

Minutes of the SCBA committee meeting held on the 27th June at Woolavington.

Present: Gina Howard(Chairperson), Michael Whittaker(V Chairperson), Joe Patrick Sec, Ken and Ann Bawdon, Caroline Macpherson, Eric Cummings.

Apologies: Tony Russ, Sheila Coda

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record

Matters Arising:

1. Bidding box inserts have been received
2. A budget of £1200 was agreed for Educational events which includes cost of Directors Course last April.
3. The insurance of county assets and equipment is now in place
4. MW has responded to Arena Travel with contact details for DP and AB. Further discussion to take place regarding sponsorship for W of E Congress and County Sim. Pairs. The Committee must agree details of any proposals before proceeding.

Action: AB (DP)

Treasurers Report

This is an expensive time of the year. In excess of £2000 prepaid to Woolavington for use of the hall for next season's events.

There is a slight concern that receipts for the West of England Congress are £900 less than this time last year

Education/Selection report

Players have been informed of the fixtures and asked about availability. The arrangements for the Western League catering have been changed from a 2 course meal to afternoon tea. This gives a saving of £2.75 per person. The committee agreed players should now not get charged £7 for home matches

Chairpersons report

An approach from the Winscombe club by Chris Bryant for a cup for winning the "C" division in the County league was considered by the committee. We already have a large number of cups and quite often the winners do not wish to keep them. It was decided not to purchase any further cups for county events, so the request was rejected. However, it was appreciated that we should acknowledge winners in some way, and a laminated

certificate of the winners' achievement will be presented in future where no cup is available to the winners. A design to be created, and Chris to be written to. Action GH,CM

Tournament Secretary and County Director

Caroline MacPherson took on the Tournament Secretary role, although the responsibilities for managing the county events will be split up.

- County League and Victor Ludorum will continue to be organised by Bob Warrender
- Championship teams will be managed by Michael Whittaker
- Collation and reporting of % pairs club results to be managed by Eric Cummings
- Pairs league will be managed by Tony Russ
- All remaining one day County events by Caroline Macpherson (web site to be changed accordingly)
- The task of appointing directors and arranging the scoring for each one day will now be with the Tournament Secretary.

AOB

1. In view of the changes, 2 more keys were needed for Woolavington.

Action: JP

2. It was agreed a person was needed to be employed for County League coffee/tea biscuits. If this was impossible then players would be informed if they needed refreshment, they should bring their own.

Action JP/GH

3. Victor Ludorum – further to RS comments at AGM, the committee upheld the previous decision that the VL should be determined on all events rather than on a restricted number. It was noted that originally the VL was introduced on this basis as there were only a small number of events that could be included.

Action: G H to write to RS.

It was agreed that the VL scales would need to be reviewed thoroughly again before the 2015/16 season

4. Nomination(s) for the Dimmie Fleming award are shortly due.

Action: GH

5. EC asked if a 5 year plan to develop bridge in the county was available. No such plan is. As part of one we should be finding out whether we could assist the clubs in any way, both affiliated and non affiliated.

Action: EC to develop an appropriate club questionnaire.

6. 5 new tables to be purchased to replace old broken ones. **Action: AB**
7. It was agreed that the county knock out teams final should be over 48 boards and the semi final over 40 boards. This would bring us into line with other counties and the general trend over recent years to reduce the length of KO team matches.

Date for next meeting 29th August at 7pm at Woolavington.