

Mid Leinster Bridge Region

Minutes of Secretaries Meetings 17th September 2010

A meeting of the Secretaries of the Mid Leinster Bridge Region was held in Acol Bridge Centre, Maynooth on 17th Sept. 2010.

Attendance: Jim Egan, Barbara Burke, Bert McKay, Sue Streek, Ann Burns, Helen McDevitt, Neil Burke, Mary Greene, Jim Murray, Peter Barry, Fran Dignam, Melita Gorman, Maura Coyle, Anne Bolger, Deirdre Sweeney, Irene McCrone, Bernadette Drennan, Teresa Farrell, Fionan Cronin, Paddy McMahan, Bernadette Doyle, Margaret Shorthouse, Michael Fitzgerald, Mary Kearns, Mairead Daly, John King, Leoni Mohan, Joseph O'Keeffe, Rita Ganley.

Apologies: Katharine Cooney, Mary Hammond

Minutes of Meetings September 2009: The Minutes of the two meetings held on 18th September 2009 were read. Neil pointed out that the first meeting was an Extraordinary General Meeting. Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Jim Egan and seconded by Mary Green.

President's Report: Neil welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the members of the committee for 2010-11. He particularly welcomed a new club, **The Early Birds**, to the Region. They started a year ago and play in Maynooth on Tuesday mornings. He reported that our **Website** has been redesigned. It should be faster and easier on the eye. We also have our own email and The Anglers Rest is going to sponsor our leagues again this year.

Neil then went through the contents of the **Packs** which were distributed to the Secretary of each club at the beginning of the meeting. The packs contain quite a large amount of information.

Following the success of the Intermediate and Novice Competition which was held in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd. last year, the Dublin Regions hope to get together and run a similar **Competition** this year. It looks like it will be held in mid June. The meeting agreed that the Region would fund the entry of our league winners to this competition.

On the topic of **Master points**, Neil pointed out that the members of clubs who do not return these at the end of each season have always been awarded them anyway but from 2011 the allocation will be doubled. If there is demand for classes on Master points we will arrange them as required. The new **Guidelines for the Committees of Clubs** will be posted out to individual clubs over the next few days. These Guidelines are a new development from the CBAI.

Neil reminded everyone about the **Leagues** and hoped they would encourage as many as possible to play in them. The closing date for entry is 20th October. The **Fun Team of Four** event organized by the CBAI and held in June has now been running for 2 years. It is proving very successful. They expect to have so many teams this year that they are

moving venue from Templeogue to Westmanstown. Barbara has been involved in the arrangements. We hope to run a Fun Team of Four event at Regional level near the end of March.

Calendar of Events: Ann had some copies of the Calendar of Dates for the Year. These were distributed at the meeting. She will forward all Secretaries copies of same. Our first event of the year is a friendly Pairs event for Novices on 30th October.

Any Other Business: (1) Bert thanked Marie Collins from Kill Village BC for inviting him down to speak to the club the previous week.

(2) He pointed out classes for beginners will be arranged again in the Naas area and that improver classes had already been arranged for those who took the beginners classes last year. Beginners classes will also take place in Confey GAA commencing with an Open Night for Beginners commencing on 22nd Sept.

(3) Leixlip BC is organizing a Fund Raiser for the Pakistan flood victims; this will be held in Carton House on Sunday 14th November.

(4) All clubs were encouraged to take in Novices, otherwise they have no where to go and are lost to the game.

(5) Joe (from Enfield BC) asked if anything was being done to promote Bridge among the students of Maynooth College. While a student there he only accidentally heard about lessons in Maynooth.

The meeting concluded around 9.30

Signed: