

**Mid Leinster Bridge Region**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2009**  
**in Parson Lodge, Maynooth**

**Attendance:** Jim Egan, Ann Burns, Barbara Burke, Bert McKay

**Apologies:** Neil Burke, Tina Butler, Peter Barry, John O'Connor, Brigid Royce

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2008 were accepted - proposed by Barbara and seconded by Bert.

**Matters Arising:** The Pairs Qualifying Event, held in Maynooth in November, was very successful. We had a total of 27 pairs. Thanks to Neil for running the competition. The qualifying pairs are –

Masters: 1. John Macnamara and Mary Higgins

2. David Redmond and Liam Gaynor

Reserves: Roisin Troy and Ann More O'Farrell

A's : 1. Jimmy Muldoon and Rita Lacy

2. Sue Streek and Liz Dixon

Reserves: Ann Nevin and Gretta Mahon

The Region is not in a position to subsidize those pairs playing in the finals.

The Workshop we had hoped to organize with Tomas MacCormaic will not be held this year due to lack of available dates. Neil will look into this with a view to organizing them for next season.

**Inter Club League:** The league is progressing satisfactorily. The clubs appear to be proceeding with their matches. Some may have gotten a bit behind in the past month due to the bad weather. The format of having the first match for all teams in the same venue was deemed to be very successful. Everyone seems to be enjoying the matches.

**Regional Team Qualifiers:** The Team Qualifiers for Masters, A's and B's will be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am in Maynooth. The event will consist of 1 extended session. Charge – 60 euro per team. Names should be submitted to Ann or Barbara by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Bert is to prepare posters and flyers. Ann will send a notice to all clubs. These are qualifiers for the National Finals to be held in Portumna on 25/26 April. Neil is to be asked to look into arranging a Tournament Director.

**Finance:** While the treasurer was unable to attend the meeting he sent in an up to date report.

1. The balance in the current account is 2237.41euro.
2. A total of 22 teams have paid for the league. He needs a list of teams participating to check against monies received. Barbara and Bert will send these to John. There are 24 teams. Another half fee was presented at the meeting. The fees for 1.5 teams are outstanding.
3. Diaries: The following monies have been received  
Cnucha 48 euro (12 x 4)  
Leixlip 140 euro (35 x 4)  
Westmanstown 40 euro (10 x 4) Total 228 euro.

We owe the CBAI 368 euro for 92 diaries. A cheque for a further 32 euro was received at the meeting from Enfield.

4. Pairs Qualifiers in November. Neil submitted an account of the monies for this event and a cheque for 305 euro. This will be forwarded to John.

**Development Officers:** Things have been quiet on this front due to Christmas and the bad weather. Bert reported that a new club had opened in Confey. He attended the first night. It was covered by the Liffey Champion Newspaper. We hope to see a report and photos in due course. It was agreed that the Development Officers make contact with all the clubs to see if there is anything they needed. Barbara was particularly interested in contacting the Mt. Sackville club who had re-affiliated to the CBAI this year. Ann suggested that we prepare a Press Release later in the year announcing the new Mid Leinster Region and give a report on what it has achieved to date.

**Master Classes:** This item relates to the Master Classes referred to in the letter to all clubs from the CBAI. Ann is to contact Paul to check at what level the classes are aimed. In our next communication to the clubs they will be asked to check if there is an interest in same. Ann reported that she had mentioned these classes to the three clubs she is involved in and found that there was very good interest. The Development Officers will also check out the interest when they are in contact with the clubs.

**Novice Get Together:** Ann proposed that we should organize a night of bridge for Novices in the Region. The Development Officers will check this out as well when they are in contact with the clubs.

**B Pairs Qualifier:** This was cancelled in November due to the small number of entries – 3 pairs. As all 3 pairs were from the Leixlip Club, Bert was asked to check if any of the pairs were interested in traveling to Ballinasloe in March to represent the Region. If all 3 are interested we will check with CBAI if they could all attend.

**Secretaries Meeting:** The suggestion that we should have another Secretaries Meeting was discussed. It was decided that unless some need for a meeting arose we would leave having a meeting until the AGM.

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