

SCBA
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
Held online on Monday 26th July 2021

PRESENT:

Tim Warren (Chair); Trevor Hobson (President); Shirley Pritchard; Jeffrey Allerton; Sue Brough; Tony Cherrett; John Gallagher.

APOLOGIES: Gail Norman; June Middleton; John Lemmey.

	ACTION
<p>1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING These were agreed.</p> <p>2. MATTERS ARISING Shirley had been asked to contact Richmond to ask whether their members would prefer to play club based NGS>9 events rather than county ones. The club agreed that they would, although currently it is difficult to be certain how players may react when F2F resumes. Shirley had received one response to a request to ask clubs if they wished to play the Club Pairs Challenge this year. Woking said they would enter once F2F bridge was more established.</p> <p>3. COUNTY UMS CHARGES This topic was first discussed at the January meeting. The extract from the minutes is shown below: <i>Shirley had circulated an email asking the committee whether the current county UMS of 2p should be retained. It was originally requested specifically for the teaching at Surrey University which has now ceased. The EBU had requested that counties look at their UMS charges and, if applicable should reduce them to assist clubs who may be struggling with expenses during the lockdown.</i> <i>Following discussion, it was agreed that there was now no declared purpose for it, and it cannot therefore be justified.</i> <i>A proposal would be made at this year's AGM to suspend it from July.</i></p> <p>Tim admitted that this topic had been omitted from the agenda at the AGM, but that it would be formally raised next year. In the meantime, the following action was agreed: The current County UMS rate of 2p will be temporarily suspended. With the current uncertainty about the future there is no intention of reinstating it unless things change significantly in the future. Currently no change is expected in the County's financial circumstances. Tim will contact the EBU to inform them of our decision.</p> <p>4. PLAY AND COACH Tony explained his proposal for holding an event aimed at the top ten pairs in each of categories 4, 5 and 6 in the annual EBU rankings for Surrey. This is for players who are ranked Star, Tournament, Premier and Premier Tournament Masters, County Masters, Masters and Advanced Masters and District Masters and below.</p>	Tim

The session would consist of 3x10 boards scored using cross imps, and would also include some coaching from Sally Brock.

This event would be free to the participants, and Tony stressed the importance of the wording of the invitation.

John was concerned that if participants were not paying, they might not turn up. It was felt that asking no shows to pay might help.

Sue suggested the event could be recorded and available on the website afterwards.

Tim said that in his experience this was a unique event, and perhaps warranted some publicity.

Invitations would be sent by 13th August for the event on 24th October at a venue yet to be agreed.

Tony

5. SURREY INTER CLUB KNOCKOUT

Tim felt that since the EBU were now reverting to F2F for the NICKO, fewer clubs would be able to enter. He proposed organising a Surrey version for NGS<9 playing online. It was felt to be too late for a September start for this event, but it could be started anytime during the season.

Tim

6. MATCHES REPORT

Jeffrey reported that Peter Lee and Arun Suri were the best placed Surrey pair at the Corwen finishing 7th.

Surrey finished runners-up in the Pachabo.

Surrey qualified to enter teams in the National Inter-County Leagues Final in both the 'A' and 'B' divisions as each of those teams had won the Met Cup in either 2019 or 2020, and they did not hold the National League Final in 2020.

The A team received £80 in prize money for second place which offset some of the £200 entry fee.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Trevor said he was still looking for players for the C team for the Hills and Dales match.

He was also waiting on one Lady Rose Plate match to complete the Victor Ludorum. Tony said it was being played on 2nd August.

Trevor asked Shirley why there were no events showing on the calendar except for the GP event in September. Shirley said she was waiting to see the uptake of F2F bridge before deciding the format of County events this season.

Trevor said he felt all events should be online. It was agreed that any event in the rest of the calendar year would be online and we would take a view at the end of the year about running face-to-face events.

The suggestion to run hybrid events was not thought to be viable and will not be pursued.

Shirley said she would put some dates in the calendar.

Shirley

NEXT MEETING - 19:30 on Monday 4th October 2021.