

MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE DCCBA
HELD ON 12/3/91 AT TORQUAY BRIDGE CLUB.

PRESENT

J. WOOLCOTT (CHAIRMAN)
Mrs. D. SHARP (HON. SECRETARY)
Mrs. M. LAMB (HON. TREASURER)
J. NOWILL (VICE-CHAIRMAN)

Mesdames P. M. JONES, J. SWIFT, G. S. ALI-KHAN, P. BENORTHAN
M. BARTON, N. ELLIOT.

Messes T. THOMPSON, J. LANKSHEAR, J. WALDIE, J. SMITH
P. ASHCROFT, MRS P. MOYSE

APOLOGIES

MINUTES

After the addition of Mrs P. Benorthan to those present, the minutes were signed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING

T. D. TRAINING - The County Tournament Director had sent letters to clubs asking for volunteers to train to county level, but had had no response. The Vice-Chairman said he had four names to put forward.

CAMROSE MATCH - The Devon tender had been unsuccessful, the match is to be hosted by Essex.

COMPUTER - A laptop, hard disc, battery/mains computer, with printer, numeric pad + program had now been purchased at a cost of £1239.70.

HONITON SWISS TEAMS - Honiton Club had changed their date, but the event was cancelled due to snow.

GREEN POINT TEAMS - The Golf Club had been booked and entries were coming in.

PUBLICITY - 'Double Talk' the new County newsletter had been distributed and feedback was very favourable.

FRENCH CONNECTION - Discussions were continuing.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary reported on the latest EBU County newsletter, especially major calendar changes for 1992/93, notably the Gold Cup, Hubert Phillips + Crockford's Cup.

A member of the Association had played in the Q.R. for the Jack and Jill when he was not entitled to do so. The Secretary had written and informed him of this.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

letter. His entry fee had been returned to him and the situation explained and accepted after some discussion. The Chairman felt that the situation should be reviewed in the next season.

In reply to a question from Mr. Smith, the Chairman said that disciplinary action could be taken at club, District or County level, whichever was appropriate.

licence applications were held over until item 9.

TREASURERS REPORT

Green Point event - the Treasurer reported 30 tables so far.

Baize - 20 metres of baize for recovering tables had been bought and the sections were asked to check the tables carefully.

W.M.N. Cup - A new print had been bought and the cup had been 'undented' and polished to restore it to its former glory.

Computer - The Treasurer had brought the new scoring computer to show the committee. It ~~cost~~ has a hard disc, mains/battery, numeric pad + as a lap-top, is totally portable. There is also a printer. The Treasurer proposed 50% of the cost came from central funds and the other be divided as follows: North £72.00, East £195.00, South £164.00 + West £207.00. This was agreed nem con.

Insurance - The insurance has risen to £160.46 excluding the new computer.

SELECTORS REPORT

The selector was unable to be at the meeting but had sent a report. He stated that he had no doubt that there are no more than 10 players in the county who could bring home county honours.

Tollemache - The two new partnerships of Foale + Crutwell + Kelmere + McKay ~~are~~ had played extremely well but Devon had still come next-to-bottom.

Western League - Devon should win the 'A' ~~league~~ ^{division} and will probably be second in the 'B' division.

TOLLEMACHE
EXPENSES

Expenses will be paid to S. Foale + B. Cmittwell in respect of the Tollemache.

TORQUAY
CONGRESS

The Torrak Hotel had been booked and the brochures sent out. 23 full congress tables and 4 Swiss teams tables had been received. The break-even point is about 40 tables. The event had been advertised on Oracle.

LICENSING

The Secretary had written to the EBU requesting that all applications without the DCCBA's approval be referred back to her, and this was happening.

Approval was given to the following:-

Saltash Swiss Teams - 26th May - St. Mellion

Tiverton Hotel - 22nd - 24th November - Tiverton

J.B. Holiday - 20th - 25th October - Lifton

Mercian Travel - 22nd - 28th December
29th Dec - 5th January - Exeter

Sunhill Hotel - 1st - 3rd November

23rd Dec - 2nd January - Paignton

16th - 20th April 1992

22nd - 25th May 1992

Other dates from the Sunhill to be discussed in September.

A restricted licence (members + potential new members) was granted in respect of a charity event for the Dame Hannah Rogers School in Wybridge on 1st September.

COUNTY
CALENDAR

The Vice-Chairman suggested that the calendar does not contain enough information regarding the format of events and clubs in the County. After discussion it was agreed to put a list of clubs in 'Double Talk', condense the W.M.N. and amplify other events.

SMOKING.

The EBU has decided that from 1991/92, smoking will be banned completely in Swiss events organised by themselves. In their other events the 90 minute (or half session) rule will still apply.

The Committee agreed that in Devon the status quo will remain, i.e. the 90 minute rule applies.

LIFE
MEMBERSHIP

Mrs. Swift proposed that Mrs. Ali-Khan be made a life member. Seconded Mrs. Jones. The Committee was pleased to carry this mem-con, and it will be put to the A.G.M.

MEETINGS

The programme meeting will be on April 18th and the next committee meeting will be on May 21st.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.55.



21.5.91.

CHAIRMAN.

I have enjoyed the last year immensely, inasmuch it has given me a great insight into the playing abilities and habits of virtually all the players in Devon. I am grateful for the willingness of players to come in at the last moment for county events. I have obviously been proffered a lot of advice (and criticism) who should or should not play in county events; despite all the comment there is no doubt in my mind that, are no more than ten players in the county who are of a calibre to bring home county honours. Unfortunately it has not been possible to get these ten players into partnerships but I shall continue to try. I would like to see more laches playing in partnerships with one another and definitely not with their spouses.

Now to the competitions.

Despite the fact that we came next to bottom in our section in the Tolhemacke there were some bright spots. Unfortunately two or three of our good established players did not come up to their normal standards but the two new partnerships did exceptionally well. Gosle & Crutwell were the outstanding pair of the team closely followed by Helmore and McKay.

We are doing exceptionally well in the Western League. With one game to play we are winning

the A division simultaneously, and we stand a chance to win the B division if we have a convincing win against Devon who we play next Saturday. The A & B teams had substantial wins in our last match against Dorset.

The teams for the match on Saturday are

A Division: Kevin and Ann Shee, R. Blackmore & D. Metcalfe

B Division: Judith Thomas, Ruth Colman, K. Evers & A. Brickman

Finally I would appreciate all comments and information about any event and any player.

Signed,

Amos Brickman

PRESENT

J. Woolcott (Chairman)
 Mrs D.C.Sharp (Hon. Secretary)
 Mrs M.Lamb (Hon Treasurer)
 J.Nowill (Vice-Chairman)

Mesdames J Swift, G.S.Ali Khan, P.Benorthan. M.Barton.
 Messrs T.Terrett, J.Smith, P.Ashcroft.

APOLOGIES

Mesdames N.Elliot, P.Moyse
 Mr J.Waldie.

Before the meeting reviewed the minutes, the Chairman paid tribute to Mrs P.M.Jones who had died recently. Mrs Jones had worked on the committee for several years and was the first Chairman of the Association following the separation from Cornwall. Her contributions to the meetings would be missed.

MINUTES OF
PREVIOUS
MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 12.3.91 having previously been circulated were confirmed as correct and signed.

MATTERS
ARISING

T.D.Training - The Chief Tournament Director had received four applications from interested parties.

Green Point Event- 72 teams had entered ~~and the Exeter Golf and Country Club had been happy with the event.~~ *and the entry list closed*

Double talk - The second edition was ready for distribution to the clubs.

French Connection - Discussions were pointing to October as a likely date.

S.W.League- Devon had won both the 'A' and 'B' leagues as Somerset had lost their final match.

The Chairman reported that he had had the offer of a new trophy from the family of Mrs P.M.Jones to commemorate her work for the Association. It was agreed to accept the offer and use the trophy for the County ~~Swiss Teams~~ ^{Swiss} which did not have a trophy of its own.

SECRETARY'S
REPORT

The Secretary told the Committee she would not be standing for re-election at the A.G.M. as she and her family were moving to Wales. She thanked the Committee for its support over the previous three years and said she would be sorry to leave.

Licences - Honiton Bridge Club had applied for a licence for a Swiss Teams event on November 2nd in lieu of the event they had been forced to cancel in February due to the snow. There was no objection.

Phil Philbrick had applied for licences for events at the Barton Hall Hotel on March 9 -16, May 10 - 15, June 27 - July 11 and November 8 - 13 1992. He had also requested a licence for s 'No Fear' congress on November 13 - 15 but after discussion it was felt that this could be detrimental to the Torquay Club November congress and it was agreed to ask him to find another date, either May or June being acceptable.

Green Point Event- It was agreed to tender for a one-day G.P.event in June 1994.

The Chairman reported to the Committee that a member had been approached with a view to standing for the position of Hon. Secretary and he was waiting for ~~their~~ ^{her} reply.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer regretted that she was not able formally to present the accounts as the books were at the auditors. (The date of the meeting having been brought forward meant that the auditors were still working on them.) However, most of the sections had made a profit, although the North had suffered from the cancellation of their weekends. *The sections presented their accounts to the meeting and these were noted*
Green Point Event - 72 teams had entered, at total of £3456.00. £1879.00 had so far been laid out but it would appear that a profit of around £500.00 could be expected.

The Chairman suggested the Committee might like to consider the possibility of buying 12 sets of free-standing bidding boxes with some of the profit. The Treasurer was investigating the cost, and it received general approval.

Membership secretary's meeting - The Treasurer had attended the meeting at which various topics were discussed. The computer at the E.B.U. is being refurbished and all E.B.U. numbers will change. Concern was expressed at the amount of unsolicited mail that members receive with what appears to be an E.B.U. label on it although the E.B.U. had not sold the membership list for commercial purposes, and the Treasurer asked that anyone receiving any should send it to her so it could be forwarded to the E.B.U. for them to act upon. The Isle of Man had run a successful student membership scheme, giving novice points which could be registered as normal.

TORQUAY CONGRESS 1991

This had been generally successful although the loss of the Friday afternoon was to be regretted. The venue had been comfortable, but unfortunately were not willing to see the return of the event in future years although no real reason was forthcoming. It was thought that the vexed question of not enough people staying was the main reason. A profit of around £600 was hoped for. In their absence, the President, Entries Secretary and Hon. Treasurer were voted a £50.00 honoraria. This was not a precedent (although it had always been received in previous years) it was to be reviewed at a later date.

1992 Congress

- A venue had not yet been settled, and the E.B.U. had requested a change of date as the Jersey Congress date had to be brought forward. It was agreed to try and find a venue for March 27 - 29 to accommodate this.

Plymouth Congress

The venue was undecided, a choice to be made between the Shire Horse Centre at Yealmpton and the new Plymouth Dome centre. The West section requested clearance to use John Pain as director in charge and this was given with the second director being chosen by the Chief Tournament Director.

CALENDAR

The suggestion that the start time for County events be brought forward to 1 o'clock was agreed. The Tournament Secretary requested that the closing date for receiving the entry fees for county finals must be 7 days prior to the event or the persons would not be eligible to take part. This was agreed.

NEXT MEETING

This will be on September 3rd when the draw for the Western Morning News Cup will take place.

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



Secretaries Meeting W/Bromwich 7 1991

1. EBU made profit of only £384.00.
Turnover up 9%, admin. up 20%
Competitions made loss of £11,000

Budgeting for £21,000 profit next year

- Subs must rise → beat inflation
- MPs must cost more (this could be stopped via council)

2. Grattan Endicott retiring as Treasurer as he is going on to be sec. to a government inquiry into sport.

3. Associate membership - of the 3 pilot schemes, 2 countries think it works, one doesn't.

4. EBU tournaments - will run Senois congress at Chelt.
Next-step pairs to be run as part of Ranked Pairs weekend, National Newcomers pairs & regional final to be run same day + venue as National Pairs reg. final + both finals same weekend and venue.

5. Spring 4's. - now looking at May Day B/H wfe in one venue at Stratford. Friday - Tuesday, 96 teams
Monday competition - prob. Swiss Teams open to 'outside' players.

6. Calendar - Tohemache to be brought forward so not to clash with Gold Cup Wte final.

7. Review bodies will be set up for Yellow & Green Bk.
- I suggested the MP handbook as well, but not on current agenda tho' could be put via Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Another 12 months has gone by and once again we are here to report to the members of the D.C.C.B.A. What a pity there aren't a few more here,

So what has happened since we last met? Your committee has met regularly and toiled long and hard on your behalf. We have lost one of our most experienced committee members, Phyllis Jones, whose contributions will be missed, and we can still claim the oldest member, the marvellous Julia Chadwick.

We have held another successful Green Point event and have them booked for the next two years. The Exeter Golf Club were happy to host the event, and even better, are happy to have us back, on all-too rare occurrence nowadays. We held a successful Torquay Congress at the Toorak Hotel which was a good venue, but unfortunately they don't want us back so we are on the hunt again for next year. If anyone has an exceptionally large lounge we would be happy to hear from you.

We have had a very good season in the S.W. League, winning both divisions. Congratulations to all those who played.

We have finally bought an extremely portable scoring computer with a user-friendly program written by one of our members.

We have a new publicity officer, Ian Hopkins. I hope you have noticed the fuller county news in the Magazine. Together with the County Treasurer he has worked hard to produce 'Double Talk' the new county newsletter which you should all have seen at the clubs. He will accept anything fit to be printed that you think will be of interest to other bridge players.

The calendar has had a face-lift thanks to our Vice-Chairman John Nowill. There is now a full set of explanatory notes about each event so that our new members will know what is what.

Mean time. I thought I'd have a change from lack of communication, this year it's lack of support for county events. This has caused no little concern at committee meetings over the last year, it is the revenue from this that enables the events to be held at all. Costs are rising steadily and the entry fees have remained static for some time now and the gulf between the two is getting wider. There have been a lot of moans that there is nothing in the calendar for the 'grass-roots' player, everything is geared towards the same 10 or 12 people who always win so its not worth the Grass-roots entering. This is an appallingly negative way of thinking - after all, those so-called same 10 or 12 were once the grass-roots but they have kept on entering and going outside the county into the big bad world of EBU events and raised the standard of their game. In the last calendar was a simultaneous pairs for the A.V. Morris cup, an event aimed at the grass-roots only. They stayed away in droves and the event was cancelled. The regional final of the National Newcomers Pairs a fortnight ago was also cancelled - my husband who was directing it was inundated with replies along the lines of 'can't play on a Sunday', 'away on holiday' and so forth. I think you will find the EBU unwilling to stage a final in Devon, it was never their idea anyway, it was lobbying by North Devon that got it. I am sure the County Treasurer could also say a lot on this subject, it seems to me that if support keeps falling you will be left in the position of not having county events at all as there will be no money to stage them. Bridge is a very cheap hobby, especially in Devon, so please in this next season encourage everyone to enter the events that take a lot of time and trouble for someone else to arrange on your behalf.

And finally. You will see from the agenda that I am not standing for re-election. We have been resisting a job move for the last 18 months but the time has come when we can resist no longer so we are moving to Cardiff. We shall both miss Devon and I would like to thank the committees of the last 3 years for their help and support. I would also like to thank those bridge players who have treated me as a human being over the last 13 years - there were a lot of 'oh dears' when we got married and it was realised I didn't play, and what was more, was not going to dash out and learn. Maybe when I retire and my children are keeping me in the style to which I could easily become accustomed I will have the time to devote to it. In the meantime I will continue to score for the EBU and hope that I see some old friends at those events.

Minutes of the DCCBA Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday, 3rd September, 1991, at the Torquay
Bridge Club

Present: Chairman... Mr. J. Woolcott
Secretary.. Mrs. M. Bell
Treasurer.. Mrs. M. Lamb

Mesdames G. Ali Khan, P. Moyse, P. Behorthan, J. Swift, N. Elliot
and J. Edgington (representing Mr. Waldie).
Messrs. P. Ashcroft, J.A. Terrett and J. Smith.

1. Apologies for Absence

Mrs. M. Barton, Mrs. R. Edmondson, Mr. J. Nowill, Mr. J. Waldie
and Mr. T. Thompson.

2. Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st May, 1991 were
confirmed and signed after the following corrections and
amendments were made:-

Matters Arising:

Green Point Event - "and the Exeter Golf and Country
Club event" deleted. "and the entry list
closed". inserted
Line 14 - "Mixed" substituted for "Swiss".

Secretary's Report - Bottom line. "a" substituted for "their".

Treasurer's Report - Minute No. 1 deleted. "The Sections
presented their accounts to the meeting and these
were noted." substituted.

Membership Secretaries' Meeting

Line 3 - Substitute "replaced" for "refurbished".

Torquay Congress - Delete final comments. Insert "to be"
in final sentence. "This was not to be a precedent."

Calendar - Line 4. Insert "s" after "person"

3. Matters Arising:

(i) Tournament Directors' Training. - The Chief Tournament Director
for Devon had circulated particulars of his ideas on the
basic fees to be paid to directors for directing in the
county. The Committee agreed with these figures with the
exception of the amount allowed for travel. Proposed by
Mrs. Lamb, seconded by Mr. Terrett, that the travel allowance
be increased to 10p per mile. Carried nem. con.

(ii) French match - No news

(iii) Green Point Event - Our tender for June 1994 had been
accepted.

4. Correspondence:

(i) Yokohama Appeal. - The Secretary had received a letter
from the Secretary of the BBL in which she asked the county
to hold a fund-raising green point event (one day) next Spring.
The Committee agreed with the Chairman's views that there
was not a sufficiently large catchment area in Devon, bearing
in mind that adjacent counties might be holding similar events.

Proposed by Mr. Terrett, seconded by Mr. Ashcroft, that no green point event should be held but that a donation of £50 should be made to the fund. Carried nem. con.

(ii) Mr. Cockayne. - The Chairman had received a letter from Mr. Cockayne complaining of bias against smokers and asking for a report on the substance of the EBU delegates' meeting when this matter was discussed. The Chairman had written fully to Mr. Cockayne and had received a further letter from him. The members from the West Section refuted some of the statements made by Mr. Cockayne on the subject of smoking in the clubs in the Plymouth area.

(iii) Torquay Congress 1992. - The Chairman read a letter written to him by John Williams. The congress was to be held on the 20th/22nd March.

5. Financial Report: The Treasurer was unable to give details because the computer programme had been contaminated; the situation was favourable. There were now the requisite number of bidding boxes for 16 tables. The Treasurer was authorised to buy two containers.
11. (In the coffee interval the draw for the Western Morning News matches was made)
5. Computer: The Treasurer asked the Committee for permission to up-date the computer. She needed another machine which could be operated in conjunction with the IBM model; the present one was out of date.
Proposed by Mr. Terrett, seconded by Mrs. Swift, that the Treasurer be authorised to buy a new computer at a maximum cost of £1100. Carried nem. con. The old computer would be sold.
6. Selector's Report:
The County was sending Mr. & Mrs. W. Solomon and R. Blackmore playing with A. Bridgman to compete in the President's Pot at Bristol on Saturday, September 21st. David Sharp originally had been selected to play with Bob Blackmore but as he had not paid his DCCBA subscription at the time of entry his invitation had been withdrawn.
Tollemache: The selector, Mr. Bridgman, had decided to dispense with trials and base his selection on observation.
S.W. County League: A certain amount of difficulty was going to be experienced because of the clashing of the proposed dates with other events.
7. Council Delegates' Report:
The Chairman told the Committee that reference had been made to Mr. Franklin who was in hospital recovering from a stroke and to Mr. Stanley who had been very seriously injured in a car accident; he was also in hospital and making some progress.
Laws and Ethics Committee: - The Committee had been split into two separate bodies, one dealing with appeals and the other dealing with the question of rules.
There had been considerable concern expressed about the proposal by the EBU to increase the entry fee to green point events to £60 a team. This had been referred back to the Tournament Committee.
Proposed by Mr. Terrett, seconded by Mrs. Benorthan that the Secretary be instructed to write to the Secretary of the EBU expressing the concern of the committee about the projected

increase in entry fees and suggesting that the EBU should make an effort to reduce its administrative costs so that any increases were in line with the current rate of inflation.

8. Licensing:

The Committee approved the draft form of licence application which Mr. Ashcroft had submitted. They agreed that a full statement of income and expenditure should be furnished within two months of the event.

Proposed by Mr. Terrett, seconded by Mr. Smith, that a charge of £10 be made when licensing a commercial, rather than a charity, event. Carried nem. com.

9. Torquay Congress, 1992

Little progress had been made in the efforts to find a suitable venue. Mr. Nowill had made extensive enquiries and had made what seemed to be a promising contact with the Barton Hall Chalet Hotel but the hotel had made no effort to confirm the booking. The Treasurer suggested Exeter might be a possible venue. The Chairman would make enquiries.

10. Garden Cities Trophy: It was not economically viable to hold this event.

Dates for next meetings:

December 3rd, 1991
 March 10th, 1992
 April 30th, 1992 (calendar)
 June 9th, 1992
 September 1st, 1992

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

Chairman



Present:- Chairman Mr. J. Woolcott
Secretary ... Mrs. L.C. Bell
Treasurer ... Mrs. M. Lamb

Captain P. Ashcroft, Mrs. P. Benorthan, Mrs. P. Moyse,
Mr. J. Nowill, Mr. J. Smith, Mrs. J. Swift, Mr. J.A. Terrett,
Mr. T. Thompson, and Mr. I. Watson representing Mrs. M. Barton

1. Apologies for Absence

Mrs. G.S. Ali Khan, Mrs. M. Barton, Mr. J. Waldie and
Mrs. N. Elliot.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd September, 1991,
were confirmed and signed.

3. Matters Arising

Council Delegates: The Chairman reported that there had been
very strong protests from Warwickshire on the subject of
EBU expenditure. He also read a letter which the Secretary
had received from the Somerset Association asking for
support in the same vein. The Secretary had replied pledging
the support of Devon and offering to send a representative
to any meeting which might be held.

4. Correspondence

Mr. Allen: The Chairman read a letter which the Secretary
had received from Mrs. Bridgewater, asking the county
to accept an entry from Mr. Allen and herself for the
Jack and Jill competition.

Mr. Terrett asked to be allowed to refrain from comment.
The Chairman reported that he had approached the
Budleigh Salterton Club Committee and had met with a
flat refusal to allow Mr. Allen on their premises.
After some persuasion they had reluctantly agreed to allow
him to take part provided that he would give an
undertaking to conform to their standard of behaviour
and that there would be no repetition of the incidents to
which they had taken exception in the previous year. If
there were any further trouble the Budleigh Salterton
Committee would not be prepared to make the venue available
to the county in future.

The Secretary would write to Mr. Allen explaining the
position and asking for his co-operation in agreeing to
meet the conditions stipulated by the Budleigh Salterton
Club, if he wished to take part in the Jack and Jill
competition. She would write to Mrs. Bridgewater on
similar lines.

5. Financial Report

The new computer had been purchased at a cost of £945;
this had been debited to Current Account, leaving a balance of
£451. The old machine had not yet been sold.

There were 715 full members of the county and 23 DCCBA
members only; there were 4 juniors.

The EBU subscription for the next year would be £10.
The Treasurer said that she anticipated the finances of the
county breaking even and recommended that the county subscription
should remain the same.

Proposed by Mr. Terrett, seconded by Mrs. Benorthan that
the county subscription should remain at £2.50. Carried nem con.

In reply to a question from Mr. Terrett the Treasurer
said that it was not possible to forecast with any accuracy
the anticipated expenditure for the ensuing year.

6.

Section Reports

East Section: Entries for the SW Pairs had been down. The agreement with the Exeter Country Club was somewhat tenuous owing to the Club's insistence that anyone entering the bar and dining room area should be conventionally dressed, a rule which some EBU members had deliberately flouted.

Northern Section: Captain Ashcroft said that it was felt that there had not been enough coverage of the Northern Section in Double Talk. They hoped to run a Swiss Teams event which they anticipated would compensate to some extent for the loss of revenue incurred by cancellation of the North Devon weekend.

Southern Section: Nothing to report

West Section:The Plymouth Congress had made a profit of £133.01

7.

Selector's Report

Both the A and B teams had won against East Wales in the Western League.

Against Somerset the A team had lost 18 - 2 and the B team had won 20 - 0.

The match against Cornwall had been re-scheduled for the 11th April.

Tollemache: The following team had been selected:-

A. Bridgman (Captain) and K. Evers; R.W. Blackmore and D. McFarlane; K. Kelmere and G. Mackay; J. Woolcott and V. Russell. In addition Ruth Edmondson would go as administrative assistant and possible reserve; she would receive expenses incurred for one night.

Three pairs of county standard who had been approached had been obstructive and critical; for this reason the selector would not consider their inclusion.

8.

Council Delegates' Report

The Chairman said that each Committee member would receive a copy of a report recently issued by the EBU, entitled "The English Bridge Union. Notes on its past, present and possible future." The Chairman referred to the concern of the Union about the conduct of members, not only relating to dress and general deportment but also that "A few are seeking to take ultimate advantage of the letter of the law, and in so doing may transgress what is believed to be the true spirit of the game."

9.

Licensing

Licences were approved for the following:

Northern Section Swiss Teams, Northam Leisure Centre 29.3.92

West Section - Heart Foundation, Plymouth 23.2.92

Two Bridges Hotel, Dartmoor, 27th - 30th March, 1992

Tiverton Hotel, Tiverton, 21st - 23rd February, 1992

" " 20th - 22nd November, 1992

Hannah Rogers Swiss Teams, Ivybridge 26.7.92

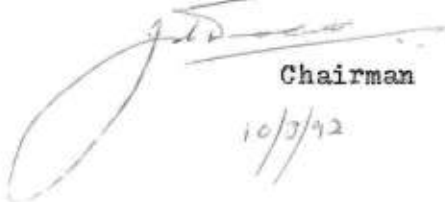
The Chairman said that the Exmouth Bridge Club proposed to run an evening Swiss Teams event in April or May.

10.

Torquay Congress 1992

This was being held at the Kistor Hotel. The Chairman had not received a reply from Mr. Proctor but had since heard by word of mouth that he would not be available to act as Chief Tournament Director.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.


Chairman
10/3/92

Present:- Chairman Mr. J. Woolcott
Secretary..... Mrs. L.C. Bell
Treasurer Mrs. M. Lamb

Captain P. Ashcroft, Mrs. P. Benorthan, Mrs. P. Moyse,
Mr. J. Nowill, Mr. J. Smith and Mrs. J. Swift

1. Apologies for Absence

Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. M. Barton, Mrs. R. Edmondson, Mrs. N. Elliot,
Mr. J.A. Terrett, Mr. T. Thompson and Mr. J. Waldie

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th December, 1991,
were confirmed and signed.

3. Matters Arising

Mr. A llen. In reply to a letter from the Secretary setting
our the position with regard to his being accepted at the
Budleigh Salterton Club, and asking for his co-operation, Mr.
Allen had written acknowledging the letter and saying that he
and his partner intended to play in the Jack and Jill Final.

4. Correspondence

Smoking. The Secretary reported that there had been
correspondence between Mr. Pitman of the Torquay Bridge Club
and Mr. Williams of the EBU on the question of smoking. Whilst
acknowledging the right of the Torquay Bridge Club to impose its
own conditions and regulations Mr. Williams felt that the
policy of the EBU should be followed on county nights as far as
possible.

In reply to a letter from the Secretary asking for a
clarification of the rule on smoking the Chairman of the Torquay
Bridge Club had stated that the club was now a non-smoking
but that members would be allowed to smoke in the bar; this
rule would apply to any outside event held in the club, with the
exception of Crockfords and a full county final such as the
Julia Chadwick. It was possible that they might relax the rule
for the Petit Congress.

Green Point Event. The Secretary would apply to the EBU
for a licence to hold a Green Point event on the 14th May, 1995.

5. Financial Report

Computer. The old computer had not been sold. The Treasurer
would advertise it in Double Talk and ask for offers.

Direct Debit. The Treasurer reported that the EBU proposed
to adopt a system of Direct Debit for payment of the combined
county and EBU subscription. This would mean that the county
would have to rely on the EBU forwarding the county subscriptions
to the Treasurer, the reverse of the present method; each
transaction would cost the member 40P. The Committee were not in
favour.

Bank Balance. The bank balance stood at over £1,000, which
included Torquay Congress receipts.

6. Section Reports

Northern Section. Eight tables had taken part in a Novices'
Trophy.

The finances were in balance.

Southern Section.

Petit Congress. There had been considerable disruption at the South-West Pairs and Ali Khan Finals because two pairs had failed to arrive on time, causing problems for the director.

Eastern Section. Entries for county competitions were down. Budleigh Salterton had increased the charge for hiring the room to £35.

Western Section.

Charity Swiss Teams. The team event held at Plymstock had been very successful, resulting in a profit of £430 which had been given to the British Heart Foundation. There had been a similar event held in aid of the Guild of Social Services.

There had not been enough entries to hold a National Pairs qualifying round.

7. Selector's Report

Tollemache. The Devon team had had a disappointing finish after a good start. Mr. Bridgman had made a careful assessment of performance, making allowance for freak results, as follows:

A. Bridgman and R.H.K. Evers	+ 49
J. Woolcott and V. Russell	- 39
G. Mackay and K. Kelmere	-242
R. Blackmore and D. McFarlane	-274

Western League. Four of the five matches had been played; the remaining match against Cornwall was to be played on April 17th. It looked as though the B team would retain the trophy. The A team had won two matches out of four.

8. Council Delegates' Report

There was considerable opposition to the EBU proposal to appoint a general executive at a salary of £40,000 a year.

The Yokohama Appeal fund stood at £12,170, well short of the target of £70,000.

A loss of £18,000 had been incurred on the publication of English Bridge.

9. Licensing

No applications had been received since the last meeting.

10. Torquay Congress

Entries were down but it was hoped that the finances would break even.

11. Julia Chadwick Final

The Chairman had had a letter from Mr. Gruttwell pointing out that the Julia Chadwick final clashed with the EBU Spring Foursomes to which he was committed. The Committee agreed with the Chairman's suggestion that the J.C. final should be moved to the 17th May.

12. Advertising commercial courses in X Talk and EBU Magazine.

The Chairman would have a word with Mr. Hopkins, pointing out that no outside commercial events should receive any publicity in X Talk or in English Bridge.

13.

Any Other Business

There was a discussion on the best method of ensuring that all competitors complied with the conditions governing a final. It was suggested that Section Secretaries should be responsible for this and should collect the entry fees for the final. The first reserve from each section would replace a qualifying pair from that section who were unable to play. The next reserves would be included on a percentage basis from all four sections.

Captain Ashcroft would provide postcards to be sent to qualifiers, confirming qualification and asking for entry fees.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Chairman



9/6/92

Present: Chairman..... Mr. J. Woolcott
 Secretary Mrs. L.C. Bell
 Treasurer Mrs. M. Lamb

Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. P. Benorthan, Mrs. R. Edmondson,
 Mrs. P. Moyses, Mrs. J. Swift
 Captain P. Ashcroft, Mr. J. Chapman, Mr. J. Nowill, Mr. J. Smith,
 Mr. J.A. Terrett, Mr. T.R. Thompson

1. Apologies for absence

Mrs. M. Baser

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th March, 1992 were confirmed and signed.

3. Matters Arising

Mr. Allen and his partner had played in the Jack and Jill final at the Budleigh Salterton Club: his behaviour had given no cause for complaint.

Smoking. The Chairman had received more correspondence from Mr. Pitman

Direct Debit. The EBU's proposal to adopt a direct debit method of collecting subscriptions had been rejected at the Delegates' Meeting.

Julia Chadwick Final. Mr. Terrett thought that the alteration of the date of the final had been detrimental to the authority of the Committee. The accusation could be justifiably levelled at them that consideration for a few elitist players had overridden that for the rest of the field.

Western League. The B Team had won convincingly. The A Team had finished second from bottom; their performance had been better than this result implied; the first 5 results had been very close.

X-Talk. The Chairman had not spoken to Mr. Hopkins about outside commercial advertising. Mr. Hopkins had advertised a Cornish event under a Devon heading.

Mr. Nowill said that Mr. Hopkins had extracted only a small part of the material which he had submitted for publication.

The Chairman referred to the lack of communication between competitors and the Tournament Secretary. Competitors should send all match results as soon as possible to the Tournament Secretary.

4. Correspondence

The Secretary had received a letter from Mr. Glaskin, Chairman of the Seaton and Axe Vale Bridge Club, complaining about the EBU's action in withdrawing cover for public liability insurance in clubs.

The Chairman reported that at the EBU meeting in May Mr. Williams had stated that the EBU were negotiating with their brokers for the implementation of an insurance cover, including public liability; particulars would be in the next Club Newsletter. The Treasurer proposed to make enquiries locally.

A letter had been received from Mr. Philbrick of the Wiltshire Association, asking for support from the DCCBA in his protest about the increasing cost of master points. The Chairman reported that the EBU had obtained sponsorship of the master points system from MacAllan, a whiskey company; the money was going to be used to re-organise the system. The Secretary was authorised to write to Mr. Philbrick pledging Devon's support.

English
 Bridge

4. Correspondence (contd.)

Mr. Greenaway had asked for a Special General Meeting of the Northern Section because he had not known the time of the Annual General Meeting and had arrived just as the Chairman was closing the meeting. Captain Ashcroft said that the matter had been dealt with.

5. Financial Report

The Treasurer said that the entries list for the one-day GP event at Exeter had closed at 78 teams.

Payment of subscriptions had improved due to the 'prompt payment' incentive.

One club was not re-affiliating because they found it was too expensive.

Corwen Trophy. The Chairman referred to the payment of the entry fees for the first three pairs playing in this event. This year the entry fees had totalled £128 out of a total of £140 collected in entry fees for qualifying rounds of the Julia Chadwick competition. Next year the entry fees for three pairs would rise to £144, which would mean that the county would lose money.

Proposed by Mr. Terrett, seconded by Mrs. Lamb, that entry fees for the first pair only should be paid. Carried nem. com.

President's Pot and Pat Walton Competitions. Proposed by Mr. Terrett, seconded by Mrs. Bell, that competitors should be responsible for their own entry fees for these competitions, with the proviso that the Committee would consider making a contribution in the case of a competitor who genuinely could not afford to pay. Carried with one dissension.

Computer. There was a possible sale in the offing.

6. Section Reports

East. Mr. Woolcott said that the Exeter Bridge Club had been formed. It was hoped to hold the first duplicate competition on the 9th July; at the moment the venue had not been decided.

Negotiations were in progress with the Exeter City Council who proposed to build a sports and leisure complex at the old county show ground at Whipton: it should be completed by the end of 1993. The Exeter Bridge Club had been approached by the bowling fraternity who had spoken of the possibility of a joint tenure of one floor in the building: there was to be a meeting shortly. The Committee agreed to the use of county boards and tables for use on Thursday evenings.

North, South and West Sections. Nothing to report.

7. Council Delegates' Report

The Chairman had made a formal complaint at the last meeting about the summary way in which Mr. Pescott-Day had been dismissed as Youth Advisory Officer, and Mrs. Edmondson appointed in his place, although Mrs. Edmondson said that she had not been consulted. The Chairman of the EBU had undertaken to write to Mr. Pescott-Day and apologise.

Appointment of General Manager. There was a marked dissatisfaction amongst many delegates about the manner in which this appointment was being bulldozed through. Two members of the Board had resigned in order to make themselves eligible for application for the post. It would seem that decisions were made as the result of a straw poll rather than by a proper ballot.

8. Regulations governing the League
The general feeling of the Committee was that in view of the fact that the competition did not now include a final contest between all four sections the regulations governing the sections need not be identical.
9. Camrose Trophy
The EBU had agreed that Devon should host a Camrose match in December, 1994.
The Chairman had been to see the Forte Hotel at Exeter. This afforded all the required facilities but the management were not prepared to quote terms so far ahead.
Mr. Nowill had made enquiries at the Livermead House Hotel, Torquay; he thought that this would be a suitable venue.
10. Torquay Congress
The 1992 congress had made a small loss.
The Treasurer reported that the cup for the main pairs event was missing. A careful record of cups and trophies would be kept in future.
The Chairman read a letter from the manager of the Kistor Hotel in which he confirmed his willingness to hold the 1993 congress at the hotel, and offering a cup plus free accommodation to the most highly placed residential pair. The Secretary had written accepting.
It was agreed that Mr. J. Proctor should be asked to undertake the post of Chief Tournament Director. It was hoped to recruit assistant directors who lived nearer Torquay, in order to save expenses.
11. Venues for County Events
The Chairman said that Mr. Pitman and another county member had asked that county events should not be held at the Torquay Bridge Club because of the restriction on smoking. Mr. Nowill explained the present position and said that it was always possible to apply for the restriction to be lifted for special events. The Committee agreed to the status quo.
12. Discipline
A complaint had been made about the conduct of a Devon pair at the regional final of the National Pairs. The Committee would leave this matter to be dealt with by the EBU.
13. Rules Revision
The Secretary said that by holding their Annual General Meetings after the stipulated date of May 15th, Section Committees were not complying with the present rules; furthermore the rule that any resolution for submission to the AGM had to be submitted by the 16th May preceding the meeting was not being adhered to. She had proposed a motion, seconded by Mr. Nowill, that Rules 10 and 16 (e) should be amended to meet the present practice. The Committee were not in favour and the proposal was withdrawn.
- Committee Membership
The Treasurer challenged the legality of Mr. Chapman's membership of this committee because he was a member of the Cornwall Association. Mr. Chapman maintained that he qualified under Rule 3 of the Devon Association rules. The matter was left in abeyance.

Secretories' Meeting

The Secretary thought that she would be unable to attend this function and had asked John Nowill to go instead. Subsequently she had found that she was free to attend and intended to do so.

The Chairman referred to his approaching retirement from the chair and expressed his gratitude to everyone with whom he had worked on the Committee and especially to Captain Ashcroft, the Treasurer and Secretary for their support and assistance.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

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Chairman 1. 9. 92.



Present

Mr. J.A. Nowill Chairman
Mrs. M. Bell Hon. Secretary
Mrs. M. Lamb " Treasurer

Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. P.M. Benorthan, Mrs. M. Baser, Mrs. N. Elliot,
Mrs. P.M. Moyse, Mrs. J. Swift, Captain P. Ashcroft, Mr. J. Smith,

1. Apologies for absence

Mrs. R. Edmondson, Mr. J.A. Terrett, Mr. T.R. Thompson,
Mr. J. Waldie.

At the Chairman's request the Committee observed a short period
of silence to mark the death of Ken Kelmere ten days previously.

2. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

The Chairman said that, following the practice of appointing
a chairman from each section in turn, it had been the turn
of the Western Section to submit a nomination. They had not been
able to do so and Mr. J. Smith accepted the Chairman's invitation
to fill this position.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th June, 1992 were
confirmed and signed after the following corrections had been
made:-

Page 1, Item 3 Matters Arising, para. 6

Substitute 'English Bridge' for 'X Talk'

Page 3, Item 13 Committee Membership, Line 3

Substitute 'Committee' for 'Association'

Page 4 Secretaries' Meeting Substitute

The Secretary thought that she would be unable to attend this
function and had asked John Nowill to go instead. Subsequently
she had found that she was free to attend and intended to do so.

4. Matters Arising

The newly formed Exeter Bridge Club were playing once a week
at a church hall.

The Exeter Golf & Country Club would be booked for the next
Green Point event.

John Woolcott was willing to undertake the organisation of
the Camrose match in Devon, in 1994

The Secretary had had a long letter from Mr. Chapman making
complaints about what he considered to be unreasonable treatment
in his application to become a primary member of Devon.

The Secretary would write to him explaining the procedure he
should have adopted and asking him to write a formal application
to be accepted by the Devon Association.

Mr. Greenaway Captain Ashcroft said that 21days' notice of the
North Devon Association AGM had been given.

5. Correspondence

Youth Working Party The Secretary had had a letter from Alec
Salisbury about the possible appointment of Gill Pain as
Youth Working Party representative for Devon and Cornwall.
The Treasurer suggested that Mr. Salisbury should be informed
that the Devon Committee were not happy about the way in which
this matter was being handled, particularly with regard to the
treatment of John Pescott-Day. The county delegates would raise
the matter at the next EBU Council meeting.

5 (cont.)

Torquay Congress The Secretary had clarified the position with regard to the cup which the Kistor Hotel were presenting. A prize of free accommodation for the two highest placed residents at the 1993 congress and a cup, to be called the Kistor Hotel Cup, would be donated by the manager.

Mr. Bennett, who lived in the Bristol area, might be considered as a tournament director.

Selection The Chairman had received a letter from Mr. Solomon criticising the method of selection of players to represent the county at national events. He also complained about the wording of a report in English Bridge: this referred to 'two imported players' (Mr. Preston and Mrs. Maidment) playing with Mr. & Mrs. Solomon in a Swiss Teams event. The Chairman had replied suitably.

6.

Financial Report

There was a great deal of opposition at all levels to the proposal by the EBU to collect subscriptions by direct debit.

It was felt that the associate-membership scheme had not been in operation long enough to warrant the interpretation which the EBU had placed on it.

The Chairman would write to the EBU on both these issues

The Secretary was instructed to write to the EBU expressing the disquiet of the Committee about the way in which the EBU were implementing procedures, using straw polls as an indication of the views of members. The Committee felt very strongly that decisions should be made after the taking of a ballot and not as the result of a straw poll.

Auditors The auditors, Condy, who had audited the county accounts for 19 years had greatly increased their charges. The Treasurer was in touch with a former employe of this firm, now working for another firm of auditors, with a view to negotiating a lower fee: he had in fact quoted half the fee charged by Condy.

The Chairman thought it would be possible to simplify the accounts, and suggested writing off equipment and dispensing with depreciation.

Bank balance £2,374 Building Society balance £2,855.19
Support for competitions was falling.

The draw for the Western Morning News matches took place. Only 16 teams, compared with as many as 21 in previous years, had entered the competition.

10.

Licences

It was agreed that for a year licences should be approved by the Secretary and any two of the three representatives from the West, East and North sections.

The following licences were approved:

Coastal Reservations Ltd.	Gipsy Hill Country House Hotel, Pinhoe, Exeter Nov.6/8/92
Coombe Cross Hotel, Bovey Tracey	Mar. 5/8, 19/22/93
Sunhill Hotel, Goodrington	Apr. 8/15, May 27/Jun.3/93
Pontin's, Barton Hall, Torquay	Nov.7/12/93
Honiton Bridge Club Swiss Teams	Feb.12/93
Finesse Bridge Breaks, Torquay	Mar.26/29/93

Licence fees had been received for 3 events to be held at Pontin's, Torquay and 2 events organised by A.H.W. Lorman in North Devon. These had been licensed by the EBU without reference to the Devon Committee.

Secretaries' Meeting at West Bromwich, 12.6.92

The following points were raised:

The pilot scheme introduced in Warwickshire, Derbyshire and the North-East had resulted in an increase in associate and a decrease in full membership of the EBU.

Mr. R.S. Brock had been appointed to the new post of General Manager.

Mr. Ken Rowhad been appointed as the new editor of English Bridge.

The Board were considering extensions to the present offices costing about £118,000.

Mrs. Curtis said that NO-SMOKING was becoming the norm and she prophesied that the EBU ultimately would become a completely no-smoking organisation.

11. Selector's Report

Mr. Bridgman had circulated invitations to 10 county players asking if they were prepared to be considered for selection. He had had refusals from Messrs. Sharp, Slee, Solomon and Woods.

12. Torquay Congress

The Chairman would write to various firms asking them to donate prizes.

Future Committee Meetings.

1st December, 1992
9th March, 1993
27th April (calendar)
8th June
7th September

Annual General Meeting 22nd June, 1993.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

V. Rowland

Chairman

1.12.92.

Present

Mr. J.A. Nowill Chairman
Mrs. M. Bell Hon. Secretary
Mrs. M. Lamb Hon. Treasurer

Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Capt. P. Ashcroft, Mrs. M. Baser, Mrs. P. Benorthan, Mrs. R. Edmondson, Mrs. N. Elliot, Mrs. P.M. Moyse, Mr. J. Smith, Mrs. J. Swift.

1. Apologies for absence

Mr. J.A. Terrett, Mr. T.R. Thompson, Mr. J. Waldie

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st September, 1992 were confirmed and signed.

3. Matters arising

Mrs. Baser, who had not attended the previous meeting, questioned the accuracy of the Chairman's statement that no-one from the West Section had been willing to fill the post of Vice-Chairman: she had not been approached. Mr. Smith offered to resign but Mrs. Baser declined the Chairman's invitation to accept the post.

4. Correspondence

The Chairman had received a letter from John Williams expressing disquiet by the EBU about the licence charge being made by Devon. The Chairman had replied setting out the reasons for the county's decision to make this charge and suggesting, if the EBU disapproved, that they should make a pro rata contribution to the county from the considerable revenue they received from the numerous events licensed in a county such as Devon. Mrs. Randall The Secretary had received copy correspondence from Mrs. Randall covering a dispute between herself and the Tav Vale Bridge Club. John Williams, to whom she had also sent the copy, had sent a copy of a letter he had written to Mrs. Randall. The EBU were not prepared to intervene.

5. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary had nothing to report.

6. Treasurer's Report.

The current bank balance stood at £2,000 plus. She was authorised to buy 8 new sets of boards and container boxes.

7. Section Reports

South and East Sections. nothing to report.

West Section. The Plymouth congress had been very successful

North Section. Barnstaple Bridge Club had moved from the Imperial Hotel, Barnstaple, to the Roundswell Community Centre.

8. Council delegate's report.

Mrs. Lamb asked the committee for suggestions for a nominee to be elected as a BBL delegate. The committee would leave the matter to her.

She had attended a combined AGM of the board of directors and the EBU. She thought the Secretary's letter to the EBU written on the instructions of the Committee, protesting about the use of straw polls in testing the views of members, had had some effect; there had been a very marked difference between a straw poll vote and a ballot vote taken on the same proposal put to the meeting.

The associate membership scheme was going to be dropped.

8. Council delegate's report (contd.)

She was not in favour of the EBU's Christmas offer for new members; it would adversely affect county subscriptions.

9. Youth Training Scheme.

The Chairman had written to each section inviting their co-operation in finding someone to run a youth training scheme and promote an interest in bridge in schools. John Pescott-Day was undertaking this in the South; John Woolcott was making enquiries in the East and Mike Allen was active in the West; to date it had not been possible to enlist the support of bridge-playing teachers in the North.

10. Licensing

The following licences had been granted by the sub-committee:-

Marstan Hotel, Torquay - I. Murray	15-18.1.93,
	19-22.2.93, 26-30.3.93
Sunhill Hotel, Paignton Mrs. Bewick	25.9.-2.10, 1993
	5.11.-12.11, 1993
	23.12-2.1.94
Coombe Cross Hotel, Bovey Tracey	5-8.11.93.
Mr. Day	27.12- 1.1.94

The Committee thought that, generally speaking, not more than one licence should be issued on a specified date in an area/town.

11. Selector's Report

The Secretary read a report from Mr. Bridgman. Donald McFarlane and Peter Bowles had played very well in the President's Pot, only just missing first place.

South-West County League

v. E. Wales	A team lost 8 - 12
	B " won20 - 0
v. Avon	A " won12 - 8
	B " lost 15 - 5

Tollemache

The following players would form the Tollemache team:-

John Beard, Bob Blackmore, Ruth Edmondson, Donald McFarlane, Alison Pollock, Barbara Randall, Bob Ray, Victor Russell, John Woolcott, Amos Bridgman (Capt.)

The Committee would give favourable consideration to Mr. Bridgman's request that the team should be allowed expenses should they qualify for the final.

12. Torquay Congress

The Chairman had obtained promises of prizes from several sources including the Herald and Express, the Riviera Centre and BT.

The Chairman would very much like to see John Pain returning as a director for the congress. Apart from the fact that he was a first-class director the expense of employing someone from a distance involving train fares and extra accommodation would be saved.

Points

Captain Ashcroft said that under the new MacAllan Points Scheme points certificates had to bear the date of the event at which they were gained; the position about accumulated points was not clear. The Treasurer would raise the matter at the next delegates' meeting.

Entry and Payment for major county competitions

Difficulty was experienced in enforcing strictly the rule that entry and payment should be made beforehand to the relevant section secretary. It would be left to the section secretaries to achieve this as far as possible and to make sure that membership fees had been paid before a player was allowed to take part.

Double Talk.

The Chairman and Committee congratulated Mrs. Edmondson on the lively and enterprising way in which she had produced her first issue of 'Double Talk'.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

W. W. W.
Chairman 9.3.93

Present

Mr. J.A. Nowill Chairman
Mrs. L.C. Bell Hon. Secretary
Mrs. M. Lamb Hon. Treasurer

Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. M. Baser, Mrs. P. Benorthan, Mrs. E. Morris
Mrs. P.M. Moyse, Mr. J. Smith, Mrs. J. Swift, Mrs. J. Woolcott

1. Apologies for absence

Captain P. Ashcroft, Mrs. R. Edmondson, Mrs. N. Elliot, Mr. J. Waldie

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st December, 1992 were read, confirmed and signed.

3. Matters arising

3 sets of boards had been purchased

4. Correspondence

Licences. The manager of Mercian Travel had written an explosive letter to the Secretary after being asked to pay a licence fee to the county. The Chairman had telephoned and managed to assuage him. The EBU had since written to the Secretary asserting that the county had no right to make any operational charge.

Directors' training course. Mr. Ian Foster had written asking the county to contribute something towards the cost of a county directors' course which he proposed to attend. It was agreed to make an ex gratia payment of £50 on the understanding that Mr. Foster made his services available to the county if reasonably possible.

5. Secretary's report

Appointment of Hon. Secretary as from 22.6.93 Mrs. Horgan from Exeter and Mrs. Henderson from Torbay had expressed interest.

Secretaries' meeting The notification of this would be received before the next committee meeting. The Secretary would be unable to attend and suggested that the Chairman should go, but he would not be available. The Treasurer would attend.

6. Treasurer's report

The Christmas membership offer had resulted in 8 new members
The competition in Double Talk had been very popular.

7. Section Reports

Southern Section. The Petit Congress had been successful. A simultaneous pairs event played at Torquay, Newton Abbot, Dartmouth and Abbotskerswell had attracted 82 pairs and proved popular.

Eastern Section Entries were well up. There had been record entries for the National Pairs and Jack and Jill qualifying round.

West Section. The Heart Foundation event had resulted in a yield of £485.

Western Morning News - Bell v. Allen. The Treasurer was prepared to accept Mr. Allen's word that he had no knowledge of an agreement with Mrs. Bell to play the match at the time and on the date in question. With one dissension the Committee agreed to her request to refund half the entry fee to Mr. Allen.

Northern Section. Mr. Bridgman^{reported} that the section was flourishing: 27 teams competed on a Thursday evening.

8. Council delegate's report
Licensing. When challenged by the Treasurer the EBU had been unable to furnish evidence to substantiate their ruling that Devon was not allowed to make a charge for handling licences in the county.
 The BBL had circularised the county secretaries inviting applications to hold a one-day Green Point event later in the year. This would not be feasible as far as Devon was concerned.
9. Youth Training Scheme.
 The Chairman had written a letter to Mr. Brock, protesting at the wording of the minute referring to the possible appointment of Gill Pain as Youth Training Officer for Devon, in the report of the last Council meeting. Mr. Brock had apologised for the inaccuracy.
10. Licensing.
 The Tiverton Hotel had applied for a licence for an event in February, but had not returned the licence form sent.
 The Chairman said that the licence form would have to be re-drafted, in view of the ruling from the EBU. It was proposed to ask for a contribution rather than a licence fee.
11. Selector's Report.
 The Chairman apologised to Mr. Bridgman for being under the misapprehension that the selector's term of office was for three years.
 Mr. Bridgman reported moderate performance by the teams competing in the Western League. He would like to inaugurate a series of simultaneous pairs events played in the county during the week, from which the first four pairs would qualify for a 28-table final, the results of which would determine the selection of the team for the Tollemache Cup. All players would have to give an unqualified guarantee to play if selected. The receipts from the simultaneous pairs entries should yield an attractive sum as prize money for the final.
 Proposed by Mrs. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Benorthan, that Mr. Bridgman be re-appointed as Selector. Carried nem con.
12. Torquay Congress
 The Entries Secretary reported 83 full entries and 39 for Swiss Teams.
 There would be a prize for the competitors gaining 38th place in the Championship Pairs.
13. Bidding Boxes
 Mrs. Edmondson had asked the Secretary to propose that bidding boxes should be used for all county finals and major events. The Committee were fully in agreement with this.
 Mr. Woolcott would be asked to take charge of the boxes.
- The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.
- The next full meeting would be on 8th June; a calendar meeting would be held on 27th April.

J. N. Smith
 Chairman

8.6.1993.



Present:

- Mr. J.A. Nowill ... Chairman
- Mrs. L.C. Bell ... Hon. Secretary
- Mrs. M. Lamb ... Hon. Treasurer

Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. P. Benorthan, Mrs. R. Edmondson,
Mrs. N. Elliot, Mrs. E. Morris, Mrs. P.A. Moyse, Mrs. J. Swift,
Mrs. J. Woolcott, Mr. W.T. Oke and Mr. J. Smith.

1. Apologies for absence
Captain P. Ashcroft, Mrs. M. Baser and Mr. J. Waldie
2. Minutes of the last meeting
The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th March, 1993, were confirmed and signed.
3. Matters arising
Secretaries' Meeting. The Secretary had been able to make arrangements to enable her to attend. (Item 5)
Appointment of Selector. Mr. Smith thought that the appointment should be for a specified term: the Committee were in agreement.
The Chairman referred to the submission of a resolution that Mr. Bowles be appointed as selector from the floor at the AGM. There was general agreement that the selector should be appointed by the Committee but the Committee would bear in mind the views expressed by members at the AGM. (Item 11)
4. Correspondence
Mr. Ash had written expressing dissatisfaction with the late finishing of the final session of the Championship Pairs at the Torquay Congress.
The Chairman and Committee agreed that efforts should be made to remedy this situation
Kistor Hotel The manager had written setting out the terms and conditions for next year's congress and asking for confirmation of the booking by the end of June. The Secretary would write confirming.
Mr. Dayman had written at some length explaining the position with regard to the operation of a league in the Northern Section. Non-EBU members had been allowed to participate which was contrary to the rules. Mr. Smith said that the position had now been regularised: there were going to be two sections, one for members and one for non-members.
Mr. G. Clark had written to the Chairman expressing surprise at the county's restriction to the payment of entry fees for only one pair in the Reg Corwen Trophy. The Chairman had replied suitably.

5. Treasurer's Report.

Section Profits for 1992/3

East	£261.35
South	211.00
West	65.46
North	3.55

The Treasurer was contemplating purchasing tables from the Ivybridge Club which had a surplus.
There were now 64 bidding boxes.

6. Section Reports

East. The Committee were looking for a new venue for the Jack and Jill Final and the Mixed Teams. Budleigh Salterton were no longer welcoming. The Harriers(or Exeter Bridge Club) was a possibility.

Section Reports contd.

East. The one-day GP event at the Exeter Golf Club had not been entirely satisfactory. St. George's Hall was a possible venue
The East Section had won the Inter-Area Teams of Eight.

North. Mr. Smith reported the deaths of two well-known members of the county: Hilda Watson had died at the age of 97, having played bridge until she was 96, and Hazel Sumner had died.

West. The Section had been unable to raise a team for the Inter-Section Teams of Eight.

South. Nothing to report.

7. Delegates' Report

The Treasurer said that the Council was very involved with the proposed new extension to the EBU offices.

They had reverted to using straw polls at meetings.

There was a discussion as to whether the age limit for 'youth' members should be raised to 25, in line with the continent.

8. Youth Training Scheme

Mrs. Lamb, as County Youth Officer, said that it was proposed to establish a network of Local Schools' Liaison Officers working in direct contact with local schools close to home. John Pescott-Day was operating for Devon.

9. Licences

The following licences had been issued:-

Pontin's (Barton Hall)	Mar. 6 - 11, May 8 - 13, Nov. 6 - 11 - 1994
Fortfield Hotel, Sidmouth	Oct. 8 - 10, 1993
Honiton Swiss Teams	Mar 5, 1994

10. Devon Congress

The Committee were in agreement with the Chairman's suggestion that he should write to John Pain, asking him to direct at the April Congress.

Western Morning News This had been won by Mr. & Mrs. K.J. Slee and Mr. & Mrs. W. Solomon.

11. Ladies' and Men's Teams, and Swiss Teams

An effort would be made to publicize these events in the hope of increasing support.

The next meeting would be on the 7th September.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Worrell
Chairman

7.9.93.

PRESENT:

Mr J A Nowill ... Chairman
Mr J Smith ... Vice Chairman
Mrs C A Horgan.. Secretary
Mrs M Lamb ... Treasurer

Mrs J Woolcott, Mrs J Swift, Mr W Oke (East Section)
Mrs M Baser, Mrs P Benorthan (West Section), Mrs G Ali-Khan
Mr P Bowles, Mr A Kelland (South Section)

1. Apologies for absence
Were received from Mesdames P Moyse, R Edmondson, N Elliott and Messrs A Bridgman, T Walton, P Ashcroft and J Waldie all of whom were unable to attend.
2. Minutes of the last meeting
The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th June, having been circulated, were agreed and signed.
3. Matters arising
Youth Training Scheme. Mrs Lamb confirmed that she was the County Youth Programme co-ordinator and not Youth Officer as stated in the previous Minutes and that Mr J Prescott-Day is operating in the South Section, Mr M Allen in the West Section and Mr A Glaskin in the East Section. A representative is still being sought for the North Section.
Western Morning News Draw
Mrs Woolcott confirmed that 18 teams had entered the Western Morning News event this year and the draw was made.
4. Correspondence
The Secretary confirmed receipt of the following correspondence:-
EBU Board of Directors Minutes - 30th June 1993
EBU Council Meeting Minutes - 7th July 1993
EBU Tournament Committee Minutes - 15th July 1993
EBU Laws & Ethics Committee Minutes - 21st July 1993
EBU Selection Committee Minutes - 28th July 1993
EBU Board of Directors Nomination Paper
London CCBA Competition Brochure for 1993/94
Letter from Avon CBA
Letter from Professor & Mrs Landor
Letter from J Woolcott re. Torquay Autumn Congress
Letters from J Woolcott and Mrs Lamb re proposed alterations to County Programme
County Programme The Chairman confirmed that on behalf of the Southern Section he had sent some alterations to the Printer to the Notes and general format of the County Programme for 1993/94. It appeared that the Southern Section felt the Programme needed a radical overall and therefore several changes had been made without the Committees' approval. Comments on these proposals had been sought from Sections resulting in letters from both the East and West Sections.
Discussion ensued following which Mr Bowles circulated a paper for consideration by the Committee at a later meeting.
Torquay Autumn Congress The letter from Mr Woolcott objecting to the way the Torquay Bridge Club had set a date for their Autumn Congress was read. Mr Bowles confirmed that he had personally apologised to Mr Woolcott and the Eastern Section for the dates set by the organisers for this Congress and stated that he had not been involved in the planning but would ensure no such conflicts of dates happened in future.
5. Secretary's Report Applications for Licences had been

County - Saltash BC Swiss Teams - Sunday 17th October '93
County - Plymouth CSBC - Swiss Teams - Sunday 14th November '93
County - Exmouth BC Swiss Teams Sunday 21st November '93
EBU - Mercian Travel - Christmas & New Year Bridge Holiday '93
County - Torquay BC Swiss Pairs - Sunday 20th February '94
County - Torquay BC - Swiss Teams - Sunday 27th March '94
EBU - Mercian Travel - 29th April/2nd May '94
County - Saltash BC - Swiss Teams - Sunday 29th May '94
EBU - Mr. Lorman, Watersmeet Hotel - 9th to 13th May '94
EBU - Mercian Travel - 4th to 7th November '94

The Secretary confirmed that Licences had been approved for all the above with the exception of the applications from Torquay BC for the 20th February and 27th March 1994. These two were not approved as they would exceed the Club's quota of Licensed events.

The applications from Mercian Travel were discussed and the Secretary confirmed that strong letters had been written to the EBU and the Company regarding these. It was noted that Mercian Travel had offered to advertise any County events free of charge in their brochure.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer confirmed that subscription reminders had been sent following which some 76 late subscriptions had been received. Mrs. Lamb would be purchasing baize for recovering some County Tables and also hoped to purchase some second hand table cloths.

The Treasurer asked that consideration be given to a change in the format of issuing points for County events. She would be prepared to collate all results on computer which could then be credited direct to the EBU half yearly. This would necessitate the organisers of all County events forwarding the results to Mrs. Lamb for recording. Sections would not then have to make out Master points and Mrs. Lamb, when making the return to the EBU, could circulate each Section with a list showing the number of points credited to individual members. If agreement was forthcoming to this proposal then it could be implemented in April 1994. It was agreed sections be asked to comment at the next meeting. Mrs. Lamb had received a letter from the EBU Training Association asking if the County wished to issue diplomas to any of its Bridge Teachers. It was agreed to decline the offer.

The Plymouth Congress was, Mrs. Lamb stated, the West Section's prime event which qualifies for the Victor Ludorum Cup. She asked why the victory points given were less than those awarded for the SW Pairs. It was agreed sections be asked to comment at the next meeting.

7. Section Reports

North. Mr. Smith confirmed that three new members had recently been elected to the North Section Committee.

West. Mrs. Baser asked if consideration could be given to the Plymouth Congress being made an open Congress for 1994. The Chairman pointed out that this event was run by the section for section funds and if it became an open event any monies raised would be credited to the County. Mrs. Baser agreed to take these comments back to her committee and report further at the next meeting.

East. Mrs. Woolcott reported that some 30 teams had entered the Eastern sections League and the first matches would be played on the 1st October. The finals of the Jack & Jill and the Mixed Teams event would be held at the Exeter Golf & Country Club instead of its usual venue. A new venue had been booked for the County's Green Point event in 1994.

8. Council Report
Mrs. Lamb reported that alterations to the EBU headquarters were progressing. The Association were asking Counties if they would in future pay fee by direct debit. Discussion ensued on this point and it was decided that the County should continue to pay as in previous years and would not use direct debit.
9. Secretaries Meeting Report
A report, submitted by Mrs. Bell who had attended the Secretaries meeting held on the 11th June, was read by the Secretary. It confirmed that the Summer Conference was unlikely to be held in Blackpool in 1995* and that the Association's directive regarding smoking regulations for matches played in private homes was that the visiting team was not entitled to impose any smoking or non-smoking restrictions. The Association were making every effort to encourage bridge in their Yough Training Scheme and bridge was now included in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.
* Subsequent to the meeting a new venue in Brighton has been arranged.
10. April Congress
Discussion on the title of the DCCBA Congress took place and it was decided the word "Torquay" should remain. Mr Bowles was asked if the Torquay BC would consider altering the title of their congress held in November each year - Mr Bowles agreed to report back on this.

The Chairman confirmed that he had engaged Mr & Mrs Pain to direct the event. Mr Pain had accepted by letter which set out his conditions and suggestions on the format of the congress. The meeting was not entirely happy with these & it was agreed to finalise matters at the next meeting. Suggestions were made however that start and finish times for all sections should be the same and that the Open Pairs normally held on the Friday afternoon be abolished.
11. DATES OF MEETINGS

15th November 1993, 7.30 p.m. at Torquay BC
8th March 1994, 7.30 p.m. at Torquay BC
26th April 1994, 7.30 p.m. - Programme Meeting
7th June 1994, 7.30 p.m. at Torquay BC
26th June 1994, 12 noon, AGM at Exeter Golf & Country Club
6th September 1994, 7.30 p.m. at Torquay BC

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

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15 Nov 1993.

PRESENT

Mr. J.A. Nowill (Chairman)
Mr. J. Smith (Vice Chairman)
Mrs. C.A.Horgan (Secretary)
Mrs. M. Lamb (Treasurer)

Mrs. N.Elliott and Mr.P. Ashcroft (North Section)
Mrs.P.Moyse, Mr.P.Bowles and Mr.T.Walton (South Section)
Mrs.J.Swift, Mrs.J.Woolcott and Mr.W.Oke (East Section)
Mrs.M.Baser, Mrs.P.Benorthan and Mrs.R.Edmondson (West)

APOLOGIES

were received from Mrs.G.Ali-Khan and Mr.J.Waldie both of whom were unable to attend.

MINUTES

of the last meeting held on the 7th September 1993 having been circulated were agreed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

County Programme Changes

The Chairman suggested that a sub committee be formed to discuss the paper circulated by Mr. Bowles and for this sub committee to report at the next meeting with their recommendations. It was agreed Mr. Bowles would chair the sub committee and represent the south section and that one member from each of the other sections would also sit on the said committee. Mr. Bowles agreed to make the necessary arrangements for this meeting and the sub committee's report would be circulated by the Secretary to all sections prior to the next meeting on the 8th March 1994.

Direct Crediting of County Points

It was agreed Mrs. Lamb would be responsible for crediting all points awarded in County and Section events direct to the EBU and that she would advise Section Secretaries of points so credited every six months. This scheme would take effect from the 1st April 1994.

Plymouth Congress Status

Mrs. Baser reported that negotiations were being held between Mrs.Lamb, the EBU and Cornwall CCBA so that agreement be reached for a reciprocal arrangement between our two Counties which would enable EBU members to play in each others Congresses without paying additional EBU subscriptions. If this came to fruition Plymouth were happy for the Congress to remain as is.

Torquay Bridge Club Congress

Mr. Bowles confirmed that he would raise the matter of the alterations in the Congress title at the Club's next committee meeting and report at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary confirmed receipt of the following correspondence :-

Two letters from Mr. Chapman of the North Devon Bridge Club regarding registration of this new Club. Discussion ensued following which it was agreed the Secretary write to confirm acceptance of the Club.

A letter from the EBU relating to the DCCBA Congress status which currently had a Regional Scale Licence as it was a major Congress. It was agreed this status would stand for 1994 but in order to retain the same in 1995 the target of 200 tables must be attained. Discussion ensued during which it was felt the issue should be

been held for some 38 years. A suggestion was made that it might become more attractive if Green Pointed. It was agreed Mrs Lamb raise this matter at the next Council meeting.

A letter from Sidmouth B.C. (Chairman to reply)
Letter from Seaton & Axe Vale B.C.
Letter from Ivybridge B.C. notifying change of Secretary
EBU Minutes

SECRETARY'S
REPORT

The Secretary confirmed that applications for Licences had been received and approved for the following :-

District - Coombe Cross Hotel 18th/21st March 1994
Marina House Hotel 31st March/7th April '94
Coombe Cross Hotel 8th/11th March 1994
Marina House Hotel 26th May/2nd June '94
Fortfield Hotel 17th/19th June 1994
Coombe Cross Hotel 5th/12th August 1994
Marina House Hotel 20th/27th October 1994
Marina House Hotel 3rd/10th November 1994
Coombe Cross Hotel 4th/7th November 1994
Coombe Cross Hotel 27th December/1st Jan '95

County Dame Hannah Bungalow Appeal Swiss Team
Event - 21st August 1994
Exeter Bridge Club Swiss Team Event
20th February 1994

It was agreed a letter be sent to the EBU asking if the question of Licences be placed on the Agenda for their next meeting and that a proposition be forwarded suggesting that charitable events are not taken into consideration in the limited number of Licences that any County may grant.

SECTION
REPORTS

North : Mr. Ashcroft reported an increase in membership and a successful Swiss Pairs event run by the section. Scoring at this event had been made easier by Mrs. Edmondson's computer programme. It was agreed the County buy a copy of this programme.

South : It was with regret that the Chairman reported the recent death of Mr. Leonard Bell. Mr. Nowill confirmed that the section proposed to hold a course for Directors to be taken by Mr. Ian Foster, a recently qualified County Director. It was confirmed that the County was to pay for Mr. Foster's Course Fee incurred when qualifying. Mr. Walton reported that the next Torquay B.C. Congress had been set for the third weekend in November 1994 and a Licence would be applied for.

East : Mrs. Woolcott reported the recent death of Mr. Alf Crouch. Only one team had cancelled from the last round of the eastern league which had co-incided with the Torquay Congress. Mr. Oke reported on the progress made with the Exeter Bridge Club's proposed new premises which were to be built in the old Whipton Show Ground. The Isca Bowls and Bridge Centre was due to open officially in September 1994 and the Exeter Club would have facilities for some 32 tables.

West : Mrs. Baser reported that although successful the Plymouth Congress was again down in numbers.

COUNCIL
DELEGATE'S
REPORT

Mrs. Lamb reported on the last Council meeting in which it had been agreed that subscriptions would be raised to £13.50, affiliations for Clubs would be £13.00 but no increase was proposed on points. She reminded the meeting that all Clubs should return the point book stubs to Head Office.

APRIL
CONGRESS

The name for this Congress was again discussed and it was agreed it remain THE TORQUAY CONGRESS. Mr. Ashcroft presented a draft brochure for the event and the following was agreed :

Friday 15th April - 2.00 p.m.
Mixed Pairs Fritch, Mens Pairs & Ladies Pairs
Friday evening - 8.15 p.m.
Championship Pairs
Saturday 16th April - 2.00 p.m.
Championship Pairs, Swiss Pairs and
Open Pairs (if numbers permit)
Saturday evening - 8.00 p.m.
As above
Sunday 17th April - 1.00 p.m. Swiss Teams
Sunday evening - 6.30 p.m. Swiss Teams

Prize presentations would be made between the first and second evening matches. It was also agreed that the Full Congress Entry Fee be £20 per person, Championship Pairs only £11, Swiss Teams only £40 per team, Single sessions £5.00 per person. Mr. & Mrs. pain and Mr. Ashcroft would be directing the event and it was agreed Mr. Foster be also asked to direct for the Swiss Pairs event. It was noted a stand-by pair must be organised in case an odd number materialises in the Swiss Pairs. Mrs. Lamb presented the financial projections which were discussed. In view of the stipulations laid down by Mr. & Mrs. Pain it was agreed that for future Congresses all Directors rates would be negotiated.

TOLLEMACHE
SELECTION

The Treasurer confirmed that the entry fee of £170 had been paid. The Secretary was asked to contact Mr. Bridgeman to ascertain who would be playing in this event.

DCCBA
RULES

It was agreed a sub committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. J. Smith be set up to look into and make recommendations on the current rules. The sub committee would consist of Mr. Smith and a representative from each section. Mr. Ashcroft felt the DCCBA should also have a constitution and it was agreed the above mentioned sub committee would also look into this.

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS

Mr. Walton asked why this item was not included on the Agenda and the Chairman stated that the Committee had never felt it necessary as all items wishing to be raised should be notified to the Secretary for inclusion before the Agenda was circulated. It was also pointed out that there was generally no time for this item.

DATE OF
NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 8th March, 1994 at the Torquay Bridge Club.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.

Mrs. Lamb

PRESENT

Mr. J. Nowill (Chairman)
Mr. J. Smith (Vice Chairman)
Mrs. C. Horgan (Secretary)
Mrs. M. Lamb (Treasurer)

Mr. P. Ashcroft, Mr. A. Bridgman (North Section)
Mrs. P. Moyse, Mr. T. Walton, Mr. P. Bowles (South Section)
Mrs. J. Swift, Mrs. J. Woolcott, Mr. W. Oke (East Section)
Mrs. M. Baser, Mrs. P. Benorthan (West Section)

APOLOGIES

were received from Mrs. R. Edmondson, Mrs. N. Elliott and Mr. J. Waldie all of whom were unable to attend.

MINUTES

of the last meeting having been circulated were agreed and signed after the Minute under Matters Arising - Plymouth Congress Status was amended to read without paying additional County subscriptions.

MATTERS ARISING

Mr. Walton confirmed that in future the Torquay Club had agreed their congress be known as 'The Torquay Bridge Club Congress.

PROGRAMME CHANGES

Minutes of the meeting of the Sub Committee appointed to look into the County programme had been circulated and were discussed at length.

Wester Morning News - Agreed no change. It was confirmed that Mr. Houlbrooke's team would play that of Mrs. A. Drew in the final this year.

Griffiths Cup - It was agreed this was currently an event run by the West Section.

North Section Swiss Pairs - again agreed this was a section event.

South West Pairs - A lengthy discussion ensued on this event during which Mr. Ashcroft stated that the northern section felt the qualifier for this competition played in each section gave an unfair advantage to some as some qualifying rounds had a very small entry. It was noted that members could play in any of the four qualifying rounds and Mrs. Woolcott pointed out that traditionally the S.W. Pairs did not attract a large entry. Mr. Bowles suggested that the final of this competition be played at Exeter to make travelling easier for competitors. He also suggested that no qualifying rounds be held.

After discussion it was agreed there would be no qualifiers for this event next season and the matter reviewed again in 1995.

Ali Khan Cup - After discussion it was agreed this competition be run as a separate event for members with the rank of Star Master and below. This competition would also be played at Exeter, perhaps on the same day as the South West pairs, with no qualifying rounds.

Graphic Cup - As now but change venue to Exeter.

Jack and Jill - It was agreed this was a very popular event and after discussion it was confirmed that for the 1995 event no qualifiers be held. Venue - Exeter.

Julia Chadwick - It was agreed this be held earlier in the year.

Inter Section Teams of 8 - After discussion it was agreed to drop this competition and cancel this year's event.

Mens/Ladies Teams - Agreed to change this to a pairs competition.

Victor Ludorum - Agreed this be raised at the next meeting.

Advertising of County Events - It was agreed Mr. Ashcroft and Mrs. Edmondson be asked to compile a bi-monthly fax sheet to be sent to all Clubs.

**COUNTY
SELECTOR**

Mr. Bridgman suggested a non playing Captain should be appointed for the Tollemache to travel with the team and help with the administration work involved. Agreed. It was agreed that there had never been a better spirit in the County Teams selected over the past year and the Selector was congratulated by the Chairman. Both the 'A' and 'B' teams were in good positions to win their respective leagues.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary confirmed receipt of the following :-

The account of the Exmouth Bridge Club Swiss Teams showing a profit for Charity of £311.00.

Minutes of all E.B.U. Committees

Letters from Mr. Williams and Mr. Faulkner of the EBU re. County Constitutions and Licensing of Charitable Events.

Letter from Mr. Salisbury re. County Youth Officers.

Letter from Torquay Bridge Club re. Mr. Pitman. It was confirmed by the Chairman that Mr. Pitman was no longer a member of the Torquay Bridge Club, the DCCBA nor the EBU and therefore the Torquay Club would be available for EBU duplicate sessions on Wednesday nights as in the past.

The Secretary confirmed that she had applied for the County's One Day Green Pointed Event License for 1997. Date requested 18th May 1997.

**SECRETARY'S
REPORT**

The Secretary confirmed that applications for Licences had been received and approved for the following :-

District	-	Livermead Cliff	-	11/13th February 1994
		Tiverton Hotele	-	25/27th February 1994
		J.B.Bridge Hols	-	29 April/1st May 1994
		J.B.Bridge Hols	-	17/24th September 1994
		Marina House Hotel	-	23 Dec/1st January 1995
Open	-	Torquay Bridge Club Congress 18th/20th November 1994		
County	-	Exeter Golf & Country Club Charity Swiss Teams 24th April 1994		
		Plymouth Civil Service Swiss Teams 1st May 1994		
		Plymouth Civil Service Swiss Teams 13th Nov.1994		

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Mrs. Lamb reported on the EBU's Corporate Plan for 94/98. It was agreed the Treasurer purchase a new set of boards and bidding boxes which would be held by the new Isca Club

SCHOOL BRIDGE

Mrs. Lamb reported that an inter schools event had been held at Kelly College. Mr. Ashcroft suggested that Clubs be asked to make a donation for a Schools Fund and after discussion it was agreed the Treasurer write to all Clubs and to Section Secretaries asking for help with the setting up of this fund. Mrs. Lamb confirmed that she was in possession of a Cup no longer played for and asked whether this might not be utilised as a Schools Cup. Agreed.

SECTION REPORTS

North - Mr. Ashcroft confirmed that Capt.P.Daymon was to take the Directors Course with the EBU and it was agreed the County should help with his travelling expenses.

A Directors Course had recently been held at Tawstock and run by John Pain. It was noted that those attending had had their course fees paid for by their respective Clubs. This course had been both enjoyable and successful.

South - It was confirmed that the southern section had held a Simultaneous Pairs Event which had raised £74.60 for the South West Childrens Hospice.

East - Mr. Oke reported on the building programme for the new Isca Bowls and Bridge Centre.

TORQUAY CONGRESS

Mrs. Swift reported that she had received some 66 entries to date. Mr. Bridgman suggested that the Committee should be looking to upgrade this Congress but Mrs. Lamb pointed out that if this were done then proceeds would have to be shared with the EBU and there may be difficulty in obtaining a suitable venue.

RULES AND CONSTITUTION

The Vice Chairman had prepared a draft copy of the proposed County Rules which had been circulated. Discussion ensued on these proposals and it was agreed Mr. Smith make the alterations agreed by Committee to his draft so that these Rules may be presented at the County's A.G.M.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Ashcroft, the County Director, had received a letter of complaint regarding psychic bids. After discussion it was agreed that in future Directors record these bids and that they be sent to the County Secretary to keep on file.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7th June, 1994, 7.30 p.m. at the Torquay Bridge Club.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

SIGNED *W. Ashcroft*.....

DATED *7.6.1994*..

PRESENT

Mr. J. Nowill (Chairman)
Mr. J. Smith (Vice Chairman)
Mrs. C. Horgan (Secretary)
Mrs. M. Lamb (Treasurer)

Mrs. D. Hartshorne, Mr. P. Ashcroft & Mr. N. Marsden (North)
Mrs. P. Moyse, Mr. P. Bowles, Mr. T. Walton & Mr. A. Kelland (South)
Mrs. J. Swift, Mrs. J. Woolcott & Mr. W. Oke (East)
Mrs. P. Benortham and Mr. I. Hopkins (West)

APOLOGIES

were received from Mesdames M. Baser and N. Elliott and Mr. J. Waldie

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the new Chairman of the West Section, Mr. Hopkins and the new representatives from the North Section Mrs. Hartshorne and Mr. Marsden

MINUTES

of the last meeting having been circulated were agreed and signed after the word "travelling" had been deleted from para. one of the North Section Report.

MATTERS ARISING

Mrs. Lamb asked if a sum of money could be set aside for youth work from the County fund. After discussion it was agreed Clubs would not now be approached and that the sum of £200 be set aside from the central fund for this work each year. It was further agreed that the County would not subsidise any junior wishing to attend Sheffield this year.

Torquay Congress - The Secretary read the report submitted by the Director, Mr. Ashcroft. Mr. Walton suggested that a draw be made for seating positions in the Championship Pairs. All points raised were duly noted and would be considered before next year's event. The Chairman thanked Mr. Ashcroft for his very comprehensive report.

PROGRAMME 1994/95

Following a meeting of the Programme Sub Committee Mr. Ashcroft had prepared a draft Programme for 94/95 which was circulated. It was noted that the Jack and Jill would continue to have qualifying rounds but the South West Pairs and Ali Khan would not. Mr. Bowles asked why the Plymouth Congress was included in the Victor Ludorum Cup and Mrs. Lamb explained.

Discussion ensued on whether the Swiss Teams should be held after the AGM which this year was set for 12.45 p.m. on Sunday 26th June. It was suggested that the AGM should revert to being held of an evening but agreed to take the feeling of those attending the AGM.

RULES AND CONSTITUTION

The Vice Chairman, Mr. Smith, lead the discussion on the proposed revision of the Rules. It was agreed a further clause should be inserted in the draft proposals setting out the Officers of the Association and stating that all Officers should be proposed and seconded at the Annual General Meeting. It was proposed by Mr. Walton and seconded by Mr. Kelland that the Officers of the Association be the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and that they be subject to election at the AGM. Agreed. It was further proposed by Mr. Marsden and seconded by Mr. Hopkins that in the event of the office of Chairman by rote being contested at any AGM then such candidate may only succeed to office if he/she obtains a majority of not less than two thirds of the
Vote. Agreed.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Smith and his sub committee for all the hard work they had undertaken.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary had received the following correspondence :

1. Copy correspondence regarding National Pairs Regional Final
2. Letter of resignation from Captain P. Ashcroft as Chief Tournament Director. This was received with regret and it was felt Mr. Ashcroft would be very hard to replace. Mr. Ashcroft suggested that each section appoint a TD and that these four persons form a sub committee responsible for running County events. He also suggested that ~~two scorers~~ ^{was} were needed at County events in addition to the TD. Mr. Bowles felt it important that if this suggestion was approved then a co-ordinator also be appointed to head this sub committee and that the Tournament Secretary might fill this role. It was noted the sections already run and direct their own section events. After further discussion it was agreed each section appoint a "section" Director and the matter be discussed further at the next meeting.
3. Report on Torquay Congress from Chief Tournament Director.
4. Letter of nomination from Mrs. J. Swift seconded by Mrs. G. Ali Khan that the County nominate Mr. J. Woolcott for the Dimmie Fleming Award. After discussion it was agreed the Secretary write to the EBU with the nomination asking that it be considered being awarded posthumously.
5. Letter of thanks and account of the Exeter Golf & Country Club Swiss Teams event which had raised £450 for Hospiscare.
6. Notification from EBU of Mr. Brock's resignation and appointment of Mr. A. Williams as General Manager.
7. EBU Minutes and letter re. direct debit payments of subscriptions.
8. Entry forms for Pachabo Cup and Corwen Trophy and invitation from Avon CBA to enter the Pat Walton Cup.
9. Letter from Mrs. Woolcott thanking the Association for their donation to St. Lukes Church following *John's death*.
10. Notification of change of Officers of West Section and of Eastern Section's AGM.
11. Recorded psyche for filing from County Director.
12. Request from Honiton BC for their Swiss Teams event to be included in the County programme. It was agreed the Secretary would write suggesting they contact the editor of Double Talk as the County programme was for County organised events only.

LICENCES

Applications had been received and approved for the following :-

Kingsbridge BC Swiss Teams	-	Sunday 24th July 1994
Fortfield Hotel Sidmouth	-	13th to 17th April 1995
Pontins Holiday Camp	-	12th to 19th March 1995
		7th to 12th May 1995
		5th to 10th November 1995
Watersmeet Hotel	-	8th to 12th May 1995
		16th to 20th October 1995
Mercian Travel	-	23rd Dec '94 to 3rd Jan '95
		3rd to 6th November 1995

Honiton BC Swiss Teams - Saturday 4th March 1995
 Exeter Golf & Country Club
 Charity Swiss Teams - Sunday 2nd April 1995
 Coombe Cross Hotel - 10th to 13th March 1995
 24th to 27th March 1995
 21st to 24th April 1995
 3rd to 10th August 1995
 3rd to 6th November 1995
 17th to 20th November 1995
 27th Dec 795 to 1st Jan'96
 Livermead Cliff Hotel - 27th to 29th January 1995

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Mrs. Lamb confirmed that subscriptions were now being received.

She asked the Committee to consider a gift to Mrs. G. Ali-Khan who was now retiring from the Southern Section and County Committee after a considerable number of years. This was unanimously agreed and Mr. Nowill agreed to buy something suitable.

**SECTION
REPORTS**

North - Nothing to report.
South - Nothing to report.
East - Mr. Oke confirmed that the building work on the Exeter Bridge Club's new premises was on schedule and the opening was now planned for the 1st September 1994. It was hoped the Camrose would be held in Exeter in November.
West - Nothing to report.

The Accounts of each section were circulated and discussed.

Before closing the meeting the retiring Chairman, Mr. J. Nowill, thanked everyone for their support and encouragement during his term in office and for making the past two years as Chairman of the DCCBA so enjoyable.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

SIGNED



DATED

6th September 1994

MINUTES of the COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE DCCBA held on
6th September 1994 at the Torquay Bridge Club

PRESENT Mr J Smith (Chairman)
Mr I Hopkins (Vice Chairman)
Mrs M Baser (Secretary)
Mrs M Lamb (Treasurer)

P Ashcroft, Mrs D Hartshorne, Mrs N Elliot (North)
Mrs P Moyse (South)
Mrs P Benorthan (West)
W Oke, Mrs J Swift, Mrs J Woolcott, Mrs E Morris (East)

APOLOGIES were received from J Waldie, N Marsden, A Kelland,
P Bowles and T Walton.

The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking Mrs Baser for
agreeing to stand for Secretary at the AGM.

MINUTES of the last meeting having been circulated were agreed
and signed after the following correction had been made:

Page 2 Correspondence Item 2 Line 8
"two scorers were" deleted and "a scorer was" inserted.

MATTERS ARISING

Rules and Constitution - The Chairman said that these would
be looked at again at the next Committee meeting.

Programme 1994/5 - The Chairman pointed out that the feeling
of the members present at the AGM as regards the question of
having the AGM before the County Swiss Teams event had not been
taken as was intended so the next AGM will again take place
before the Swiss Teams as printed in the Calendar

Mrs Lamb raised the matter of buying a present for Mrs G
Ali-Khan. As nothing so far seemed to have been done Mrs Lamb
requested that this matter be dealt with quickly and a good
present be bought to thank Mrs Ali-Khan for all the years she has
served on the Committee. The Chairman asked Mrs Lamb to go ahead
and get a gift to be presented possibly at the Torquay Congress.

CORRESPONDENCE

1 Results of Corwen Trophy and Western League in which
Devon won both the A and B Leagues.

2 Letter re nomination and approval of John Woolcott for
the Dimmie Fleming Award. An invitation to Janet Woolcott to
attend the ceremony has been accepted.

3 invitation to participate in the President' Pot. Two and
possibly three pairs will be participating, Mr & Mrs Solomon and
Mrs R Edmondson and Miss B McElroy being the two pairs that will
definitely be playing.

4 EBU Minutes of the following meetings:-
Council Meeting - 7.7.94
Tournament Committee - 21.7.94
Selection Committee - 14.7.94
Laws & Ethics Committee - 11.08.94

5 County Newsletter together with: a) Details of running
one day joint ventures. b) Notes on content of constitutions of
County Associations. c) Application forms for master point cards.

- 6 Letter of sympathy re John Woolcott from Somerset CBA - sent on to Janet.
- 7 Letter from P Ashcroft re agreement by Kevin Slee to do the calculation of the Victor Ludorum points.
- 8 Minutes of East Section AGM
- 9 Notification from EBU of suspension of Devon member for 6 months from 4.7.94. North section clubs have been informed.
- 10 Appeals Committee Newsletter.
- 11 Notification from J Chapman re the closure of the newly formed North Devon Bridge Club.
- 12 Notification of approval of license applications submitted to the EBU.
- 13 Nomination papers for the election of Board of Directors at forthcoming AGM.
- 14 New address details from S Foale.
- 15 Request from Herefordshire CBA for addresses of people to mailshot with details of a Green Point event to be held on the 18th June 1995 and also asking for permission to distribute brochures at any events we are holding. A reply to be sent.
- 16 Letter from P Ashcroft re County Tournament directing.
- 17 Letter from Taw Vale BC regarding G Clark - including notice posted for members regarding same. The EBU to be approached regarding this matter.

LICENCES

Applications had been received and approved for the following:

- Exeter BC Swiss Teams - Sunday 11th September 1994
- Exmouth BC Charity Swiss Teams - Sunday 27th November 1994
- Saltash BC Swiss Teams - Sunday 23rd October 1994
- Saltash BC Swiss Teams - Sunday 28th May 1995
- Barnstaple Hotel Bridge Weekend - 25th to 26th February 1995.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs Lamb said that more subscriptions were coming in after the reminders sent out by the EBU. The recent Charity Swiss Teams event held at the Dame Hannah Rogers School, Ivybridge was very successful and Mrs Lamb thanked everyone for their support. Two boys going to play in the Joint BBL & EBU Youth Trials at Chelsea Bridge Club have asked for financial assistance. Mrs Lamb suggested giving £25 or £30 each bearing in mind that other youngsters may require money in the future and that these two boys have already received financial assistance from the County. P Ashcroft pointed out that a contribution was not compulsory. He suggested £30 for each boy not to be tied to any particular thing. Mrs Morris felt that these two boys had already had more than their fair share of assistance. As one of the boys has behaved badly at past events there was some feeling that this boy should not be financed at all. However this would be penalising his partner as well. Mrs Woolcott suggested that when the money was offered that mention should be made of his behaviour and he be told that if he continued to behave badly then he would receive no more financial support. The consensus of opinion was however that the money be granted i.e. £30 for each boy.

WESTERN MORNING NEWS DRAW

Mrs Woolcott confirmed that 21 teams had entered this year and the draw was made.

DATES OF MEETINGS

22nd November 1994, 7.30p.m. at ISCA Centre
7th March 1995, 7.30p.m. at ISCA Centre
26th April 1995, Programme Meeting, 7.30p.m. at ISCA Centre
13th June 1995, 7.30p.m. at ISCA Centre
25th June 1995, 1p.m. AGM at ISCA Centre
5th September 1995, 7.30p.m. at ISCA Centre

COUNTY DIRECTORS

P Ashcroft said that he just cannot continue as Chief Tournament Director due to increasing sight problems and memory deterioration. An experienced person is needed to take over. If each Section could have a designated director the four could meet and replace the present Laws & Ethics Committee. This Committee could find a director for large events even if it meant paying an outsider. This Committee to be a Sub-Committee which will elect a Chairman. Scoring is also a problem to be considered as scoring at a big event is rather more complicated than scoring at club level. At least two people are needed who can be called upon to do the scoring. Mrs Lamb said that we needed a person as coordinator who could coordinate the organisation of directing. Much discussion ensued during which it emerged that there were only four events of any weight to direct i.e. Jack & Jill Final, Mixed Teams of Four, Julia Chadwick Final, S.W Pairs and Ali-Khan events. Mrs Lamb made the suggestion that David Sharp be approached but it was pointed out that in the past he had refused to direct in the County. Mrs Woolcott suggested that his wife be asked to score. It was finally decided unanimously to ask David and Edwina Sharp to run the Jack and Jill Final and the Mixed Teams of Four. Action at future events would be decided at a later date.

The Chairman suggested that 1 or 2 people from each Section get together under P Ashcroft's lead but he declined as he has now finished with directing for the County. Mrs Lamb asked that the ISCA Centre hold the scoring computer as that is where all County events will be held in the future.

SECTION REPORTS

North - A successful year for the North Section clubs. Two new clubs have flourished. The Section League Teams has got off the ground.

East - A number of complaints have been received about the new system of pointing. Mrs Lamb in reply said that points could still be issued as before to those people who desperately wanted them to be done that way.

West - Nothing to report.

South - Nothing to report.

COUNCIL REPORT

Not many counties have agreed to the Direct Debiting method of paying subscriptions. The EBU thought it would have been more successful.

The new version of the Orange Book is not yet quite ready.

The winner of the "Design a T-Shirt" competition for Centenary Year has still not been announced.

There was some discussion on the licensing of some new bidding systems amongst them being yet another version of the Multi 2 Diamonds. After the explanation of this new version the general opinion of the Committee was to vote it out.

TORQUAY CONGRESS

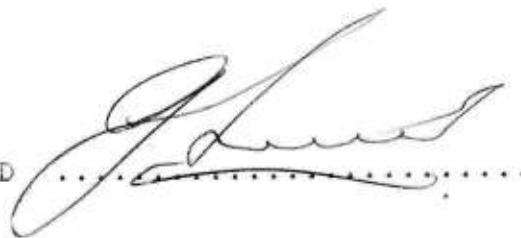
The licence has been applied for. The Congress is to be held on the 7th -9th April 1995 at the Kistor Hotel. The Kistor Trophy is again on offer to the highest placed resident pair. Special accommodation rates to be offered. John and Gill Pain are to be asked to direct again. The programme is to be the same as for the 1994 Congress.

Mr Hopkins asked if the pairing for the Swiss Teams would be the same as for the 1994 Congress. Mrs Lamb replied that this was always a problem whatever method was chosen. The allocation of pairs will however be indicated in the brochure.

Mrs Lamb made a request for the purchase of more bidding boxes so that all County events could be totally furnished with bidding boxes. Mrs Woolcott confirmed that at present the County had 68 boxes. Mrs Lamb then suggested that each Section contribute per capita towards the purchase of new boxes so as to bring the number up to 50 sets and could she please have approval to purchase same. Each section indicated their approval.

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

SIGNED



DATE

...24/11/94.....

MINUTES of the COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE DCCBA held on
22nd November 1994 at the ISCA Centre.

PRESENT Mr J Smith (Chairman)
Mr I Hopkins (Vice Chairman)
Mrs M Baser (Secretary)
Mrs M Lamb (Treasurer)

N Marsden, Mrs D Hartshorne, Mrs N Elliot (North)
Mrs P Moyse, T Walton, P Bowles (South)
Mrs P Benorthan (West)
W Oke, Mrs J Woolcott, Mrs E Morris (East)

APOLOGIES were received from J Waldie and Mrs J Swift.

At the Chairman's request the Committee observed a short period of silence to mark the death of Alan Kelland the previous week. J Nowill had attended the funeral on behalf of the Committee.

The Chairman welcomed the Committee to the new ISCA Centre and thanked Torquay B.C. for the hospitality extended over the past years. Since the last meeting Janet Woolcott had received the Dimmie Fleming Award on behalf of John Woolcott.

MINUTES of the last meeting having been circulated were agreed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

Mrs Benorthan asked if any progress had been made with the purchase of a present for Mrs G Ali-Khan. Mrs Lamb had ascertained that the most favourable gift would be alcohol. Mrs Lamb ~~suggested~~ proposed the purchase of a couple of bottles which she would take to Mrs Ali-Khan. This was carried unanimously. Mrs Lamb then suggested that the Committee invite Mrs Ali-Khan to present the prizes at the Torquay Congress, providing transport and giving her a bouquet. Everyone agreed to this.

Mr & Mrs Sharp had agreed to run the Jack & Jill Final and the Mixed Teams of Four events.

CORRESPONDENCE

1 A letter from T Terrett re the 1995 Green Point Event was read out. The Chairman pointed out that a Green Point event is not a County one but an EBU event. Exeter is really the centre for events however on viewing the ISCA Centre at the opening it was clear that not enough tables could be accommodated for a Green Point event. It was then too late to book St George's Hall so the decision was taken to hold the event at the Shire Horse Centre. Mrs Lamb requested permission to reply to T Terrett's letter. She agreed that the new venue was not so accessible for North and East members but this particular event clashes in 1995 with Green Point events in counties closer to some of the possible entrants. Although not a County event the money raised from it boosts the County funds. Mrs Lamb felt that the ISCA Committee had been misled over the number of tables that could be accommodated. It could only hold 32 tables. Half of the restaurant could be used in addition but the provision of a smoking area was still a problem. If the ISCA Centre were used extra chairs would need to be hired incurring yet more cost. There could be a problem if the Green Point event was held on a wet day when the bowlers would also be inside. Also the price of the centre was too high - £400 + the cost of hire and transport of tables. St George's Hall was already booked and the decision to have the event at the Shire Horse Centre had not been made by Mrs Lamb alone.

Mrs Hartshorne asked about the number of tables able to be accommodated. I Hopkins said people would attend a Green Point event wherever the venue and also pointed out that no club in the past had received any benefit from a Green Point event. Mrs Woolcott said that the bridge club would not be getting the money but the ISCA Centre. Mrs Elliot felt that the Committee should have written to the East Section saying why the Green Point event was not being held at Exeter. I Hopkins agreed with this comment. B Oke felt he had been made a fool of by not being aware of the decision to change the venue. Mrs Lamb made the point that we were not renegotiating on the Exeter B.C. but the ISCA Centre. The Chairman said that if the floor agreed Mrs Lamb would write to T Terrett.

Mrs Benorthan asked if the rent of the ISCA Centre would always be £400. Mrs Lamb also wondered what would happen if the number of tables for County events exceeded 30. Mrs Woolcott said that the question of the rent could be brought up at forthcoming ISCA Committee meeting which she thought would be £1 a head. Mrs Lamb felt this to be too expensive. Mrs Woolcott asked what the Committee were prepared to pay for rent. B Oke could not understand why entry fees were still what they were 10 years ago. I Hopkins said that entries were down nowadays to which Mrs Lamb added that this was a general trend due probably to so many Green Point events being run. Much discussion then ensued on how much rent should be charged. B Oke said that the East Section paid £30 for an evening and £50 for an afternoon and evening. Further discussion ensued on the raising of entry fees but this can only be done at the AGM. T Walton felt that the County could bear any loss incurred by increased rental. However the Chairman felt that entry fees should perhaps be increased in the future. B Oke added that other counties pay more.

2 Letter from EBU in response to letter sent re G Clark.

3 Request from Wiltshire CCBA for list of Devon clubs.

4 Club Newsletter together with Macallan List update.

5 Torquay Congress Licence.

6 Paperwork relating to AGM's of the EBU and the Council of the EBU together with the Minutes of various Committees.

7 Letter from Mercian Travel re an advertised holiday in Plymouth for which no licence application has been made.

8 Letter from J Nowill proposing that the SW Pairs be renamed the John Woolcott Pairs.

There was some contention as to whether this should be done. Mrs Woolcott on being asked her feelings on the matter said that as the East Section was John's section then she would prefer a competition for a trophy in John's name to be held in that section. The East section will set up the event.

9 Letter from W Solomon with copies of correspondence re an incident at the 1993 AGM.

Mrs Lamb pointed out that action on this incident should have been taken long ago. I Hopkins proposed that we write to A Bridgeman to ask whether he intended apologising. Carried unanimously.

10 Letter from Brian Senior offering his services as commentator at the Camrose match being staged in Devon. Passed to Mrs Lamb for action.

11 Notification and apologies from John Williams for the omission of a Devon member from the Macallan Master Listings.

12 Requests from two people for information about Bridge clubs in the Crediton and Barnstaple areas. Lists sent.

13 Letter from Mrs Woolcott requesting permission for Exeter B.C. to hold more "EBU Nights".

Mrs Lamb clarified the position of the number of events held by clubs. The East section can have more events than they hold at present so could have more "EBU Nights".

- 14 EBU Minutes of the following meetings:-
 EBU Ltd AGM - 5.10.94; Council AGM - 5.10.94
 Selection Committee - 26.10.94; Laws & Ethics Committee - 19.10.94
 Tournament Committee - 2.11.94
- 15 County Newsletter plus: a) A Licensing Guide 1994 b) North v South Match - proposals for discussion c) 1995/96 and 1996/97 Calendar drafts d) Draft of a forthcoming publication " The Successful Bridge Club".
- 16 Letter from Peter Stocken re the election of the Union President with details of constitutional position of same.
- 17 Correspondence regarding G Clark.
- 18 Letter from D Ash regarding the facilities at the ISCA Centre.
- 19 Invitation from the BBL to hold a Green Point event in August '96.
- 20 Letter of resignation from A Kelland due to ill health.
- 21 Club Newsletter.

LICENCES

Applications had been received and approved for the following:
 Torquay BC Swiss Pairs - Sunday 26th February 1995.
 Tiverton Hotel Bridge weekend - 18th to 20th November 1994.
~~Tiverton~~ Hotel - request from John Beard for a license for a week in September 1995. Licence application form sent. No reply received.

FUNDING REQUESTS

The Chairman requested permission for money for a scorer for the Tollemache. A sum of £50 was agreed to by the Committee. The scorer is to be Mrs Lamb.

A request had been received from A Bridgeman for permission to contribute towards the expenses of the members representing Devon at the Tollemache. Much discussion ensued. P Bowles made the point that as this was a "once a year only" event the Committee should give some financial support to those people playing for Devon. Mrs Lamb suggested a fixed sum of money. I Hopkins proposed £50 per player with which Mrs Hartshorne disagreed. After a heated discussion it was proposed by I Hopkins and seconded by Mrs Woolcott that we give £400 to the team. Mrs Moyse made the point that other counties did not pay towards such expenses. The proposal was put to the floor and carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bidding boxes had been purchased at a cost of £800. Left handed ones had also been bought. Costs to be borne by the Sections as follows:
 £58.85 - North; £95.70 - South; £127.05 - West; £155.65 - East.
 T Walton felt that each section should have some of the boxes but Mrs Lamb said that this was not practicable.
 Mrs Lamb asked for permission to buy a new mouse for the computer.
 Budleigh Salterton Games Club have asked for permission to hold a heat of the National Pairs in January. This is a new club which is doing well.
 Tavistock BC is now affiliated to the EBU.

COUNCIL MEETING

A member had asked why a member's name had not been revealed when recently suspended by the EBU. Peter Stocken in reply said that it had been decided in this case not to reveal the member's name. Mrs Lamb had asked whether other counties could be informed.
 The new Chairman had suggested that the outgoing Chairman be made the President of the EBU. A member had asked what the President's duties would be and whether he would be paid. The reply was that the President would represent the EBU at events abroad. The floor was very much against this suggestion.

SECTION REPORTS

North - The Swiss Pairs event had been insufficiently supported so had been cancelled. Another attempt will be made in 1995.

East - Nothing to report except that Mrs Woolcott will be away for three weeks over Christmas but members can still pay competition entries.

West - Plymouth Congress numbers were down again in common with a lot of small congresses. The Committee would be looking at ways of making the Congress more attractive.

South - One of the youngsters recently subsidised by the County has been selected to play for the Under 20 Team against France - Gary Clark. ~~Gavin Mackay has been selected for the Under 25 Camrose having won the trials.~~

TORQUAY CONGRESS

Mrs Lamb reported that this had now been set up and brochures were in the process of being produced.

TOLLEMACHE

The Chairman had spent some time reviewing the problem of the last five years regarding the selection of players. He felt that it was time to apologise to D Sharp and B Blackmore who were both playing for Devon this year - D Sharp for the first time since the "incident". Some discussion then followed over what should be written to the two members involved. Mrs Woolcott suggested that a letter be written apologising for events of the past and expressing pleasure that they are representing the County. I Hopkins proposed writing to D Sharp that as a result of his representations the Committee have reviewed the evidence and have come to the conclusion that his deselection letter was injudicious to say the least and that as we are a new Committee and not responsible at that time we trust he will accept this letter as evidence of our good faith and realise that we are delighted that once again he has agreed to play and wish him the very best. The Chairman was not happy with this as he still felt that an apology should be made. Mrs Lamb suggested we mention that the original Selection Committee is no longer in existence. P Bowles then seconded I Hopkins' proposal which was carried nem com.

CAMROSE

No charges for entry. Event has been widely advertised. A programme would be available. Can watch in the "open room" with restrictions. Mrs Woolcott mentioned all the hard work put in by Mrs Lamb in setting up the event - a continuation of the work started by John Woolcott.

MEETINGS

The date of the March meeting was changed to 21st February 1995.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.30p.m.

SIGNED 

DATE 21st Feb 1995

MINUTES of the COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE DCCBA held on
21st February 1995 at the ISCA Centre.

PRESENT Mr J Smith (Chairman)
Mr I Hopkins (Vice Chairman)
Mrs M Baser (Secretary)
Mrs M Lamb (Treasurer)

J Sach, Mrs C Ritzen (North)
Mrs P Benorthan (West)
W Oke, Mrs J Woolcott, Mrs E Morris, Mrs J Swift (East)

APOLOGIES were received from Mrs N Elliot, N Marsden, J Waldie,
Mrs D Hartshorne and members of the South Section (clash with
National Pairs QR).

The Chairman first expressed the thanks of the Committee for the
production of the recent issue of Double Talk by Mrs R Edmondson with the
request that the Secretary write to Mrs Edmondson. He also thanked Mrs M
Lamb for her efficient organisation of the Camrose.

MINUTES of the last meeting having been circulated were agreed and signed
with the deletion of the following:- Page 4 Section reports - final
sentence.

MATTERS ARISING

- 1 M Lamb had purchased a couple of bottles of spirits for Mrs Ali-Khan
which had been gratefully received. M Lamb had also purchased a set of
glasses for presentation to P Ashcroft.
- 2 A letter has been sent to T Terrett.
- 3 Torquay Congress entry forms are now in circulation.
- 4 A Bridgeman has been written to and a copy of the letter sent to W
Solomon.
- 5 The Chairman had written to D Sharp and B Blackmore who had both been
pleased with receipt of same.
- 6 Mr Oke raised a query as to whether Budleigh Salterton BC could run a
National Pairs QR. Yes, as any club could run such a heat with County
permission. M Lamb had told the club to write for permission next year.
- 7 Brian Senior's offer of his services for the Camrose had been
declined.
- 8 M Lamb has purchased a new mouse for the computer.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Letter from I Hopkins with reference to a letter received from another
DCCBA member together with copy of said letter.
At this point the Secretary and Vice-Chairman withdrew from the room.
It was proposed by W Oke and seconded by Mrs E Morris that the writer of
the letter to I Hopkins be asked for a withdrawal of his letter and
admonished for having sent the letter. This was carried nem com. If a
withdrawal was not received then the matter would be referred to the EBU
Laws & Ethics Committee.
- 2 Details of Congress facilities at Blundells School.
- 3 A further letter from W Solomon expressing surprise that he had not
had a response to his previous letter.
- 4 Letter from P Daymon with details of further developments re G Clark.
- 5 EBU Minutes of the following meetings:- L & E Committee 30.11.94 and
14.12 94; Board of Directors 16.11.94; EBU Publications Review Body 22.11.94;

BBL 1.12.94; Treasurer's Report to EBU Council 21.12.94; Board of Directors 10.1.95; Council Meeting 11.1.95; Tournament Committee 18.1.95.

6 Club Newsletters one containing an Entry Form for the Garden Cities Trophy and an Application Form for 1997/98 Green Point One Day events.

7 Letter from Mercian Travel asking for information about bowling in Plymouth with the idea of holding a combined bridge and bowling holiday in Plymouth.

8 Letter from Mrs P Penfold re the direct crediting of points. In view of the letter from W Solomon I Hopkins suggested a "holding" letter for correspondence that may not be dealt with for some time. This suggestion was unanimously approved.

LICENCES

Applications had been received and approved for the following:

John Beard at Toorak Hotel Torquay - 24th to 29th September 1995.

Kingsbridge BC Swiss Teams at Dartmouth - 23rd July 1995.

Tiverton Hotel Bridge Weekend - 17th to 19th February 1995.

A request had been received from P Philbrick to run a weekend at Barton Hall for gardeners who would also have the opportunity to learn and/or play duplicate or rubber bridge. Approval agreed by the Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Little to report. Only 61 members had not rejoined this year. Repairs to the computer cost about £30.

COUNCIL MEETING

P Stocken had been elected as Chairman and had suggested again that the retiring Chairman be made President. After G Faulkner had spoken on the subject the question of financing such a post was raised from the floor. Money would be provided from different departments. The post would involve a lot of travelling to represent the EBU at events abroad as Mr Faulkner did not wish to merely be a figure head. On a vote the idea was defeated. Mr Stocken is to write another paper on the duties of such a President. The EBU has decided that a banned member will always be named in future unless there are exceptional mitigating circumstances. Clubs can stop such a banned member playing in Simultaneous Pairs if such an event is being run for the benefit of club members.

Direct debiting had been further discussed.

SECTION REPORTS

North - Nothing to report.

East - At a recent Committee meeting the question of running an event in memory of John Woolcott was discussed and it was decided that the Section would like to run a weekend to be called The John Woolcott Weekend. The dates suggested were the 13th and 14th January 1996. The format would be Championship Pairs on the Saturday and Swiss Teams on the Sunday. This was approved by the Committee.

West - The Heart Foundation Swiss Teams is being held on March 5th and more entries are needed.

South - No members present to report.

TORQUAY CONGRESS

The format was to be the same as last year. A letter had been received from J Nowill about prizes from sponsors for the Congress together with details of firms who had helped in the past and the suggestion that the present Chairman might like to continue this practice. M Lamb made the comment that the prizes were often unsuitable as they were in "singles".

P Benorthan suggested using the prizes in a raffle. It was generally felt that the prizes detract from the Congress and cause a certain amount of chaos when being handed out. The Committee voted to discontinue the practice.

Mrs G Ali-Khan will be presenting the trophies.

RULES & CONSTITUTION

M Lamb asked why we were making changes to the Rules & Constitution if they were OK. The only change that would be made was to be in the method of selection of the Chairman. Item 10 of the proposed new Rules & Constitution was read out by the Chairman and it was put to the floor whether the rules should be changed. Proposed by P Benorthan and seconded by I Hopkins that the rules should not be changed. Carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR FOR JULIA CHADWICK

As D Sharp will not be available to direct someone is needed to run this event. A good club director is needed. E Sharp is available to score. Proposed by J Sach and seconded by J Swift that M Lamb run the event. All in agreement.

DIRECT CREDITING OF POINTS

The letter from Mrs Penfold was read out. M Lamb said she could only send points to the EBU twice a year and at present this was done in March and September. Points should be shown on all results so that people had a check on points won. J Woolcott asked if this was only for Devon events. M Lamb replied that it was for Devon and Section events excluding Torquay Congress and the Green Point event. She felt that members who had signed the letter had not given the system a fair chance. I Hopkins wanted to know why the points couldn't be registered in time for the Macallan each year. M Lamb said that she needed to register points at the end of the financial year in case she was not Treasurer the following year. I Hopkins added that he felt people had not been made fully aware of how the system would work. E Morris pointed out that Mrs Penfold really wanted the points to tie up with the Macallan. A lot of discussion ensued at the end of which J Swift suggested issuing a leaflet to be given out with receipts for subscriptions. M Lamb said that an explanation of how the system worked could be put on the leaflet. I Hopkins asked if the Committee agreed with aligning with the end of June. All agreed. The format for the leaflet was then put forward by M Lamb and approved.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.05p.m.

SIGNED

DATE 13/6/95

MINUTES of the COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE DCCBA held on
13th June 1995 at the ISCA Centre.

PRESENT Mr J Smith (Chairman)
Mr I Hopkins (Vice Chairman)
Mrs M Baser (Secretary)
Mrs M Lamb (Treasurer)

Mrs C Ritzen (North)
P Bowles, T Walton (South)
W Oke, Mrs J Woolcott, Mrs E Morris, Mrs J Swift (East)

APOLOGIES were received from Mrs N Elliot, N Marsden, J Waldie,
Mrs P Benorthan and Mrs P Moyse.

MINUTES of the last meeting having been circulated were agreed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

Failure of a member to have directly withdrawn a letter sent to I Hopkins - with the excuse that said member did not know I Hopkins' address - had led to copies of the correspondence being sent to the Laws & Ethics Committee. The Committee had made the decision not to act as the letter was a private letter - after taking legal advice on the matter. I Hopkins said that he was now content to let the matter rest.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Minutes of various EBU Committees.
- 2 A further letter from Mrs P Penfold.
M Lamb and M Baser had both spoken to Mrs Penfold at the Torquay Congress and she appeared to be satisfied with the changes that were being made in the direct crediting of points. It appeared that one of the problems with the system was that not all clubs received details of results. Was it the responsibility of the Sections to tell members or the members themselves to find out? W Oke suggested that Section Secretaries plus the Treasurer and R Edmondson be sent copies of results of County events. This was seconded by I Hopkins and all were in favour but it was pointed out that this in fact was already done.
- 3 Letter of thanks from Peter Ashcroft.
- 4 March and May Club Newsletters and April County Newsletter.
- 5 Copy of letter sent to CYO's.
- 6 Details of money raised by Exeter Golf & Country Club Charity Swiss Teams event.
- 7 Invitation from Avon CBA to play in the Pat Walton Cup.
R Edmondson, B McElroy, B Blackmore and D McFarlane to represent Devon.
- 8 Entry forms for Pachabo Cup and Corwen Trophy.
- 9 Letter from Mrs Wilkinson-Cox re the Torquay Congress.
An explanation of the events that had occurred was given by M Lamb who pointed out that the trophies for minor events i.e. Friday afternoon were not given out at the prize giving. She would like a ruling made for future Torquay Congresses that cups do not go out of the County. It was generally felt that the prize giving had not been satisfactory. A reply will be sent to Mrs Wilkinson-Cox.
- 10 Letter from Ron Pick requesting information about rates paid by the County to Directors of County events. Dealt with by the Treasurer.
- 11 Letter from John Nowill with reference to the recent Mini Congress held at the Isca Centre. The points raised have already been dealt with.
- 12 Request from Midlands Counties Congress for information on prizes given at our Congresses.

13 Letter from A Foan about the direct crediting of points.
It was decided to allow Mr Foan to raise the matter at the AGM in AOB.

14 LCCBA Newsletter.

15 Request from Exeter Golf & Country Club for the temporary loan/hire of County Bidding Boxes.

I Hopkins felt that as each Section had contributed to the purchase of the boxes then a club is entitled to have loan of the boxes. M Lamb did not agree as it was a club that wanted the loan of the boxes and not a Section. She felt that only enough for a few tables should be loaned out. T Walton expressed agreement with I Hopkins. Mrs Woolcott suggested loaning the boxes during the month of August when there were no County events being run. All agreed to this being done. E Morris to coordinate the loan and any damage or breakages to be rectified.

LICENCES

Applications had been received and approved for the following:

Charity Swiss Teams, Dame Hannah Rogers School, Ivybridge 13.8.95; Torquay Bridge Club Congress, Carlton Hotel, 24-26.11.95; Mr P Ramsden, Norwood Hotel, Torquay, 20-22.10.95, 17-19.11.95, 8-10.12.95; Exeter Golf & Country Club Charity Swiss Teams, 31.3.96; Phil Philbrick at Barton Hall 10-15.3.96 and 19-26.5.96; Mr Lorman at Watersmeet Hotel, 13-17.5.96 and 14-18.10.96; Tony Warlow, Fortfield Hotel, Sidmouth, 4-8.4.96; Honiton Swiss Teams, 9.3.96; Exmouth Charity Swiss Teams, 21.1.96.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Congratulations to all Sections on the collection of Members' Subs. The books are at present with the auditor and should be ready in plenty of time for the AGM.

Difficulties had been experienced with the pointing of the Western Morning News competition because of insufficient information on the players, number of boards played etc. She suggested the completion of a proforma which was circulated for approval. I Hopkins suggested the addition of a column showing the number of boards played by each team member. This was agreed and the proforma will be used in future.

The Treasurer requested the South to inform the County when they intended deviating from the norm as was the case in a directing course which was funded by the County yet not available to all County Members. This was an occurrence in which the present South Committee members had not been involved but the comments of the Treasurer were noted.

The Treasurer also raised the question of the Simultaneous Pairs events run by the South which she felt should be open to all County members.

T Walton explained that it had originally started as a charity event. The EBU would licence such an event on payment of a levy of £1.40 per table. T Walton felt that further discussion was needed with the EBU on the running of this event in the future.

The Chairman wondered if we should be thinking about raising more money as we have made a loss again in the County Accounts. The Treasurer suggested an extra £1 on the County subscription and extra on the affiliation fee paid by clubs. J Woolcott thought that 50p extra at least should be levied. W Oke suggested 50p extra on entry fees. After some discussion the Treasurer proposed that at the AGM the following increases be put to the floor:- 50p on entry fees w.e.f September, 50p on members' subs and £1 on affiliation fees paid by clubs. All members agreed.

COUNCIL MEETING

- 1 Rules of bridge to be altered once again. The Rule of 10 is to go. The Orange Book is still being rewritten.
- 2 Some heated discussion took place on the ban of a member by a club. The EBU does not appear to advocate banning.
- 3 The EBU Constitution is at present being reviewed.

SECTION REPORTS

North - Hoping to re-introduce a bridge weekend, 17th - 19th November provisionally at the Park Hotel, Barnstaple to take the form of Swiss Pairs and Swiss Teams.

East - Nothing to report but J Woolcott wished to speak in her capacity as Tournament Secretary. The A and B teams had won both Western Leagues. She felt it was a pity there was no reward for players competing in such events. Some players travelled a long way and could some petrol money be allocated? The Chairman felt that first we must get the propose increases approved at the AGM before we discuss any such payments. The Tournament Secretary gave notice that she wished to resign in 12 months time so that the Committee had time to find a replacement.

West - The Heart Foundation Swiss Teams had raised £290. I Hopkins said that at the Section AGM the Auditor had raised the point of the lack of interest being made by the interest bearing account. M Lamb said she is making enquiries about different accounts but there were difficulties as organisations have limitations as to what accounts they can use. The Secretary will ask the Auditor for more information.

South - All the points they wanted raising had been dealt with already.

TORQUAY CONGRESS

The Chief Director was happy with the event apart from being charged 75p for a cup of tea. He made comment on the awarding of the Flitch to a pair with quite a low % - all pairs above not being eligible. M Lamb asked the Committee what we felt should be done about this trophy and it was agreed not to award it in future.

M Lamb brought up the question of keeping the cups in Devon in future. T Walton felt that any cup should be signed for and the winners told they must return the cup in time for the next Congress at their own expense. E Morris suggested miniatures being presented to winners that could be kept. This would be investigated.

SECTION EXPENSES

The Treasurer wanted to raise the question of the payment of honoraria by the South Section. T Walton replied that this was no longer the case.

COUNTY SWISS TEAMS

The Secretary raised the question of Directors for this event. It was decided that M Baser and M Lamb will run it. P Bowles expressed a willingness to assist.

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

SIGNED 

DATE 5/9/95

MINUTES of the COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE DCCBA held on
5th September 1995 at the ISCA Centre.

PRESENT Mr J Smith (Chairman)
Mr I Hopkins (Vice Chairman)
Mrs M Baser (Secretary)
Mrs M Lamb (Treasurer)

Mrs C Ritzen, A Bridgeman, N Marsden (North)
P Bowles, P Moyse (South)
Mrs J Woolcott, Mrs E Morris, Mrs J Swift (East)
Mrs P Benorthan (West)

APOLOGIES were received from J Waldie, W Oke, T Walton, D Hartshorne.

The Chairman welcomed new members of the Committee.

MINUTES of the last meeting having been circulated were agreed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

- 1 Had the cost of miniatures for the Torquay Congress been looked into? Mrs Woolcott promised to bring a brochure to the next meeting.
- 2 I Hopkins inquired if Exeter Golf & Country Club had had the bidding boxes to which the reply was that the boxes had been loaned and returned.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Minutes of various EBU Committees.
 - 2 Letter from B Palmer with advice on accounts where County Funds could be put to earn more interest and offering his services as Auditor. The Treasurer expressed the opinion that she did not think it worth while moving the money as the County is limited in the type of account the money can be held in. Some discussion ensued as a result of which the majority feeling seemed to be to leave things as they were. As regard the matter of the Auditor the Treasurer felt we should continue using the same person.
 - 3 Club Newsletter - July 1995.
 - 4 County Newsletter - July 1995.
- The question of sending pairs to the event taking place in the Netherlands in May 1996 was dismissed as being too expensive.
Devon has been granted March 15th 1998 for their Green Point Event.
- 5 Invitations to play in the President's Pot at Bristol and the Vining Cup in Somerset.
 - 6 Request From Breast Cancer Campaign to raise funds.
 - 7 Draft accounts of the EBU for 1994/95.
 - 8 Letter from County Selector regarding the President's Pot and the Pachabo Cup events.
 - 9 Advertising material from LMG Random Data.
 - 10 1995/96 Programme from Avon CBA with covering letter giving details of the next Green Point Event - 10th March 1996 at Thornbury.
 - 11 Letter of complaint from a member about the behaviour of a Committee Member at the bridge table.
I Hopkins clarified the content of paragraphs 2 & 3 although he was not present when the incident took place. The Director had not been called. N Marsden asked if the issue had been discussed at club level - "No". The Committee Member concerned then left the room while the matter was discussed after which it was decided to refer the matter back to the club where the incident took place.
 - 12 Nomination Papers for the Election of the EBU Board of Directors.

13 Copies of letters sent to County Treasurers about the Direct Debit Scheme.

14 The Chairman had been passed a letter sent to J Pain reference an incident at the 1995 Torquay Congress. The letter from G Morgan complained about another player who had accused him of "always causing trouble".

The Chairman had written to G Morgan but had so far received no reply.

LICENCES

Applications had been received and approved for the following:
South Section Simultaneous Pairs 4.2.96; Barnstaple Bridge Weekend 23-25.2.96; Civil Service Charity Swiss Teams 12.10.95; Mercian Travel Christmas Break, Plymouth 22.10.95 - 3.1.96; Tiverton Hotel Bridge Weekend 17-19.11.95; League of Friends of Cancer Centre Charity Swiss Teams 8.10.95; Saltash Swiss Teams 22.10.95 and 26.5.96.

WESTERN MORNING NEWS

23 teams had entered this year. The draw was made.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The EBU had done its annual reminder exercise to members who had not paid their subs which had brought in more payments.

At present Devon has 803 members of which 709 have paid their subs.

The tables are being refurbished at present and all will be done in time.

The Treasurer made reference to the Direct Debit correspondence received from the EBU in which it seemed that a member could pay at any time during the year.

The Treasurer requested permission from the Committee to lend County tables to new clubs starting up. This was agreed.

Mention was made of Devon players doing well in Simultaneous Pairs events.

Results were needed for Double Talk. The Treasurer had circulated all clubs but had only received four replies.

The question of Auditor was discussed and the majority feeling was to continue to use K Beaman provided his charges were acceptable.

COUNCIL MEETING

The last meeting before the AGM so not a lot was discussed. The issue of the election of a President seems to have been passed over.

SECTION REPORTS

North - Nothing to report.

East - Inter Club League being set up.

West - Nothing to report.

South - 1 The Section is worried about a successor to the Treasurer. They feel that there is too much work in one person's hands and would like someone in the West Section to liaise with the Treasurer so as to familiarise themselves with the duties of the Treasurer. The Treasurer said that the County Secretary was able to get into all the County files.

2 Why does the County no longer enter the Garden Cities Trophy? The Treasurer said that there had been insufficient entries in the past and also that the competition was too expensive to enter. After a lot of discussion the Treasurer suggested putting an item in Double Talk asking clubs whether they were interested in entering a team. The cost of running a qualifying event was calculated and £24 a team seemed a reasonable price that would cover all costs and the cost of entry for the County. The general feeling was that we should try to run the event.

TORQUAY CONGRESS

The Kistor Hotel is under receivership at present. If the new owner does not want a Bridge Congress run there then we may have to change the venue.

DATES OF MEETINGS

- 5th December 1995, 7.30p.m. at The ISCA Centre.
- 5th March 1996, 7.30p.m. at The ISCA Centre.
- 23rd April 1996, Programme Meeting, 7.30p.m. at The ISCA Centre.
- 21st May 1996, 7.30p.m. at The ISCA Centre.
- 30th June 1996, 1p.m. at The ISCA Centre.
- 3rd September 1996, 7.30p.m. at The ISCA Centre.

COUNTY SELECTOR

The Pachabo Cup Event had highlighted the Selector's problem. The winners and runners up fo the Western Morning News up would not go so no team represented Devon in this event. People criticise who represents the the County but here we have an instance of a team not being prepared to represent the County despite having won an event for which a condition of entry is that the winning team play in the Pachabo Cup.

Mrs Woolcott reminded the Committee about remarks made by J Pescott-Day at the AGM yet he was a member of the team that did not go to the Pachabo. The Selector felt that there were only really 5 pairs in Devon good enough to play under pressure in high level events. A Devon team had reached the final of Crockfords this year - they were good enough to represent Devon. P Bowles suggested the use of younger players in the Western League but the Selector said that this had been done but they could not cope with the pressure. P Bowles felt that other people should be playing in events bearing in mind that some of the County players were getting on in years. I Hopkins brought up a point he had spoken about at the AGM in that he had once written to the Selector but had received no reply.

The Selector said that he is willing to try lesser players but the County must realise that in doing so you may get inferior results in the Western League. *That the Committee agreed that they wanted to get as good a results as possible.*

The Treasurer remarked on the improvement in the Western League results although the Tollemache results continue to be disappointing. The Selector would back the County organising any event to aid the Selector's job.

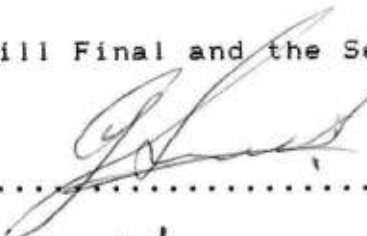
The Selector felt that the County had let down players in that they had to pay their way when representing Devon.

The Treasurer asked the Selector if he wished the County to fund the Tollemache again this year and suggested £50 a head. The Selector wanted to take 10 players this year and this was agreed to.

The Selector said that events like the President's Pot should be paid for by the players themselves.

DIRECTORS

P Bowles agreed to run the Jack & Jill Final and the Secretary will run the Mixed Teams of Four.

SIGNED 

DATE *5/3/96*