

KENT CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at the Hilton Hotel, Maidstone, at 10 a.m. on Sunday 6th January 2013

Present

Geoff Smith (Chairman)
David Anning
Keith Ashcroft
Anita Asparo
Brian Crack
Colin Crouch
Phil Jones
Mike Rafferty
Diane Rogers
Jeremy Willans
Malcolm Lewis (Secretary)

ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

ITEM 2 –MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Sunday 16th September 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman

ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING

Item 4a. It was reported that the EBU was no longer pursuing charitable status in full but considering it for education.

Item 4d p. 5. Assessment Forms were used at the Dyer-Smith. The general reaction was very favourable, except for the number of boards, which was considered too few. For a two-session event between 36 and 48 inclusive is considered the right amount although the Larsky, with 13 tables, requires 50 boards for all-play-all. It was agreed that directors should try to get as close to 48 as possible.

Item 4d p. 6. BC reported that the EBU league management system has Kent leagues positions. He agreed to put instructions on the KCBA website to guide members to the tables on the EBU website. It was pointed out that not all leagues were up. CC will liaise with BC to get Mid-Kent results entered. DR will talk with Jim Garlinge about subs and results for the SW Kent League. A discussion about league scoring, asked for by Jim Garlinge, followed. All leagues use VP scoring, but DA pointed out that the league organiser in conjunction with all team captains could agree a 2-1-0 system if enough notice was given.

Item 6. DR said she was still working on getting an accurate list of current bridge teachers. GDS wanted to encourage help to get all Kent teachers to be EBUTA members using BFA.

ITEM 4 – REPORTS OF OFFICERS

a. Chairman

The Chairman had nothing to report.

b. Secretary

ML reported that membership had topped 2500 at 2503 (thanks to BC for the information). GS again asked that clubs keep their information with the EBU up to date after ML reported the sad deaths of Bob Stockbridge (a former recipient of the Dimmie Fleming award) and Frank Berger.

ML had received, and agreed, three requests for club Blue Point events outside their normal nights. These were Ashford on Sun 27th January, Upper Deal on Sun 25th August and Tenterden on Sun 22nd September, all this year. These are all open events.

c. Treasurer

DA intimated that income from P2P had settled down at a consistent figure. The profit the County had made was from GP and County events. Some of the money had gone to the purchase of ten more Bridgemates. There is previous Committee agreement for a further ten. There is also a commitment to pay for completed TD training in the cases of first club members, where the EBU is paying for the second.

d. Competition Secretary

MR was pleased to announce that the Hunter Homines on Sunday 13th Jan currently had 15 tables and the Fleming Femina 13, with the closing date the day after the Committee meeting. Neil Morley is directing assisted by GS and MR.

The numbers for the Corbett are also up with 6 for the Cup, 6 for the Plate and 9, including 4 new teams, for the Mitchell Salver. Some consideration was given to whether these could be divided differently next year, for example 777, 885, 867, 687. It was felt

that, if there was to be any change, the Cup should remain at 6 teams. MR agreed to contact captains about food orders. KA asked about clubs who select players who seldom attend club nights and whether KCBA should legislate. It was agreed that they should not, but that if KCBA felt there was real abuse, they would act.

GS said we needed a Quartermaster to check on stationery supplies and the correct functioning of Bridgemates, and asked if there were enough name slips for the Corbett.

e. County Captain

JW reported that the team of himself & Ian Draper, Norman Selway & Kay Preddy, Patrick Collins & Derek Patterson and Steve Auchterlonie & Malcolm Lewis had qualified for the final of the Tollemache in February. It was intended to take the same team with the possible addition of the Tredinnick twins. JW also asked whether the funding arrangements applied to both qualifying and final, and whether the money could be used as a pot. The answer was yes to both.

f. Archivist

GS inserted this Item, feeling that the Archivist was now an officer and should report. PJ informed the meeting that he was asking Alison Burt to instigate a new section on the website for historical matters. He asked that lists of trophy winners were checked for accuracy by as many people as possible. He would have a subsection on members and former members and their achievements, and requested all members to help to enlarge this section.

ITEM 5 – DYER-SMITH/PRIZE MONEY

BC had checked the minutes and found an agreement that, for closed Kent competitions, 20% of the entry fee should go to 10% of the field. It was agreed that this should continue.

ITEM 6 – FUNDING FOR TD AND TEACHER TRAINING

GS reported that nine out of the ten County directing staff would be attending the Bridgemate training day run by Martin Lee on Saturday 23rd February. DR was unable to go. The remaining six places had already been filled. £25 per head was being charged for these six. KA asked that another course be arranged as soon as possible.

DA brought up the question of the funding of teachers. In particular, Chris Lohan of Folkestone DBC had found it difficult to keep costs down whilst paying for BFA teaching books 1, 2 for each student and wondered if KCBA could help. BC felt that we should be able to do something, but only if it was instituted for all EBUTA teachers using BFA as a regularised system and only through clubs. This was agreed and would follow the completion of DR's list.

ITEM 7 – GREEN POINT EVENTS FOR 2014

After explaining that UKC had been forced to go back on their agreement as a venue for the 2013 GP teams event, GS was pleased to say that the event would be moved to the Maidstone Leisure Centre at Mote Park on the same date of Sunday 19th May and at a slightly reduced cost. There is space for up to 80 teams, plenty of parking and some food will be available all day. Martin Lee will provide 55 complete tables and a TV monitor. Eddie Williams will direct. The Committee was delighted that Monica Aitken will continue as event secretary.

KA suggested that Kent should have its own monitor. This was itemised for the agenda of the next meeting.

ITEM 8 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Sunday 9th June 2013 and Sunday 15th September 2013 at the Hilton Hotel, Maidstone were agreed.

ITEM 8 – AOB

ML reported that all the Committee had received an email from Paul Gibbons querying the method of scoring for the Corbett. It was agreed that the director should choose one of the EBU recommended methods of scoring for teams of eight.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12.50 p.m.

J. M. Lewis (Secretary)