

**Mid Leinster Bridge Region**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2009**  
**in Parson Lodge, Maynooth**

**Attendance:** Jim Egan, Ann Burns, Barbara Burke, Bert McKay, Neil Burke, John O'Connor

**Apologies:** Brigid Royce

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2009 were accepted - proposed by Barbara and seconded by Bert.

**Matters Arising:** The National Pairs competition, held in Ballinasloe in March: One of our A pairs Angela Doran O'Reilly and Briege Mc Shane won the A event – the Laird Cup.

The Teams Qualifiers took place in Maynooth on Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> March. The following teams qualified for the Finals in Portumna in April

Masters: Geri Rogerson, Kay McDonald, Phil and Paddy Morrissey

A's : Angela Doran O'Reilly, Brid Whelan, Mary Reid and Martha Rosney

Ann Clerkin, Mary O'Sullivan, Sue Streak and Peter Rooney

B's Marian Mc Kay and her team from Leixlip

Jean Neary and her team from Dunboyne.

Our Masters and A's enjoyed playing in the finals in Portumna. Unfortunately we could not get a B team to go.

**Finance:** The Treasurer reported that we had 4674.41 euro in our bank account and an additional 1200euro collected at the Master Classes. A lot of expenses have still to be paid from this balance – Prizes for the interclub leagues, payment to the CBAI for the Master Classes, individual expenses from members of the committee.

The Lucan League team owes half the fee, Neil is to contact them. 32 euro is owed by Dunboyne for diaries. Ann is to contact them.

An **Auditor** will be required for the end of year accounts. Bert is to approach Gerry O'Neill from Leixlip.

Getting **Westmanstown for free** for the Master classes gave a boost to the finances.

An **Honorarium** for the Officers was discussed. All agreed that they never expected to get money for undertaking the positions and have waived claiming it this year.

**Sponsorship** is to be placed on the agenda for next year's committee.

**Master Classes:** The Master Classes held over one day in Westmanstown and given by Tomas Hanlon and Rory Boland were very successful. We had about 70 participants. Some concern was expressed at how few master players attended. The play of the hands did not work out as well as expected. For next time the hands should probably be preset to have examples of what was covered in the classes. The committee hopes to run similar classes next year. The venue was brilliant.

**Inter Club Leagues:** General satisfaction was expressed at how all the teams in the leagues had entered enthusiastically into the competition. Nearly all the matches have been completed. As there are 2 sections in the A league there needs to be a play off. The winners of Section 1 will play the runner ups in Section 2 and vice versa. The 2 winners will play off for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Bert emphasized that he thought the finals should be

played in a neutral venue. It was agreed the winning teams would receive 200 euro and 2<sup>nd</sup> place would receive 120 euro.

**One Day Interclub Team Event:** This will be held in Westmanstown on Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> May. It will be run as follows

11.00 to 2.00 Play  
2.00 to 3.00 Break for food  
3.00 to 5.00 Play  
5.00 to 6.00 Wine and Cheese/Nibbles  
Presentations

Entries should be made prior to the event to the Secretary. Neil will act as TD. We will have pre dealt boards and charge 5 euro per head.

**Development Officers:** The teams for the Fun Team event being run by the CBAI in Templeogue on the 6<sup>th</sup> June will be organized by the Development Officers – Barbara and Bert. Barbara will organize the team from the Dublin side of the Region and Bert that from the Kildare side. The team must consist of a Master, an Intermediate A, an Intermediate B and a Novice player and must wear the colours of the county.

**AGM:** This will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00am. Bert has provisionally booked the Dew Drop Inn in Kill for a cost of about 40 euro. It was agreed to go ahead with this venue. Food and car-parking are available. The agenda will include the following – President's Address, Secretary's Report, Treasurer's Report, Development Officers Reports, Draft Constitution, Election of Officers and Committee, Appointment of Auditor for 09/10. The Secretary is to invite motions for discussion from the clubs in the Region. All of the current officers are willing to go forward for another year. We should aim to have involvement from the entire Region. In particular, the position of President should move between the different main areas of the Region.

**Constitution:** Neil had emailed the committee draft copies of a Constitution. The members of the committee are to go through it and email to Neil any comments or observations they have. A draft copy will be issued at the AGM.

**Novice Get Together:** It was agreed that the Novice Get Together Event proposed by Ann at a previous meeting should be postponed to the new season as the season will be ending shortly in most clubs. The new committee should try and run it before the end of October 2009.

**Any Other Business:** The Secretary will not be able to attend the Management Committee meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May. Bert will check if he can attend instead.

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