutes of last meeting</u></p>	<p>These were read, confirmed and signed.</p>
<p><u>Matters arising</u></p>	<p>Mr. Haslam said that the E.B.U. had set the new subscription at £2.</p>
<p><u>Secretary's report</u></p>	<p>The Secretary said that the E.B.U. council had decided to appoint 4 or 5 sub-committees to look after various aspects of the work. He did not feel this was altogether a good idea.                  Mrs. Jones suggested that we write to the E.B.U. and say that we note that the subscriptions have gone up, and that we hope the E.B.U. is doing everything possible to save money on administration.</p>
<p><u>Treasurer's report.</u></p>	<p>Mrs. Lamb said that the County received £50 as our share of the Rothman's profits.                  She also said that she was concerned that some members of teams selected to represent areas of the County were not members of the D.C.C.B.A.  <u>Stationery</u> Mrs. Lamb said that the cost of stationery this year had been five times what it was last year. She felt that there was not enough co-operation between herself and Mr. Beard, who had ordered some of the stationery. The Chairman suggested that they get together to sort it out in future.</p>
<p><u>Selection report on Tollemache.</u></p>	<p>Mr. Slee reported that the selection of the Tollemache team had been somewhat of a mess this year. Six pairs had been selected on 7th October. These were:-                  M. Allen &amp; S. Jury                  D. Howard &amp; W. Solomon                  S. Newstead &amp; I. Popplestone                  Mr. &amp; Mrs. K. J. Slee                  J. Woolcott &amp; J. Griffiths                  J. Beard &amp; K. Woods.                  The Chairman of the selectors had been informed (Mr. Busby) but he did not notify the Secretary of the selection until a fortnight before the Tollemache, and then the list of players was not complete.                  Mr. Haslam read two letters - one from J. Woolcott and one from K. Woods - both of which saying that they felt that the method of selection and the captaincy of the team was not altogether satisfactory. The Committee discussed this at some length, and it was decided to relieve Mr. Allen of the captaincy and to replace him with a non-playing captain. It was agreed to ask Mr. H. Haydon if he would consider taking on this post, this motion having been proposed by Mrs. P. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Ali Khan and carried unanimously.                  Mrs. Brown suggested that the non-playing captain should be the non-voting chairman of selectors, and that meetings of selectors should be held as often as necessary. The Committee agreed that there should be a minimum of three trials held, and that practice matches should be held after selection.                  Mr. Haslam agreed to stand in as deputy for the non-playing</p>

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<u>Cutty Sark Congress</u>	The Secretary asked the County's permission to hold the November Cutty Sark Congress again this year. Agreed.
<u>Spring Torquay Congress</u>	Mrs. Ali Khan said that the Secretary of this Congress was resigning after this year and a replacement would have to be found. The Committee agreed that this replacement should come from the North East section, and that the section should choose the new Secretary.
<u>E.B.U. Competitions</u>	Mr. Parker said that there was very little notice given for the Hubert Phillips and the second round of the Silver Plate this year, and he asked Mr. Haslam to mention this to the authorities at the E.B.U.
<u>Life Membership of D.C.C.B.A.</u>	Mr. Lawrence put forward the name of Mr. Bill Collings as a possible Life Member of the Association. It was decided that this would be discussed at the next meeting
<u>Date of A.G.M.</u>	Saturday, June 14th, 1980.
<u>Date of next meeting.</u>	Friday, May 16th, 1980.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10p.m

*J. G. Johnson*  
16/5/80  
Chairman.



Present

S. E. Johnson (Chairman)  
C. R. Haslam (Hon. Secretary)  
Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)  
Mrs. Ali Khan, Mrs. Holden, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Slee,  
Messrs. Parker, Lawrence, Busby, Beard, Slee.

Apologies

Mrs. Drew, Mrs. Haydon, Mrs. Leonard, Mr. Brown.

Minutes of  
last  
meeting

Read, confirmed and signed.

Matters  
arising

Non-Playing Captain for Tollemache. Mr. Haslam reported that Mr. Haydon felt he could not take on this job. Mr. Beard proposed that Mr. Amos Bridgeman be asked if he would take it on. Seconded by Mr. Slee. Carried. It was suggested that if Mr. Bridgeman would not agree to this, that Mr. Bob Ray be asked.

Mr. Slee proposed that a notice be posted on all Club notice boards asking for names of established pairs who wished to be considered for trials for the County team - the closing date for this list to be June 14th.

Mr. Beard said that it was a pity that the County team played only in one event in the year, and suggested that challenge matches be held against neighbouring counties.

Life Membership. Mr. Lawrence withdrew his proposal that Mr. Collings be made a Life Member of the Association as Mr. Collings is still active in office.

Secretary of Torquay Congress. Mrs. Ali Khan said that a new secretary had not yet been appointed.

E.B.U. Competitions. Mr. Haslam said that the E.B.U. recognised the problem this year of the shortage of time between the draw and the final date for playing some events, and will try to do something about this in future.

Times of  
Committee  
Meetings.

It was decided that in future all Committee meetings of the D.C.C.B.A. would commence at 7.30p.m. with the exception of the meeting immediately after the A.G.M. which would commence at 7p.m.

Secretary's  
Report

Inter-County Pairs. The three pairs who had qualified for this event this year were:-  
Mr. Westlake & Mr. Protheroe  
Mr. Hoadley & Mr. Heaton  
Mr. Bridgeman & Mr. Evers.

Membership Fees. The E.B.U. wished to know the views of the Association on raising membership fees. Mr. Beard said that as the E.B.U. do not seem to know whether they are making a loss or breaking even this year, they were hardly likely to be able to prophesy what would happen in future years, and he felt that discussion on the matter should wait until they had sorted this out.

Questionnaire. The Secretary said that a questionnaire would be appearing in the next quarterly seeking the views of members on the number of E.B.U. events that were now held and whether members felt that these were affecting entries for County events.

Entry Fees for E.B.U. events. Mr. Parker said he felt that entry money should be a realistic sum so that there would be no need to charge a lot of table money at the actual event. Mr. Haslam said that the complication of

Rubber Bridge Clubs. The E.B.U. has an interesting event in mind for Rubber Bridge Clubs and would like to know the names of Rubber Bridge Clubs in the area.

E.B.U. Vouchers. The E.B.U. will now accept all vouchers in lieu of subscriptions regardless of the date of these. The Treasurer said that she would be prepared to accept E.B.U. vouchers only for E.B.U. subscriptions and not for County subscriptions.

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer reported that the cost of hiring the room at St. Mark & St. John's had now been raised to £25. She said that arranging teas was proving very difficult to administrate and she asked that in future no tea should be provided and that people should bring their own. This was agreed.

Insurances. The Treasurer asked the Committee's permission to increase the premiums. Agreed.

Mrs. Holden said that both the Handicap Teams of 8 and the Inter area Teams of 8 were run much too slowly, there being too long an interval between the two halves of the sessions. The Secretary said that he felt that these paid Tournament Directors ought to run these events more efficiently. Mr. Beard agreed to have a word with the Directors in question.

Entry Fees for South West Pairs.

Mrs. Jones asked that the entry fees for the final of the South West Pairs and for the Ali Khan Cup be sent in before the actual event, so that she did not have to sort out the prize money at the actual time of the final. The Secretary said that the Tournament Director at the final could collect the entry fees and that the prize money could be given by cheque which could be written beforehand.

Subscriptions

The Treasurer asked that as many members as possible should send their subscriptions by cheque to obviate the need for writing out receipts.

Annual General Meeting

Election of Officers.

Chairman - Mr. Johnson said that owing to ill health he felt he could no longer carry on as Chairman. He therefore proposed that Mr. Busby take over as Chairman at the A.G.M. Mrs. Holden seconded this. He said that the North East Section should elect a Vice-Chairman. Mr. Haslam said that the Committee felt great regret at the resignation of such a good Chairman and proposed a vote of thanks for all the work he had done in this capacity. Seconded by Mr. Beard and carried unanimously.

Treasurer - Mrs. Lamb was proposed by Mrs. Ali Khan and seconded by Mr. Beard.

Secretary - Mr. Haslam proposed by Mr. K. Slee and seconded by Mrs. K. Slee.

Assistant Secretary - Mrs. Slee proposed by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mr. Parker.

Tournament Secretary - Mr. Solomon proposed by Mr. Haslam and seconded by Mrs. Holden. It was not known whether Mr. Solomon was willing to stand.

Assistant Tournament Secretary - Mrs. Drew proposed by Mr. Haslam and seconded by Mrs. Holden.

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Bridge after A.G.M. It was decided to hold an event in which pairs would "play with an expert".

Ali Khan Cup

Mr. Slee asked whether the Ali Khan cup had been purchased as the winners had not yet been presented with it. Mr. Solomon to be asked about this.

Walton Cup

The following players were selected to play in the Pat Walton Cup at Bristol on June 22nd:-  
Mrs. Holden & Mr. Robinson  
J. Woolcott & J. Griffiths.  
Reserves:- P. Bowles & R. Blackmore.

Cups

Mr. Busby expressed some concern that cups were not available to be presented at the Cornwall Congress because they had not been returned in time by the previous winners. It was decided that in future winners should sign for the cups and would thus be responsible for seeing that they were returned the following year.

Devon Schools Competition

Mr. Parker asked for the Committee's support in principle for an event to be competed for by Devon schools. This was given.

Date of next Meeting

Friday, June 20th, 1980, at 7p.m.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.20p.m.

  
Chairman.

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<u>Present</u>	Mr. H. Busby (Chairman) Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) Mr. C. Haslam (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. P. Jones, Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. K. Slee, Mrs. A. Drew Mrs. M. Holden, Mrs. L. Rodger, Messrs. K. Slee, J. Beard P. Lawrence, A. Brown, C. Baxter, N.A. Bridgeman.
<u>Apologies</u>	Mr. S. Parker.
<u>Section Representatives</u>	N/E Section - C. R. Haslam Mrs. P. Jones Mrs. G. Ali Khan Mrs. K. Slee K. Slee S/W Section - Mrs. M. Lamb Mrs. A. Drew J. Beard W. Solomon S. Parker Cornwall - Mrs. M. Holden Mrs. L. Rodger A. Brown P. Lawrence C. Baxter
<u>Minutes</u>	The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.
<u>Matters arising</u>	<u>Non-Playing Captain for Tollemache.</u> The Secretary was pleased to report that Mr. Bridgeman had agreed to take on this job. <u>Challenge Matches against neighbouring Counties.</u> The Secretary had spoken to Mrs. Williams from Somerset, and they had agreed that a match between a second team from each county would be more practicable. <u>Secretary for Torquay Congress.</u> Mr. C. R. Haslam. <u>Questionaire.</u> Mr. Slee asked why only one copy of the E.B.U. questionaire had been sent to married couples. Mrs. Jones suggested that the E.B.U. send a few spare copies to County Secretaries so that these could be distributed where required. <u>Entry Fees for South West Pairs &amp; Ali Khan Cup.</u> Mrs. Jones said she was still not happy with the arrangement that these should be collected at the actual event, as it meant that she had to carry a great deal of money around with her for the whole weekend. It was decided to ask for the entry fees before the event and to put a note on the Winter Programme to this effect. <u>Inter-County Pairs.</u> Mrs. Holden said that Messrs. Hinton & Hoadley had not been notified of this event and therefore had not attended. It was pointed out that this event was quite clearly on the E.B.U. programme.
<u>Correspondence</u>	The Secretary read the Committee two letters received from Mr. M. Allen. The first was to thank the Committee for sponsoring the boys on their Belgian visit last year and to suggest a definite youth policy in Devon & Cornwall for all schools in the area. He also mentioned the fact that it had been decided to have a non-playing captain and he questioned whether there was someone of sufficient status in the County to take on this post. The second letter was with regard to the selection of a team for the Pat Walton Cup in Bristol on June 22nd. He felt that he should have been consulted on the matter and that the team selected was not of the highest standard. The Committee discussed both letters and it was decided to reply to the first thanking him for his letter and in- ... that Mr. A. Bridgeman had been elected as

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Non-Playing Captain for the Tollemache. In reply to the second letter the Committee found it difficult to understand why Mr. Allen felt he should have been consulted, and decided to reply to his letter saying that the Secretary had passed the invitation on to the selectors who had selected a team in the normal manner.

Trials.

The following pairs have put their names forward for trials for the County team:-

Messrs. Robinson & Cruttwell

Messrs. Westlake & Prothero

Mr. & Mrs. A. Brown

Messrs. Jenkins & Barnes

Mrs. Kennedy & Mrs. Martin

Mr. & Mrs. P. Lawrence

Mr. & Mrs. L. C. Bell

Messrs. Blackmore & Bowles

Mr. & Mrs. K. J. Slee

Messrs. Michaels & McDermott

Messrs. Beard & Woods.

It was decided by the selectors & non-playing captain to ask the Secretary to write to all these pairs and also to all the players who played in last year's Tollemache asking them to play in the first trials on July 20th.

Secretary's report

The Secretary had nothing to report.

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer said she was in the process of up-dating the insurances and said she would like to get together an up-to-date list of all the tables and other property in the County.

Tournament Directors

Mr. Parker (not present) asked through Mrs. Lamb about payment to directors. At present, Mr. Beard and Mr. Pain were "B" directors, but Mr. Evers was only a trainee director. These three all carried out the same duties at County events. Mr. Lawrence proposed and Mr. Haslam seconded that the three should be paid at the same rate. Carried. Mrs. Lamb asked what should be considered as extras to the normal E.B.U. rate as the directors did not name what these were when claiming expenses. It was agreed that in future the directors should list their actual expenses.

Cost of Competitions

It was proposed by Mr. Haslam and seconded by Mr. Brown that the table money for most events should continue at the same rate for the coming year, with the exception of the Petit Congress and Cornwall Congress - these to be increased to £2 per player per event, i.e. £4 per player for the weekend. Carried.

Venues.

Mr. Beard suggested that some County events might be held at Plymouth Bridge Club. Mrs. Lamb thought that it might be rather crowded. The Secretary suggested that Ivybridge might be used for some events. The Section Secretaries agreed to discuss this at their special meeting for arranging the Winter Programme immediately after this meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8 p.m. The Section Secretaries then held a meeting to arrange the Winter Programme.

  
Chairman

<u>Present</u>	Mr. H. Busby (Chairman) Mr. C. Haslam (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs. P. Jones, Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. P. Lawrence (rep. Mrs. M. Holden), Mrs. K. Slee, Messrs. A. Brown, S. Parker, K. Slee, P. Lawrence, W. Solomon.
<u>Apologies</u>	Mrs. A. Drew, Mr. J. Beard, Mrs. M. Holden, Mr. A. Bridgman
<u>Minutes</u>	The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.
<u>Matters arising</u>	<u>Venues.</u> Mrs. Lamb said that all the County events previously held at the College of St. Mark and St. John would be held at Ivybridge this season, as the College had decided that the room could not be hired out during term time. It was unfortunate that the Cornish people would have a little further to travel, but no venue in Plymouth itself could be found.
<u>Correspondence</u>	Mr. Haslam said he had received a letter from Mr. Solomon saying that due to pressure of work he wished to resign as Tournament Secretary at the end of the season. The Chairman said we would be sorry to lose him, and thanked him for all the work he had done in this office.
<u>Youth Policy</u>	It was decided to appoint a Sub-Committee to draw up a general policy for schools in the area. The following names were suggested:- Mr. M. Allen, Mr. J. Pain, Mr. J. Cloke, Mr. S. Parker, Mr. Bob Ray. Terms of reference to be discussed at the next meeting.
<u>Report on Trials and Selection</u>	Mr. Slee said he had been asked by Mr. Bridgman to give the report. There had been two trials. The top eight pairs in the first trial had been selected to play in the second trial. As a result of this, the following pairs had been selected to play in the Tollemache:- Mr J. Beard & Mr. K. Woods Mr. & Mrs. K. J. Slee Mr. R. Blackmore & Mr. P. Bowles Mr. J. Griffiths & Mr. J. Woolcott Non-playing Captain Mr. A. Bridgman Mr. K. Evers to go as reserve to play with Mr. Bridgman in case of emergency. Captain Mr. Lawrence did not agree that the non-playing/should go as a reserve and said that he felt another pair should go as reserves. The Chairman said that it had been agreed that Mr. Bridgman should go as a reserve when he had been asked to take on the captaincy. If a pair dropped out before travelling to the Tollemache Mr. Lawrence proposed that Mr. Haslam should go as non-playing Captain, Seconded by Mr. Parker. Carried. <u>President's Pot.</u> Mr. Slee said that the following two pairs had been selected and had played in this event:- Mr. A. Bridgman & Mr. Evers Mr. K. Woods & Mr. J. Beard The latter pair had come seventh.
<u>Secretary's report</u>	<u>Dual Membership.</u> Mr. Haslam said that when a player joined two different County Associations, the E.B.U. would now refund the E.B.U. subscription of one of these, so that a player would have to pay two subscriptions to the E.B.U. <u>Corwen Trophy.</u> Substitutes would be allowed in this event in future, but the E.B.U. did stipulate that

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New Events. The E.B.U. were now obliged to inform Counties of proposed new events before putting them into the calendar.

Camrose Matches. The British Bridge League have been approached by Wales and Scotland asking that Eire be allowed to compete in the Camrose. Mr. Haslam had been asked to get the opinion of the Committee.

There were three possibilities:-

1. That Eire should become an Associate Member and play in the Camrose.
  2. That Eire should become an Associate Member, the Camrose should stay as it is, and the two winners should play in a Round Robin over one weekend with Eire.
  3. That the Camrose should remain as it is at present.
- Mr. Lawrence proposed that the Committee suggest that things should remain as at present. Seconded by Mrs. Jones. Carried.

E.B.U. Lottery. Mr. Haslam was asked to get the opinion of the Committee on a suggested lottery in aid of the E.B.U. It had been suggested that this take the form of drawing the name of a team competing in Crockfords. The Committee were not enthusiastic but said they would back it provided the draw was not of Crockfords teams or anything specifically to do with bridge, but something of more general interest to the public.

Treasurer's report

Mrs. Lamb said that she had had to draw £200 from the Torquay Congress account in order to keep solvent. She asked whether raising subscriptions should be considered or alternatively ceasing to pay expenses for players in the Pachabo, etc. Mr. Haslam said that the money in the congress account was there for the County to draw upon and that there was no need at present to consider either of the Treasurer's suggestions.

League Final. Mr. Slee said that as there had been no paid tournament director at this event and as he had run the event whilst playing, he felt he should have been paid expenses. If these were forthcoming, he would like to take it in the form of a donation to Torquay Bridge Club. Mrs. Lamb agreed that his entry fee should be paid.

Ali Khan Salver. Mr. Solomon said that this had still not been purchased. Mrs. Jones suggested that the now obsolete County Masters' Individual cup should be used. This was agreed.

Laws & Ethics Committee

Mr. Slee said that an appeal had been received regarding a decision made at a North Eastern section league match by the tournament director. It was agreed that a Laws and Ethics Committee should be formed consisting of Mr. J. Pain, Mr. H. Busby, Mr. P. Lawrence, Mr. A. Brown and Mr. S. Parker, and that they should meet at the Plymouth Congress to discuss this matter. In the meantime they would like a letter from the other interested team and from the Tournament Director giving their versions of the matter.

V.A.T.

Mr. Haslam reminded the Committee that as from January 1st 1981, entry fees for all E.B.U. events will be subject to V.A.T.

Possible separation for Cornwall

The Secretary asked how the talks were going in Cornwall with regard to their possible separation from Devon. Mr. Lawrence said that they had reached an impasse. Mr. Brown said that they were worried about the loss of opportunities to play against players from Devon. Mr.

Haslem said that he had discussed this with Peter Briggs who said that there was no reason why they should not have an arrangement whereby they could play in quite a number of each other's events.

Simultaneous Pairs event Mr. Parker said that Mr. Pain had suggested that a Devon & Cornwall Simultaneous Pairs be held, and asked for the Committee's approval. The Committee gave this, and said that all sections would have to be consulted in order to find the best day for it to be played.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11p.m.



Chairman