

SCBA
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
Held online on Monday 22nd March 2021

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: June Middleton, Ron Rutstein, John Lemmey.

	ACTION
<p>1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING These were agreed.</p> <p>2. MATTERS ARISING Tony is still working on the targeted events. He said he found Trevor’s NGS monthly updates very useful, and was interested in knowing if we could identify people that were not playing. Trevor said he would circulate the full list of NGS movements to the committee and that we could assume that everyone with a zero change in NGS can be assumed to not be playing. Following confirmation from the EBU that the Garden Cities is going ahead, Shirley asked Jeffrey to enter Selsdon as last year’s winners.</p> <p>3. HILLS & DALES MATCH Tim reported that this had received uniformly excellent feedback from all participants. He asked if we should repeat this with other counties, and if so, what would be the selection criteria, and who would organise it. It was felt that the object of selecting people for these events is to encourage them to participate, not necessarily to win. People could be chosen via the VL which can be sorted by NGS, or we could choose new people who have entered our events this year for the first time. Trevor said he would look into this further. A return match has been arranged with Yorkshire tentative date 9th September.</p> <p>4. CONTACT WITH CLUBS Trevor had phoned all the club chairmen that had not been contacted by committee members, and had circulated a spreadsheet with the results. Of the 51 clubs contacted, 24 are not currently playing online. He said that the conversations were interesting and seemed to be much appreciated by the club chairmen. He proposed a vote of thanks to Roger Routledge who is stepping down as the League organiser. He said that Roger had done an excellent job, and been very involved in the leagues to the extent that he had visited the finalists in Oxshott to wish them well. Tim said he would write to him personally thanking him. We are pleased that David Burch has agreed to take over from Roger for next season. Welcome David.</p> <p>5. MATCHES REPORT Jeffrey reported that the Surrey team came third in the Tollemache final in February. Trevor mentioned that Frances Hinden and Graham Osborne had topped the cross Imps table.</p>	<p></p> <p>Tony</p>

Jeffrey said he wasn't aware of whether the final for the B team who had come first in the Met Cup would go ahead.
This was normally organised by Ian Mitchell.

6. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT/WEBSITE DESIGN

Tim said that Ron had done an excellent job on the website redesign. He had also freshened up the newsletter presentation.

Tim said that Ron had queried the future of the newsletter as so many people appeared not to read it. Should it be dispensed with and moved to say, Facebook?

John suggested that it was moved to the website where it could be read by just clicking on a link.

There will be further discussion at the next meeting.

7. TEACHING/DEVELOPMENT REPORT

June submitted a written report:

I have signed Surrey Youth Bridge up to Realbridge and have moved the Kings College School sessions on to it and have offered to set up sessions for any other schools who want them but no takers so far.

I am also going to try and run a couple of sessions on RealBridge during the holidays for any school children who are interested. Kings will pick up the costs of their sessions but Surrey will need to fund the county wide sessions. I see this as something we can keep going after lockdown the give children an opportunity to play with other children without the need for travel.

I don't anticipate this costing very much - likely less than £100. I'll be invoiced by Realbridge and will recharge as necessary.

8. FINANCE

John G circulated the Year End figures subject to a small amount of Competition income which won't be available until April. He said that the charity income was shown on the balance sheet, but not in the accounts as it just went in and out of the bank account.

9. COMPETITIONS REPORT

Shirley asked for the committee's approval to allow clubs to enter *bona fide* winners of both last years and this year championship events for the Mary Edwards and Wanborough. This was agreed.

She said with the future of F2F bridge being uncertain she would plan online bridge events for next season.

She felt that Oxshott was no longer viable as a venue, and would look to play F2F events in an existing club in future.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Tim asked if Zoom was the right way to hold committee meetings? Can the topics be covered by email instead?

It was agreed that meetings should continue on Zoom.

NEXT MEETING - 19:30 on Monday 24 May 2021. AGM 4th July.