SCBA MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING Held online on Tuesday 22nd February 2022

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: Gail Norman; Jackie Hawkins; John Lemmey; June Middleton.

Although she was unable to be present, Tim welcomed Jackie to the committee as the new Treasurer.

ACTION

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

These were agreed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Barry Stoker had said he didn't want his email address on the website, but it was suggested he use a generic email e.g.,

scorer@surreycountybridge.com.

Tim will follow this up with John Lemmey and Barry.

Jeffrey will contact the EBU to arrange the transfer of the "spare" share to Tim.

Tim said no one had come forward as newsletter editor, therefore the newsletter could only be published intermittently in the future.

However, the statistics showed that of the 4,320 newsletter emails sent to members just over half were opened and 490 (22% of those who opened it) clicked through to the newsletter. In total, the newsletter had been downloaded 780 times. This compares with 625 downloads for the December edition.

John Lemmey had created a Facebook page for SCBA as an experiment, and sent the team some ideas on how such a page might work, to be debated at a future time.

3. COMPETITIONS

Shirley reported that with the change in the rules on GP events we can only hold one online event this year. She proposed the Swiss Pairs run by Gary Conrad with an entry fee of £12 person to allow for the 50% increase in UMS fees for online events. The committee proposed an increase to £15 which was agreed.

Shirley reported that the number of pairs in the County Pairs heats this year was 66 compared with 90 last year. At least 12 pairs booked only after receiving a chasing email.

The Teams of 8 eventually had 9 teams from 5 clubs, and Mayfield Red will represent Surrey at the Regional Finals at the end of May.

A request had been received from Peter Lee asking for an increase in the time allowed for each round on BBO. After discussion it was agreed to keep the rounds to 14 minutes each.

With only 10 pairs currently able to play in the 9 High final, a request was made to see if it should be opened to other suitable players in the county. This was rejected as the free play is seen as a reward for entering the County Pairs heats.

Next year we could look at running a 9 High event with free entry for those

Tim Jeffrey 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.

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 $22^{nd}/23^{rd}$ 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.

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

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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	