SCBA MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING Held online on Friday 2nd September 2022

PRESENT:

Tim Warren (Chair); Trevor Hobson; Shirley Pritchard; William Clennell; Gail Norman; Jackie Hawkins; Tony Cherrett; June Middleton.

APOLOGIES: None

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	ACTION
These were agreed.	
2. MATTERS ARISING	
Tim has been allocated 2 shares. June reported that Giorgio doesn't think that Smartbridge is suitable for students, but is more suitable for adults.	
Tim said he had let Giorgio know how sorry he was to hear that Giorgio was standing down as Under 16 coach. He said that he had achieved some fantastic results.	
After the last meeting Trevor had reported that Douglas Wright had offered to be the Surrey contact for the distribution of EBU marketing material to clubs. While welcoming the offer, the committee felt that this would be difficult to organise. Some clubs have already distributed marketing material locally, and it was felt that it was key to do this at the beginning of	
September when classes were starting. It was felt that a link to the webpage showing a list of teachers would be more useful. Gail is currently updating the list.	
Tim will contact John to get the link put on the website. He will also speak to Douglas.	Tim
3. COMPETITIONS	
The EBU have proposed that from next year all online GP events will be run by them instead of by the counties. There will be a corresponding reduction in the cost of county entries to EBU competitions in compensation. The committee agreed with this proposal which is subject to ratification at the AGM in November.	
Trevor mentioned that he was still pursuing the possibility of stratifying GP events on Realbridge.	
It was felt that the county should be open to pursuing F2F events. It was felt that since lockdown players book events much nearer to the time of the event.	
Shirley said that she did not want to be involved with organising events outside of clubs.	
Shirley asked for a volunteer pair for the GP Swiss Pairs, and it was agreed that the last pair to enter may have their entry cancelled instead. The website has been amended to reflect this change.	
It was agreed that Trevor will email all members about the Green Point event, and William will do the same for the Lady Rose.	Trevor/William

 4. PLAY AND COACH Tony reported that although this year's event had fewer pairs attending than last year it was a much better event. Giorgio has provisionally said he is happy to repeat his role next year. Some of the glitches from the first year had been ironed out. Half of the entrants this year had responded to the survey. They all asked for further help to develop, but it was important not to duplicate the work of teachers. It was agreed that Costs for a future P&C should be at least partially covered If we run a 'development' session, a significant proportion of the costs should be covered by charging those who wish to attend. Where charged, fees of £10 pp seemed reasonable, but we would be willing to subsidise a greater proportion of the costs if the teacher fees were to go to EBED, as happened this year. Tony will put forward further proposals in due course. 	Tony
 5. JUNIOR BRIDGE June reported that there has so far not been much interest in Bowles Rock in October. While it is still hoped to run the Schools Cup again sometime between January and March, Roehampton have said they will not host it. June has spoken to Douglas about the possibility of using a school in Guildford, but nothing is yet confirmed. There is an annual Fun Palace event in Morden Hall in October, and June will have a stall there to encourage youngsters. Fun Palace is an ongoing campaign for community run by the community. It includes arts, science, craft, tech, digital, heritage and sports events and activities. 	
6. TREASURER'S REPORT Jackie reported that she had a meeting with Sue Preston and had now received a final copy of the accounts which Sue was happy with. She was still having problems with the transfer of names at both Skipton and HSBC and would visit the branches again to try and sort it out. Jackie was not sure what some of the direct debits being paid to the EBU were for. She will contact Gail Nancarrow at the EBU to find out the details.	Jackie
No decision was taken about what to do with the two bonds which are held with Skipton to a combined value of £20k that will expire in November. Since this needs to happen before the next committee meeting, Jackie will investigate the alternatives, and email the committee with a proposal. The EBED fee for the Play and Coach had not been paid as there is no phone number associated with the county's debit card which enables verification. Shirley agreed to pay the fee from her own account and Jackie will reimburse her. This has had the unintended consequence that Gift Aid can be paid on the sum of £450, meaning that EBED have now been paid £512.50.	Jackie

8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Tim updated the committee on Jeffrey's condition. He said that Graham Osborne had kindly agreed to takeover Jeffrey's role as Match Secretary with assistance from Gail.	
 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS William said that the AGM minutes were not on the website. This has now been rectified. Shirley asked Tony what happened after Karen Johnson from Horley had asked for help at the AGM as her teaching experience had been poor. Tony confirmed that a member of his club is now mentoring her, and she is having Next Steps tuition. Trevor has been doing a lot of work with the EBU to get monthly totals for masterpoints rather than just wait until the EBU publish the list annually in March. Now there is more emphasis on master points, it is felt that players like to respond to being able to see the number of points they have gained more frequently. Trevor will ask John to put on the website the cumulative monthly totals June- August which he has got so far from the EBU. Ideally, he would like to have it from January. He is following this up with Tim Anderson at the EBU. 	Trevor
NEXT MEETING –	
Friday 2nd December at 3.30 p.m.	