



SCBA
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
Held online on Friday 29th September 2023



PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: June Middleton.

	ACTION
<p>1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING These were agreed.</p>	
<p>2. MATTERS ARISING Jackie had visited Skipton and she confirmed that Tim and Gail were now joint signatories on the account. A review of rules and regulations for events is carried forward. Gail reported an exchange of emails with Karen Durrell at the EBU who has confirmed that the 2p UMS rate would be reinstated from 1st October. Jackie had asked the person she thought might be suitable for the role of Accounts Reviewer, but it turns out they are not suitable. She will try another avenue. Tim asked if any members of the committee knew a qualified person who would be suitable.</p>	<p>Jackie</p>
<p>3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Tim commenced his report by saying that he had mentioned in his introduction to the latest newsletter the sharp decline in attendance at the September Green Point event. 26 tables of pairs compared with 73 the last time this event was held F2F in 2019. He said he had recently attended an EBU County Chairs meeting where other counties had also said that events were struggling with people not wishing to travel far. Tim wondered about asking Oliver Cowan about the possibility of organising a festival of bridge over a weekend with a mix of events for all ranges of players. Tim will contact him. Tony suggested that Oxted school could be used as a venue for this. He suggested a discussion process to carry on with suggestions.</p>	<p>Tim Tony/Shirley</p>
<p>4. COMPETITIONS Following on from Tim's report from the County Chairs' meeting, Shirley wondered if we should concentrate our specific events away from the old divisions of Men's/Ladies/Mixed etc, and towards stratification e.g., NGS<9? Tony felt that inexperienced players preferred to get experience by playing against higher level players and not just among their peers. It was felt to be too late to change this year's Mixed Pairs on 12th November, which Tim felt should go ahead even if it only attracted a few tables.</p>	<p>Trevor/William</p>

5. CHAIRMAN’S CONSULTATION

This would take place on Tuesday 21st November at Oxshott. Gail kindly volunteered to organise the catering. Tim would send out the invitations shortly.

At this meeting clubs would be asked what type of county events their players wanted, and how they could be more involved in county bridge.

6. TREASURER’S REPORT

Jackie confirmed that the £1125 donation to Junior Bridge agreed at the meeting on 2nd June had now been paid.

7. LEAGUES

William reported that the leagues had now started. The qualifying event was a good idea as it encouraged teams that would never have entered to play. There are 28 Lady Rose teams in Round 1.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Trevor reminded the committee that his EBU share had not yet been reallocated. Tim offered to take it over.

Trevor deplored the introduction of screens on Realbridge, and felt it would act as a deterrent to players who enjoyed the social aspect of meeting people online.

Tim reminded the committee that his tenure as Chair ends in 15 months.

NEXT MEETING – Fri 12th January 3.30 p.m.

Gail

