



SCBA
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
Held online on Friday 12th January 2024



PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: None

	ACTION
<p>1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING These were agreed.</p>	
<p>2. MATTERS ARISING A review of rules and regulations for events is carried forward. Jackie has had no success in finding a person who would be suitable for the role of Accounts Reviewer. Tim asked her if she could put a job description in the next newsletter.</p>	<p>William Jackie</p>
<p>3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Tim had contacted Oliver Cowan and had exchanged emails about the possibility of organising a festival of bridge over a weekend with a mix of events for all ranges of players. He and Gail had a discussion following the Chairman's Consultation at Bookham in November. It was felt the event should run for an extra half hour next year finishing at 4 p.m. to allow more time for discussion in the break. The catering arrangements would also need some changes. Tim confirmed that as he now held 3 EBU shares – one each from Trevor and Jeffrey – and he asked Will to think about whether he would like to become a shareholder. Tim will discuss the role with him. Tim reiterated that his term as Chair ends in less than a year – he asked for ideas for a new Chair as his enquiries had drawn a blank.</p>	<p>Tim/Gail Will/Tim All</p>
<p>4. COMPETITIONS Shirley announced that the Dorin Salver had raised £2190 this year compared with £1832 last year. The Teams of 8 had attracted 13 teams this year, but there were complaints about the small number of boards compared with previous years. This event is trying to fulfil two purposes – giving clubs the chance to compete against each other in teams, and provide a qualifying team for the Garden Cities trophy. Will felt that clubs should not be restricted in the number of teams they could put forward, but that 36 boards should be the minimum played. Tony said the venue was not ideal as it involved some clubs in a lot of travelling. Shirley was asked to prepare a paper for the next meeting showing options for this event next year. Tim suggested running the AGM this year F2F with a bridge event. This was not thought to be an attractive proposition, and Gail volunteered to ask the EBU how other counties were handling their AGMs post pandemic, and whether we could amend the constitution to run an AGM in a different format or not at all.</p>	<p>Shirley Gail</p>

Commented [JL1]:

5. FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE

Will said he had provisional plans for a casual friendly event at a hotel in spring 2025. Discussions about this would continue.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jackie confirmed that although the reserves had improved, the Dorin Salver and Schools Cup had yet to be paid for. Tim said that budgeting should now be reinstated to prevent unexpected payments. June said the School's Cup should cost in the region of £700.

7. LEAGUES

William reported that the leagues were progressing satisfactorily except that two teams who tied their match didn't realise they had to have a play off to decide the winners.

8. YOUTH BRIDGE

June said that the School's Cup would take place at Richard Challenors School in New Malden on 2nd February. The entry form is on the website. She had received an entry from a school in Brighton.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

NEXT MEETING – Fri 8th March 3.30 p.m.

Will