

MINUTES

1. Registration of proxies & apologies for absence

The following members' proxies were registered

Nick Sandqvist (self + YCBC), Pamela Reiss, Debbie Stanford, Mike Eden, Carrie Eden, James Smith
Michael Hill

Present:

Ian Payn (IP, Chairman), Christine Duckworth (CD), Roger Morton (RM), David Muller (DM), Kath
Stynes (KS)

Apologies:

Mike Hill, James Smith, Mike Eden, Carrie Eden

2. Minutes of the AGM 10th September 2015

The minutes were accepted.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Chairman's Report

The London Tollemache team qualified for the final in comfort. They won the final, London's first victory since their four-year run of wins ended in 2006. The team for this year's event has been selected. The Metropolitan Cup has, alas, been suspended. The LMBA Committee will be reviewing the London Trophy. For the third year, the Lederer was held at the RAC with the continuing support of sponsor, Simon Gillis. The EBU launched a new award, The Tony Priday Award for outstanding contributions to English Bridge, and the first recipient was LMBA President Bernard Teltscher. Unfortunately, the LMBA Disciplinary Panel was convened for the first time, with two cases. The Chairman would like to thank those on the panel for their time and attention to the matters at hand. Financially the Association continues to hold its own, with Café Bridge events proving very popular. It is hoped that the new July Congress will continue to flourish after a promising start. The chairman thanked all the members of the committee for their contributions.

5. Treasurer's Report

There was a small loss in 2014. A larger loss in 2015. Exec committee to review situation and take appropriate steps.

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6. Adoption of accounts for 2015

Adoption of 2014 & 2015 accounts. Proposed BC seconded KS. Adoption on 2015 accounts subject to signature by the auditor.

7. Subscriptions (direct and Pay-to-Play) for 2017-2018

The EBU element of P2P will be determined at the EBU AGM. The chairman proposed that the committee be given a mandate to raise the direct subscription (county share) by up to £1 and the LMBA element of the P2P levy by up to 1p if it should prove necessary. Proposed IP, Seconded CD, agreed *nem con*.

8. Elections to the Executive Committee

Ian Payn stood down and stood for reelection. He was elected unopposed.

9. Appointment of honorary auditor

Mike Scoltock was proposed by Ian Payn, seconded by Christine Duckworth, and elected *nem con*.

10. EBU Shareholders' Report

Nothing to report.

11. Any other business

None.