

ABINGDON DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

**Minutes of a meeting of the committee held on Monday 5th February 2007,
7.30pm at 32 Picklers Hill, Abingdon**

Present: Gordon Carroll (GC) (Chair); Clive Keep (CK) (Secretary); Chris Lloyd (CL), Jean Moore (JM), Brian Moore (BM) and David Walton (DW).

1. Apologies for Absence: Graham Simpson (GR), Karen Hughes (KH).

2. Minutes of 13th November 2006

The minutes for 13th November 2006 were agreed and signed by GC.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

All actions arising from the minutes had been carried out, with the exception of item 4 (contacting former members), though GC knew that Gayle Kyle did not want to join and Francis Pollit only wanted to play once a week at present.

Action: **VW
& CK**

4. Financial accounts 2006

These had been circulated by CL prior to the meeting. They were unaudited at present, but were with Richard Moore for that purpose. The report was accepted by the meeting.

5. Discussion on proposal to raise table money to £2

Suggestions had been circulated by CL prior to the meeting. CL's projected figures for 2007 suggested that a shortfall of about £600 between income and expenditure was likely. There was much discussion on this on how to reduce expenditure and how to increase income. It was concluded that increasing the table money to £2 would more than compensate (to the tune of ~£800-1000) and there was no need to increase it now. We can wait until this time next year and do it then. We will easily recuperate any loss accrued in 2007. CL to warn members at the AGM of this likely increase early in 2008.

Action: **CL**

6. Dupimate Boards

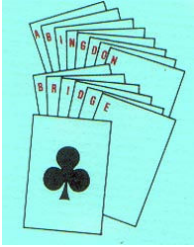
Again, there were pros and cons discussed in keeping dupimate boards or stopping/reducing their frequency. The meeting concluded that the feeling of the members would be canvassed at the AGM before any decision was made.

Action: **GC**

7. OBA meeting on 18th January 2007

In the absence of VW, GC reported on some salient points from the published OBA minutes, as follows:-

- Bridgemate is not used often on a Tuesday by the OBA due to lack of training. Stephen Brown to be approached.
- The Camrose was a success, but there was a problem getting helpers. The EBU bridge magazine was not too flattering on attendance!
- The OBA has balance of £15k in reserve.
- There had been some delay in issuing Green points from the September GP event.
- Peter Stocken is the New EBU Chairman.
- EBU events will move from Kettering to a hotel at Hinckley during the year.
- 'Announcements' will be looked at again by the EBU L&E committee.
- The Oxfordshire Andrew Robson event is a sell-out.
- The Wessex League is running without problems, apart from organising the match between the two Bicester teams.
- VW is going to organise beginner's classes on Monday mornings. – new



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members for ADBC?

- Attendees were reminded that Keith Sadler is standing down at the end of the coming year (June AGM)

8. Discussion on Christmas Party

KH (by email) thought that several people were disappointed due to the lack of atmosphere and Christmas decorations – some liked BINGO BRIDGE, others did not. DW suggested that maybe next year we bought some crackers and hats? Anyway it would be left to next years committee. The meeting concurred with a vote of thanks to DW (and family) by the Chairman for organising/producing the excellent food for the night.

9. AGM on March 13th 2007

(a) CK to produce a list of club committee posts in order that members can be proposed/seconded.

(b) CK to put a copy of the constitution on the ADBC website (after (c)).

(c) CK to review constitution (e.g. include length of time to maintain club records - obtain suggestions from committee members) and get this ratified at the AGM.

(d) Circulate draft agenda to committee members prior to AGM.

(e) Get competition cups back to JM/BM – GC to announce on club nights – JM/BM to organise engraving.

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10. (a) JM suggested getting a card for Csaba Raduly, who was leaving – agreed.

(b) CK reported that he had heard back from the Heads-up Charity thanking us for our donation. Tesco had also given us a voucher for our Christmas raffle, Waitrose had declined.

(c) It was agreed that the outgoing committee would not nominate any members for Life Membership this year.

(d) GC reported that we had received a booking form from the VWH for 2008.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.