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SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT
BRIDGE ASSOCIATION HELD AT WORTHING BRIDGE CLUB ON FRIDAY 11TH MAY 2018 AT
10.00AM**

Present:

Mr M Pool
Mr J Hardy

Chairman
Honorary Treasurer

and 7 members, as shown in the record of attendance. Apologies were received from Dick Wheeler, Joy Mayall, Malcolm Wright and Hazel Beveridge.

0. Opening Remarks

The Chairman rehearsed the background to this EGM and indicated that a short factual note had been produced for the record in relation to the AGM which had been aborted on 29th April. This note would be published on the county web site along with the draft minutes from this EGM in due course.

1. Approval of note of AGM aborted on 23rd April 2017 and minutes of EGM held on 5th May 2017

The note and minutes were approved as correct records.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report

3.1 The Chairman wished to thank all of the people who had worked for the County in a variety of roles over the past year for their efforts, without which the County would not be able to function. He especially thanked Julian Mitchell and Ian Lancaster, who were stepping down from the Selection Committee, and Hazel Beveridge, who has stepped down from the role of Membership Secretary.

3.2 The Chairman reported that membership, currently at 2,769, was slightly down on last year, although currently, there are over 400 students (not included in this figure) currently attending classes organised by SCCBA teachers.

3.3 The Chairman expressed his gratitude for the generous donation from Vivienne Priday of £5,000, which is being used to support junior bridge. Some of this money will be used to support the junior bridge camp being organised by William Bourne, on behalf of the County, which is being held at Ardingly on 7th/8th July 2018. Mention was also made of the efforts of a group led by Lord Newton and Andy Ryder, involving sponsored walks to each of the affiliated clubs in the County, with proceeds going to Alzheimer's Society and Junior Bridge activities. To date, over £1,700 had been raised.

4. Honorary Treasurer's Report

4.1 **Adoption of the Examined Annual Accounts.** The Honorary Treasurer reported that the certified income and expenditure account (distributed at the meeting) showed a surplus somewhat lower than that recorded in 2016. The year's outturn had been broadly to budget and the main reasons behind the reduced surplus had been, firstly, unlike in 2016, the county's support of youth bridge was no longer funded from the residue of the Lottery allocation, and, secondly an increase in overheads caused by using a different company to produce the year book and, thirdly the cost of holding the Chairman's Cup and entering teams for the Metropolitan Cup (neither held in 2016). The total bank balances at 31 Dec 2017 were £40,315 (2016: £41,765). Prospects for a continuing picture of robust financial health were good. The accounts had been examined by the county's independent examiner, Ronald James, and he had been content to certify them. At the Management Committee meeting on 16 March, members had also endorsed the accounts unanimously. The Treasurer invited questions. None were forthcoming and the Treasurer proposed adoption. By show of hands this was approved unanimously.

4.2 **Appointment of Independent Examiner.** The Honorary Treasurer announced that Mr Ronald James had agreed to be nominated for re-appointment as the independent examiner who would certify the County's accounts for a further year. David Galpin proposed and John Hardy seconded the re-appointment of Mr James. Members present approved this appointment unanimously.

4.3 **Subscriptions for the Years 2018/19 and 2019/20.** The Honorary Treasurer confirmed that the County P2P rate would remain at 7p for the year 2018/19 as approved at the 2017 EGM. He added that he was also pleased to be able to report that as current financial performance was broadly on budget, he did not believe that it would be necessary to increase the P2P rate next year. However, in order to respond quickly to any downturn in the County's financial situation he requested authority to increase the P2P for 2019/20 and subsequent years to 8p, while emphasising that it was unlikely to be exercised in the short term. On a show

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of hands the proposal that the P2P rate for 2018/19 should be a maximum of 7p, with the Treasurer having the authority to increase the amount for future years to a maximum of 8p, was carried unanimously.

4.4 Approval of membership T&C

The draft membership terms and conditions for 2018/19 had been circulated to Members present. The Honorary Treasurer indicated that there was no change from those of 2017/18. Members present approved this unanimously.

5. Election of Officers

5.1 Chairman

The Chairman indicated that there was only one nomination for this post and he invited members present to agree to the election of **Martin Pool**. Members present approved this appointment unanimously.

5.2 Vice Chairman

The Chairman reported that there were no nominations for this post. The Management Committee would consider options for filling this post as soon as possible.

5.3 Honorary Secretary

The Chairman reported that there was only one nomination for this post and he invited members present to agree to the election of **Dick Wheeler**. Members present approved this appointment unanimously.

5.4 Honorary Treasurer

The Chairman reported that there was only one nomination for this post and he invited members present to agree to the election of **John Hardy**. Members present approved this appointment unanimously.

6. Election of a Maximum of Ten Committee Members

At the Chairman's discretion, an additional candidate was added to the list of nominations, being Neil Watts, nominated by Martin Pool and seconded by John Hardy. There now being only eight candidates (of the maximum of ten allowed by the constitution) nominated for these posts, the Chairman invited members present to agree to the election of the following:

Mr P Bates, Mrs J Mayall, Mr P Clinch, Mrs A Galpin, Mr D Galpin, Mr M Wotton, Mr Neil Watts and Mr M Wright.

Members present approved these appointments unanimously.

7. Election of Vice-Presidents

The Chairman referred to the paper circulated at the meeting whereby the Management Committee at a meeting on 16th March, recommended the appointment of an additional 3 vice-presidents, there being only one at present. (The Constitution allows a maximum of 5). The Chairman invited members present to agree to the appointment of the following:

Mr D Galpin, Mrs J Mayall, Mr M Wotton

Members present approved these appointments unanimously.

8. Management Committee proposal to amend clause 7.8.1 of the constitution

This matter was deferred as any amendment to the constitution appears to require a minimum of 20 members voting in favour.

9. Members' Resolutions

The Chairman reported that no Members' resolutions had been submitted.

10. Award of Gladys Hakki Trophy.

The Gladys Hakki Trophy for 2017/18 had been awarded to Mr Gerry Stanford and presented to him after the abortive AGM on 29th April. With regard to future nominations, members were reminded of the principle that the trophy should be awarded to dedicated members who worked hard for the County or their Club, without necessarily being high profile players.

11. Any Other Business.

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 10.20am.