

YC Bridge Sub-Committee Meeting
Thursday 1st May 2008
6.30 pm at YC



Minutes

1. **Present:** Jeremy Dhondy, Audrey Hartley, Luke Porter, Debbie Stanford, Mark Davies and Gordon Rainsford.
2. **Apologies:** Chris Duckworth, Simon Cearns and Brian McGuire
3. **Approval of Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes were accepted.
4. **Items arising (not on the agenda):**
 - a) **Ladder prize adjustments:** Ladder prizes are awarded to places 1 to 10 with free membership as the prizes for places 8-10. Membership has increased to £45. As a result of this increase we recommend that cash prizes are now awarded to places 1 to 5 with free membership to places 6 to 8.
 - b) **Multiple teams formula:** Following feedback it was agreed that the carry forward for the losing semi-finalists should be increased to a maximum of 10 points.
5. **YCKO progress for 2008:** This competition is on schedule. The semi-finals should play by 13th May. The final will be played on 20th July 2008 and the suggested start time is 1.00 pm to enable arrangements to be made with the BBO – we need to consult with Heather about this.
Chairman's Note: BBO have agreed to this being broadcast. Gordon & Brian have the details
6. **Keith Loveys Individual review:** Congratulations were extended to Debbie for the fantastic success of the Keith Loveys Individual which she organized. 116 players took part and enjoyed the bridge and the splendid food afterwards. Debbie reported that the organization had involved a lot of "leg work" to advertise the event. It was agreed to continue the Individual as an annual event and a Sunday in June was suggested for next year's date. Debbie said she would need a lot more help if she was to be involved in the organization next year.
7. **40th Anniversary arrangements update (MSC meeting just before our meeting):** Report by Mark. A number of very successful events had now been held but unfortunately there had not been a corresponding increase in numbers in regular evening sessions. Others events were progressing:
 - a) April's Keith Lovey's Individual Competition had been a raging success – thanks to Debbie. As a result it was suggested a monthly Individual could be held on the third Thursday of each month and the French Club and the IADBC would be invited to play
 - b) May's "Play with an International": tickets were selling well; the Draw would be on Thursday 8th May.
 - c) June's International Teams: entry to this event was uncertain.
 - d) July's Summer Party: this was fixed for 19th July and would be held in the square gardens – Mark to contact Zhenya for publicity of this event.
 - e) September's Simultaneous: this had been fixed for the 25th but this needed to be changed to either Thursday 18th or a Tuesday (Tuesdays were thought not to be a good idea).
 - f) The Lederer would proceed as normal.
8. **Ladder future:** It had been suggested that the MWF Ladder had reached its sell-by date but the committee wished to continue it with a modified prize structure. It was thought that more emphasis and publicity should be given to the final awards and to the general progress of the event – risers, partners, etc.
9. **Tuesday game:** The Tuesday game was intended as a more social evening's bridge and it was thought important to continue this. The friendly, social aspect must be fostered and publicized.
10. **Disciplinary Matters:** A problem with one member abusing the "host" system had recurred and a complaint had been received. This matter was now going to proceed to a disciplinary committee.
11. **Any Other Business:**
 - a) Open Teams: the date had been set in the 40th Anniversary Programme as 21/22 September 2008.
 - b) Marathon: the provisional date has been set as 18/19 April 2009
 - c) Waiving of the "3 times before being required to join/renew" rule for infrequent visitors would not be rigidly enforced particularly for 'out of town' players. The committee has authorized Gordon to use his discretion.
12. **Date of next meeting:** 7pm, Thursday 3rd July 2008