

Mid Leinster Bridge Region
Minutes of Meeting held on Friday 10 December 2010
In Anglers Rest

Attendance: Neil Burke, Ann Burns, Barbara Burke, Bert McKay, Sue Streek, Helen McDevitt, Angela Doran O'Reilly, John O'Connor, Jim Egan.

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 31st August 2010 were accepted – proposed by Barbara and seconded by Bert. **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.

Correspondence: The email from Irene McCrone supporting the regrading of Peter Rooney was discussed. This had been postponed from the August meeting as Peter's grading was not known at that point. Ann is to write to Irene to say that we do not support the request for regrading.

President's Report: Bridge in the Region was about 3 weeks behind schedule due to all the cancellations due to the snow and ice. The contact details for clubs in the Region were pretty well up to date. Ann is to attend the Management Meeting of the CBAI the following day.

Treasurer's Report: John reported that compared to this time last year we had a lot more expenses and less money coming in. The Improver class has less numbers but this is made up for by Bert's Beginners class. There is still a lot of League money outstanding. Neil is to pursue the CBAI with a view to getting a grant to support the development of the classes in this area.

Leagues: There are more teams participating in the leagues this year - 8 Masters, 10 As, 7 Bs and 9 Novices. It was noted that Dublin North had been running leagues for over 20 years and this was their first year to have Novice teams.

There was a long discussion on the match scheduled in the B league between Rathcoole and Leixlip. The Rathcoole team had not turned up for the match on the opening night and Leixlip were now looking for a walk over. Barbara explained that Rathcoole had not shown up for the match as they did not know about it. It was agreed that the match should be played if at all possible with Leixlip having first say on venue and date. Barbara is to contact both teams to encourage them to play. If that is unsuccessful Leixlip should put their request in writing to the Leagues Competition Committee.

Bert pointed out that we should have a ruling to cover the situation of a team not turning up for a match.

Sub Committees:

Finance: The Finance Sub Committee had met since the last meeting and presented a report to the meeting. Copy attached.

Competitions: The Regional Pairs had to be cancelled due to the weather. New date: Saturday 29th January. The Regional Teams scheduled for this date was moved to Sunday 30th January. If sufficient teams do not enter for the event, the teams leading the leagues on 28th February will represent the region.

Regional Fun Team of Four: This is scheduled for 26th March. It will be run in the same format as the CBAI's, with the same rules and regulations. Charge: 30 euro per person to cover bridge and lunch.

Development Officers Reports: Bert reported that everything was going well with the Beginners Classes in Naas and that the Novice and B Leagues were running on schedule.

Barbara is also happy with the Master and A Leagues. She suggested we run an event for B players. Members of the committee are to come back with ideas for the next meeting.

Any Other Business: Bert is to check with Leixlip on the details of the event they would like to run later in the year.

Next Meeting: 12th February 2011

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