

SCBA
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on Thursday 25th July 2019

PRESENT:

Trevor Hobson (Chair); Tim Green; Tim Warren; Shirley Pritchard; Jeffrey Allerton; Gail Norman; Harry Figov.

APOLOGIES: Meena Samani; Thomas Lundqvist

IN ATTENDANCE: Suleman Akhtar.

<p>Trevor welcomed Suleman to the meeting.</p>	ACTION
<p>1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING These were agreed.</p>	
<p>2. MATTERS ARISING Trevor agreed to report back at the next meeting on the item carried over from the last meeting regarding seeking participants views on the future structure of the GP event. Trevor reported that he had received no response to his request to assist with the promotion of Teams events.</p>	Trevor
<p>3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Trevor confirmed that he would update the rules for the Lady Rose to clarify the status of players who do not have Surrey as their primary county of affiliation. It was suggested that he run these new rules past Gordon Rainsford to ensure there are no potential issues with Pachabo selection in the future. Trevor said there had been no response from Steve Foster to his request to be considered for the role of CTD.</p>	Trevor
<p>Trevor is still keen that the County develop club directors in a more formal way. He asked Gail to invite Richard Banbury to the Chairman's meeting in November to discuss this with clubs. Trevor reported that the AGM Swiss Pairs had some entrants who were keen to improve their standing in the Victor Ludorum, and he was pleased that players were showing more interest in the competition. He reported that it had been agreed by the committee via email that Secondary members of Surrey could take part in this event, and a Secondary member had been a joint winner this year. He had also had some positive feedback on the running of the AGM itself. Trevor asked all members to ensure they were familiar with the website, as a member had been given incorrect information about the location of certain items.</p>	Gail
<p>4. COMPETITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE <i>Green Point Weekend</i> Entries for the Pairs are slightly up on this time last year, but the Teams is down. Shirley reported that the CTD Nicole Cooke had asked if she could trial the use of Brian for scoring this event instead of Bridgemates. This overcomes the scoring problems which currently exist with the use of the Bridgemate app. The committee raised some objections to this proposal, and Shirley said she would report these to Nicole [Subsequently it was agreed that Bridgemates will</p>	Trevor

<p>be used without the app] Trevor will follow up his request with Michael Clark to have the NGS grades for county events shown on Bridgewebs.</p>	Trevor
<p><i>Wi-Fi at Oxshott</i> There is still no progress on this issue. Shirley will write again to the Chairman. Shirley agreed to email all participants in future Surrey events this year reminding them of the 11.00 a.m. start time.</p>	
<p>5. TREASURER'S REPORT Thomas had circulated an interim Statement of Financial activities prepared using the Quicken financial software. There were some queries on some of the items shown which Thomas had answered. Shirley was asked to follow up the purchase of playing cards with Douglas.</p>	Shirley
<p>6. MATCHES REPORT Jeffrey reported the selection for the 3 Met Cup Teams is in progress. He asked for suggestions for a new selector to replace Tim Green. Tony Richards was suggested but he is away a lot teaching on cruises. Tim W declined to be considered for the role.</p>	
<p>7. YOUTH BRIDGE Tim W gave the following report: The South East Counties Junior Bridge Camp at Bowles Rocks leisure centre, Tunbridge Wells, took place over the weekend of 6-7 Jul. The attendance was 41 (cf 63 last year) and the new venue was excellent. We've reached agreement with Wimbledon BC to hold a repeat of our own one-day junior event on 24 Nov. Wimbledon have been focussing on junior bridge for some while now, but this year Richmond are also ramping up their efforts. For instance, both are putting on junior sessions over the summer, though unfortunately their Monday morning sessions clash. Acting on Richmond's behalf, and with Douglas Wright's help, Julia Davies has generated taster sessions at half a dozen schools in south-west London. Certainly, at the one I attended at The Hythe in Staines; the kids seemed to have a really enjoyable time. To help resource possible school BCs, Richmond put on two MiniBridge teach-the-teacher sessions in June, with a third due this coming weekend.</p>	
<p>Suleman asked about the policy of focussing on Youth as opposed to retirees and older returners to the game.</p>	
<p>8. COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMITTEE Meena had submitted a document which was commended as thorough and ambitious. Trevor invited comments by email and he will communicate with Meena. Harry said he was looking at the possibility of a separate webpage for teaching which was linked to the main website. Clubs which offered teaching could be linked to this page to make it easier to find for newcomers. Suleman mentioned the number of emails that had been rejected or blocked by members. He will review the number and scope and timing of emails being sent out via our email Bridgewebs email system and everyone was asked to inform him of the use they make of the system.</p>	All
<p>Harry was asked to put the details of the new disciplinary rules which were agreed at the AGM on the website. He would check the wording first with Jeffrey.</p>	Harry/Jeffrey

9. CHAIRMAN'S CONSULTATION

Trevor said that this year's consultation would focus on an update on the membership campaign and the teams initiative. He would contact Bookham to make arrangements and also confirm the scoring arrangements with them.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was proposed by Tim G and seconded by Gail and agreed that Trevor should take over the role of EBU shareholder from Douglas. Gail was asked to inform the EBU.

NEXT MEETING - Thursday 10th October at 7.30 pm.

Post meeting note: Following the meeting Suleman agreed to join the Committee as Communications Officer.

Trevor