

Minutes of the SCBA Committee Meeting held on 14th October 2016 at Woolavington Village Hall at 6.45pm

Present: Gina Howard, Sheila Coda, Caroline Macpherson, Daphne Greatorex and Eric Cummings

Apologies: Tony Russ, Richard Feetenby

Minutes of last meeting and matters arising.

No matters arising. Minutes of previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

Michael Coda Cup.

The charity for this year will be the Royal National Lifeboat Institute

Action: Gina Howard to contact all county clubs in December with details.

West of England Congress:

The Congress was held to be a success with very few problems at the new venue.

Building work at the WSM Winter gardens venue is ongoing with no guaranteed completion date. It was decided to re-book the WSM College venue again for the 2017 Congress set for 29th Sept – 1st October..

David Porter is willing to carry on in his role in organising the venue arrangements and Tony Russ will assume responsibility for the role vacated by Ann Bawden.

Action: Gina Howard to liaise with David Porter and Tony Russ to clarify roles.

Treasurers Report:

No report submitted. Ken Bawden is in the process of handing the Treasurers role to Richard Feetenby

Selection Committee Report:

One Western League match has been played. The A Team had a big win against East Wales but the B and C teams were less successful. Wiltshire has reduced their match from 3 teams of eight to fours. Somerset players performed well in the Wof E Congress. Eric Cummings and Ceri Pearce were placed 6th in the Swiss Teams at Eastbourne.

A strong team for this year's Tollemache is expected.

Chairman of the Selection Committee. It was decided to ratify the decision that in future the Chairman need not be a full committee member, but may attend committee meeting as and when needed, and provide reports.

Education Report

Andrew Robson Seminar at the Webbington Hotel is now fully subscribed with a waiting list. There are housekeeping points to agree with the Hotel. It was agreed to hold a raffle as at the last seminar, with extra secondary prizes of Andrew Robson DVDs/Books

Bridge Café seminars. Due to unavailability of Bob Baker it was decided to cancel the 19th November seminar.

Action Jean Howard to contact venue to ask for refund of fees paid

Action Eric Cummings to update website

Action Caroline Macpherson to email county clubs

The seminar planned for February will be moved to Street bridge club and hosted by Caroline Macpherson.

Action: Jean Howard to check Street venue for availability

Tournament Directors training course 29th January 2017

There are currently 8 names on the list. There will be a £10pp fee

Tournament Secretary's Report:

Attendances at the various events were disappointment. Apart from the Championship teams event, all numbers were lower than the previous year.

Chairman's report

First for Bridge sponsorship has been confirmed the coming year £300 plus Michael Coda Cup prizes
Eric Cummings will carry out scoring of Coda Cup entries

Dates for the West of England Congress have been set as 29th Sept – 1st October 2017 and 28th-30th September 2018

Yeovil and Sherborne Bridge clubs are to function as before so the matter of affiliating with Somerset has been resolved. It was decided that *any* clubs close to Somerset borders would be allowed to enter Somerset County events

Action Gina Howard to contact Tim Dunsby (Dorset) to advise

Action Eric Cummings to update website

EBU reforms have been shelved. It was agreed that SCBA should give their proxy vote to the Chairman of EBU

AOB

It was agreed that SCBA Bridgemates would be hired out to SCBA affiliated clubs

Action: Gina Howard to write to Chairman of Cheddar bridge club and agreed terms and costs.

Payment for duplication of event board duplication will be increased in line with other counties.

Action Gina Howard to contact Alan Atkinson and SCBA treasurer with revised rates

EBU P2P County component

Action: Gina Howard to contact EBU re county P2P component

Meeting Closed at 8.25pm

Next meeting scheduled for 6th January at 6.45pm at Woolavington Village Hall

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