

SCBA
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
Held online on Tuesday 19th April 2022

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: John Lemmey; June Middleton.

	ACTION
<p>1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING These were agreed.</p> <p>2. MATTERS ARISING A solution has been found to provide a support email for queries on setting up Realbridge League matches. There has been no response from the EBU to transfer the "spare" share to Tim. This will be carried over again to the next meeting. Trevor confirmed that all the League captains had been contacted about the agreed changes to the rules applicable from next season.</p> <p>3. ROLE OF PRESIDENT Trevor said that in his view the role of the President of the County was no longer necessary. Its abolition would require a motion to be passed to amend the constitution at the AGM. After discussion, it was agreed that in order to provide a back up for the Chairman, the post of President will be advertised. It was agreed to hold the AGM this year online at 2 p.m. on 3rd July.</p> <p>4. COMPETITIONS Following receipt of the costs from Richmond, it was agreed that the fee for the GP Swiss Teams should be £20. Assuming a field of 60 tables for the Pairs, and 30 for the Teams, Surrey should receive a surplus from the GP event in the region of £2,100. A blue pointed Swiss Pairs will be held at New Haw Community Centre on August Bank Holiday Monday. It was disappointing that 3 people had dropped out of the County Final after qualifying, and some pairs who qualified for the Corwen also dropped out. This is an unprecedented situation, as selection for the Corwen has been sought after in the past. Jeffrey suggested that it might be because the County Pairs final and the Corwen are online and players therefore showed less interest in competing. It is hoped to revert to F2F for the County Pairs final next year.</p> <p>5. JUNIOR BRIDGE Surrey have been asked to sponsor a Junior player from the County at the European Junior Championships in the Netherlands at the end of July. EBU funding is no longer available for Juniors. It was agreed to give sponsorship of up to £650 on the understanding that when the player's selection is confirmed, Surrey is mentioned in any communication about his selection e.g., in a school newsletter or other local publicity. This sponsorship is a one-off for this year only, and any future</p>	

sponsorship will be agreed on a case-by-case basis.
 At the last meeting the committee agreed to donate £500 to Bowles Rock summer camp for young bridge players.
 Tim reported the very generous gift from Chobham BC who had given Surrey £1000 from their funds following their winding up.
 They have stipulated that this money should be used for Junior bridge, and it was felt that adding to the contribution to Bowles Rock would be an appropriate way of doing this. It was agreed to increase our contribution by up to half this year.
 Tony asked for tangible evidence of the outcomes of Bowles Rock. Tim gave some examples of players he knew, and said he or June would speak to Giorgio to get a more general picture.
 The Kent team will also ask London if they might be prepared to donate funds for this event. This could split the shortfall 4 ways instead of 3.

Tim June

6. EBU MARKETING CAMPAIGN

Tim reported on a discussion he had with Cath Fox at the EBU. There will be a teaching focus from the EBU from September onwards.
 The aim now is to get potential pupils playing within 9 months of beginning lessons.
 With the number of established teachers in Surrey and the number of supervised play sessions they run, it was felt we are in a good position compared with some other counties.
 The list of teachers on our website is not up to date. Gail offered to update it where possible.
 Tim said in the absence of a Communications officer, it would be difficult to put sufficient effort into a Facebook page.

Gail

7. MATCHES REPORT

Jeffrey confirmed that of the 5 pairs qualifying for the Corwen only the pair coming second would have their whole entry fee paid for by the County as the first pair had dropped out. The next 3 pairs would have half their fee paid.
 Qualification would go down to 8th this year because of drop outs, but could include any pair with a score of over 50%.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jackie said that the accounts were now ready to go to the Independent Examiner, and she said she was willing to provide information to the committee in any format they required.
 Tim said he had spoken to John and thanked him again for all his work on the accounts over the past two years.

9. PLAY AND COACH

Tony presented a report which proposed that we run this event again this year for categories 5 & 6 only.
 The cost per person would be £20 and the players would not contribute. He also suggested that any players attending should have free entry to a Surrey event next season.
 This was agreed.
 Tony will provide a list of those to be invited, Tim will issue the invitations, and Gail offered to do the admin.

Tony, Tim, Gail

NEXT MEETING – Friday afternoon 10th June at 3.30 p.m.

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