

KENT CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at the Hilton Hotel, Maidstone, at 10 a.m. on Sunday 8th June 2014.

Present

Geoff Smith (Chairman)
David Anning
Brian Crack
Colin Crouch
Mike Rafferty
Diane Rogers
Malcolm Lewis (Secretary)

ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Keith Ashcroft, Anita Asparo, Sharon Bayne, Paul Gibbons, Phil Jones and Jeremy Willans.

ITEM 2 –MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

After discussion of item 4a, the minutes of the previous meeting held on Sunday 5th January 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING

Concern was expressed that poor behaviour at bridge events was increasing. GS expressed the hope that all players would adhere to BB@B.

ITEM 4 – REPORTS OF OFFICERS

a. Chairman

GS was pleased to report that all the correspondence he had received about the latest GP event was favourable. The chairs remain the only problem for a few people.

b. Secretary

ML reported that numbers were up to 2602, which was a record. He also welcomed two new clubs – Orpington BC and Bridge@Kippington. BC brought up the matter of the County Working Group as the new effort by the EBU to get better communication between themselves, counties and clubs. He has recommended to the EBU that shareholders meetings become less of a forum for discussion with the CWG taking that role along with the Chairman's meetings. He will be attending a CWG meeting in July which is intended to get things started.

ML, with BC absent, discussed the progress of the awards sub-committee. Various names were mentioned or put forward for future consideration. It was unanimously agreed that Ian Ottley should be made an Honorary Vice-President of the KCBA for his services to club development, teaching and tournament directing for both Kent and the EBU.

c. Treasurer

DA introduced the accounts for 2013/14. These show the KCBA to be in a good position financially. They were passed with thanks to both DA and to Georgina Howe for her audit.

Stephen Pierce requested financing for the second of two teachers who were going for teacher training with the EBU, with the EBU paying for the first. On the proviso that EBU safeguards were in place, this was agreed to be paid for in due course.

d. Competition Secretary

MR introduced a written report. The Fleming Femina equalled last year's 14 tables but the Hunter Homines was 2 down at 14.

A new team - ABC BC, Deal -joined the Mitchell Salver which was won by Chislehurst C. Tunbridge Wells B won the Corbett Plate. The Corbett Cup was won by Chislehurst A, who therefore represented Kent in the Garden Cities Trophy, finishing second. and qualifying for the final on 14th June. A problem had arisen on the second Sunday when there were too many teams to comfortably fit in TWBC. It was agreed that next year the Mitchell Salver would be held on the Saturday preceding the second Sunday.

The George Griffiths had 18 tables, 3 down on last year.

There were 8 Larsky heats, with 4 pairs progressing from the final to the Corwen. As 3 of these were not in the original top 4, yet had their entry paid, BC queried whether there should be a fairer way of distributing prize money so that those in the top positions did always get some prize money. It was agreed that this would be further discussed at the next Committee meeting.

Jeremy Willans' team beat John Amor's team in the Arnold Cup final and were representing Kent in the Pachabo at the time of the meeting. The Arnold Plate

was won by Colin Wilson's team, beating Mike Rafferty's team in the final. In future teams will be charged £12 for entry to the Arnold Cup.

The area leagues were won by Adamson – SE Kent, Weald of Kent – Mid Kent, Foster - NW Kent (Div 1), Manser NW Kent (Div 2) and Caplan – SW Kent. The Brook Shield therefore has 4 qualifiers for the final on 15th June. A discussion then established that a winning team could co-opt members from the second team to ensure full league representation. DA said that he had managed to negotiate a reduced fee with TWBC for the Brook Shield considering there were only 4 teams.

He also said that there were agreed fees in place for the use of TWBC for events in the next year.

So far there are only 5 tables of entries for the Phillimore Cup on A.G.M. day.

MR proposed the same schedule of dates for the coming year. This was agreed.

e. County Captain by Report

JW was pleased to report that the team of himself/Ian Draper, Patrick Collins/Peter Law, Steve Auchterlonie/Malcolm Lewis, Leigh Chapman/Michael Prior and Gerald Soper/Colin Wilson had finished second in the Tollemache to Berks & Bucks by 3vps with London and Middlesex 3rd and 4th.

The Metropolitan Cup is on 7th September 2014 at East Grinstead Sports Centre, organised by Surrey CBA.

f. Archivist by Report

PJ was pleased to announce that Gerald Soper had produced histories of key people in KCBA which now include Ray White, John Pearson, Bob King, Paul Spurway, Tony Hunter, Philip Brook, Maud Corbett and Dimmie Fleming. Frere Allnut is being worked on. PJ continues to work on the KCBA minutes and trophy winners. He hoped that in future a way could be found to record all results so that any player's record can be accessed, but he needs help with this.

g. Education Officer

DR announced that she will be writing to all clubs to encourage them to take advantage of the offers made by EBU to pay for the first teacher trained in a club and by KCBA to pay for the second. This is on the understanding that there must be a clear effort to bring in new members of EBU and KCBA.

ITEM 5 – A. G. M.

No special items were proposed for the agenda for the A.G.M. GS did emphasize the need for new blood on the Committee.

ITEM 6 – KENT CONGRESS

There were no new matters arising.

ITEM 7 – DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Sunday, September 14th 2014 at the Hilton Hotel was confirmed. The A.G.M. is on Sunday 13th July.

ITEM 9 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12.45 p.m.

J. M. Lewis (Secretary)