



who had entered the County Pairs, but this would have to be run on Realbridge.  
Jeffrey asked if we could look at running some F2F events this year. Suitable venues are very limited – Tony mentioned a hall in Byfleet, but following the meeting it was discovered it is not available on Sundays. It also has two independent rooms which is not ideal.

#### **4. PLAY AND COACH**

Tony would like to run this again this year ideally in May, but he had not time to organise it himself.

Tim mentioned someone from Kent who had replied to the advert for the Treasurer but said he was interested in helping in other ways.

Tim will follow this up with Tony.

A decision on whether to run this event this year was postponed.

Tim

#### **5. JUNIOR BRIDGE**

June sent in a written report following the success of the School's Cup at Wimbledon. There were 76 pupils playing face-to-face, with a further 8 taking part in the Minibridge online. Roehampton have indicated that they would probably be willing to host it next year. However, using Roehampton is likely to more than double the cost, given inflation and no EBED grants. The Roehampton bridge room is larger - Wimbledon could struggle to accommodate more than 90 and June is hopeful that numbers may get back up to over a 100 next year. Tim will discuss this with June.

The event came in under budget at £556 (Budget £650).

Bowles Rock Junior Teach in has been booked for the weekend on 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> October. It was confirmed the County will provide £500 of sponsorship again.

June was thanked for the fantastic achievement in getting this event up and running again after the pandemic, and the committee offered their warm congratulations to all those who were involved.

Tim

#### **6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Trevor reported on his proposal to increase the maximum number of VL points for the League and Lady Rose from the equivalent of 3 matches to 4. Several of the leaders in the Victor Ludorum, both for the current season and past seasons, have maxed out their points on the League/ Lady Rose. It was agreed that starting next season the maximum equivalent wins should be increased from 3 to 5, but with the points for each win reduced from 10 to 8 and from 5 to 4 for the Lady Rose Plate.

He also reported that he had written to all clubs asking a) if they wanted to run 2 charity SIMS in a year, and b) whether they wanted to take part in the Club Pairs Challenge again. 13 out of 50 clubs sent in a response, and it was agreed that we would only run the Dorin Salver once a year. Trevor said he wanted to choose a date that was not too near the CIN SIMS. It was decided not to continue with the Club Pairs Challenge.

Trevor would also send out the revised rules on eligibility for the Leagues:

*In addition to the requirements imposed by the EBU\*, with effect from next season these competitions will only be open to people that meet any one of the following:*

- they have Primary or Secondary Affiliation to Surrey;
- they are members of a Surrey club and have Primary Affiliation to

*any county (as defined by the EBU) that is contiguous with the county of Surrey.*

*\*EBU membership is required for all of these competitions except for the Novice League and the lowest division in the Surrey League.*

These were agreed.

**7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Tim reported on a discussion he had with Cath Fox an EBU Board member regarding the EBU's new marketing campaign. Another committee meeting will be arranged in March to discuss the details.

Tim/Gail

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

As this was his last meeting, John was thanked for his work on sorting out the accounts and presenting them so clearly to the committee. John requested that a separate set of minutes were produced confirming the name of the new Treasurer so it could be used to present to the bank. This would need to be signed by Tim and Gail.

Shirley  
Tim/Gail

NEXT MEETING - TBC