

**Mid Leinster Bridge Region**  
**AGM Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2010 held in Westmanstown**

**Attendance:** Jim Egan (Cnucha), Barbara Burke (Westmanstown), Ann Burns (Maynooth), Bert McKay (Leixlip), John O'Connor (Maynooth), Neil Burke (Navan Rd.), Helen McDevitt (Castleknock), Marie Collins (Kill Village), Una Sullivan (Johnstown/Kill), Maura Coyle (Naas Devoy), Jim Murray (The Thatch), Mary Greene (Coolmine), Michael Fitzgerald (Castleknock), Cait Jacob (Kill Village), Tony Smyth (Westmanstown), Sue Streek (Confey), Deirdre Sweeney (Leixlip), Mairead Daly (Westmanstown), Angela Doran O'Reilly (Celbridge).

**Apologies:** Denis O'Shaughnessy (Millenium)

**President's Address:** The President, Jim Egan, welcomed everyone to the meeting especially Paul Porteous, General Secretary of the CBAI. Jim had come to the end of his two years in office. He complimented all on the committee for working so well together and making such a success of getting the new Mid Leinster Region up and running. He thanked the committee, the CBAI, the clubs and most of all the members who took part in the various events.

**Minutes of 2009 AGM:** The minutes of the 2009 AGM were read out by the Secretary. Copies were circulated to the meeting. Adoption of the Minutes was proposed by Una Sullivan and seconded by Maura Coyle. There were no matters arising.

**Correspondence:** A letter was received from the President of the CBAI, Mary Kelly Rodgers, which was read to the meeting by the Secretary. Mary thanked all the members of the Regional Committee and the Committee Members of all the Clubs in the Region for their vital contributions in organising Bridge in Mid Leinster. Without their commitment and spirit of volunteerism Bridge cannot happen and survive. She thanked each of the Committee individually and congratulated those members of the Region who had notable bridge success over the year.

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary had prepared a written report, copies of which were available to the meeting. She outlined the events which had taken place over the year and thanked everyone for their help. See attached for details.

**Address by Paul Porteous Secretary of CBAI:** Paul thanked all the committee for the work in the Region. He especially thanked Neil who, as National Treasurer, was always available any time of the day or night. He pointed out that our Development Officers Barbara and Bert were leading the way nationally in defining the new roles of Development Officers. Our A team who won the Bankers Trophy, the National Intermediate A Pairs, will be representing the country in the forthcoming Sonia Brittan Trophy. Paul proceeded to cover the following topics

- There will be New Orientation Courses for Members taking up Officer Positions in any club. The Duties of each Officer will be given in a booklet.
- 59 teams will be participating in the Fun Team of Four this year. This is a great event to encourage Novices and Intermediate B's.
- This is the second year of the President's Award. It is to recognise the work of the unsung heroes of the association.
- A Golf Classic will be held on 23 July in Hollystown to raise funds for Junior Bridge.
- 7 clubs from Mid Leinster participated in the IBU Simultaneous Pairs and 15 clubs participated in the CBAI Simultaneous Pairs.
- Clubs should encourage Novices by welcoming them into clubs and helping them out. 7 of our 28 clubs have no novices, 19 have 6 or less.

**Treasurer's Report:** John O'Connor distributed copies of the Statement of Accounts for the year 2009/2010. We have currently a balance of 4670 euro. Adoption of the Statement was proposed by Jim Murray and seconded by Ann Burns.

**Development Officers Reports:** Our two Development Officers Barbara Burke and Bert McKay presented written reports to the meeting – see attached. Barbara reported that she has verbal agreement from Wrights Anglers Rest that they will sponsor the Leagues again next year. The feedback on our End of Year Dinner in the Anglers Rest, was fantastic. The lessons in Naas are very successful. In general they both felt there was a great buzz in the Region and things are moving along nicely but there is still a lot left to do.

**Election of Committee:** As there was no need for an election for any positions, those proposed and seconded for the various positions were deemed elected as follows:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Seconder</b>
President:	Neil Burke	
President Elect	Sue Streek	Bert McKay (Leixlip) Barbara Burke (Westmanstown)
Secretary:	Ann Burns	Briege Mc Shane (Celbridge) Maura Gallagher (Celbridge)
Treasurer	John O'Connor	Alo Sweeney (Maynooth) Ann Burns (Maynooth)
Dev.Officer	Barbara Burke	Larry O'Sullivan (Westmans.) Evelyn Blennerhassett (Westmanstown)
	Bert McKay	Deirdre Sweeney(Leixlip) John Walsh (Leixlip)
Committee:	Helen McDevitt	Neil Burke (St.Brigid's) Barbara Burke (Westmanstown)
	Mary Green	Barbara Burke (Westmanst.) Neil Burke (St.Brigid's)
	Angela Doran O'Reilly	Ann Burns (Celbridge) Briege McShane (Celbridge)

Neil took over then as President of the Region and thanked Jim for all his work in guiding us through the 'growing pains' of setting up the New Region. He made a small presentation to Jim to mark the end of his term in office.

**Nomination of Auditor:** Jim Mc Kenna was proposed as Auditor for the year 2010 – 2011, proposed by John O'Connor and seconded by Barbara Burke.

**Delegates for AGM:** The AGM of the CBAI is to be held on Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> July in White's Hotel Wexford. It was agreed that the 4 delegates from our Region would be Ann Burns, Barbara Burke, Bert Mc Kay and Sue Streek. If anyone could not make it Jim Egan was proposed as first substitute.

**Any Other Business:** The following topics were touched on under Any Other Business

- Mary Green suggested that a list of clubs which are open for the Summer should be posted on our website.
- Deirdre Sweeney asked about developing a club website. Paul recommended that clubs should use Bridgewebs a UK company. They had already developed an easy to use system.
- Tony Smyth thanked the committee for all their excellent work in the Region.
- The Secretary still felt that even though letters and emails were regularly sent to all clubs, information was not getting down to all the members. For the new season she hoped to collect mobile phone numbers for members who are interested in activities outside of their own clubs.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_