
SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE UCKFIELD CIVIC CENTRE ON SUNDAY 22nd APRIL 2007

Present:

Mr M Pool	Chairman
Mr E Williams	Vice Chairman
Miss J Simpson	Honorary Secretary
Mr D Galpin	Honorary Treasurer
Mr N Hardy	Tournament Director
Mr D Clifton	Honorary Membership Secretary

and 71 members. Apologies were received from Keith and Maureen Norman.

1. Approval of Minutes of AGM Held on 9th April 2006

These were approved nem.con as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report

3.1 Death of Two Members

The Chairman said that it was with deep sadness that he had to announce the deaths of **Michael Treyfus** and very recently **Ken Latty**.

3.2 Membership Development

A new competition, Venture Pairs, has been introduced as a stepping stone to county events. The first will be held on 1 July 2007. The county has again supported David Armstrong in taking youngsters to the EBU youth training weekend at Loughborough. Queens Park Junior School is running mini bridge classes and Andrew and Iris Petit have been running mini bridge at West Sussex Bridge Club.

3.3 English Bridge Union (EBU)

The SCCBA continue to have a strong representation in the running of the EBU; Sally Bugden is now Vice Chairman and I am a Board member and I continue as the Chairman of the Laws and Ethics Committee. Joy Mayall is on the Disciplinary Panel.

3.4 Electronic Developments

We continue with the development of the website, scoring and Bridgemate system. Norman Hardy's son kindly lends us his projector for showing assignments and results.

3.5 Gladys Hakki Trophy

This was awarded to Brian Gould for many years service including chairman of clubs, member of the county committee, tournament director and webmaster.

3.6 Competition Successes

The Chairman said that the Sussex teams had competed in the Metropolitan Cup but had not done very well. In the Tollemache however the county had qualified and had their best result for 15 years and had finished 6th. The Chairman offered his thanks to Andrew Southwell and David Galpin for captaining the qualifier and final and thanked the selectors David Galpin, Ron Buddery and Eddie Williams for their work.

3.7 Charities

£1,000, received from charity events held in Sussex, will be distributed equally to:

- St Wilfrid's Hospice Eastbourne
- The Motor Neurone Disease Association

3.8 Chairman's Thanks

The Chairman thanked Ron Buddery (Vice President), the Officers, committee members and organisers of County events for all the hard work during the year. He also gave special thanks to non-committee members who play an important part in the running of the SCCBA; particularly Keith Norman, Neil Watts, Andrea Galpin, Tilly Hennings, Peter Cattermole and Roger Poulter.

He thanked Kay Batting, who was standing down from the committee, for her many years of service and support; the Conduct Committee chaired by Joy Mayall and its members Liz Hoskins, John Garrini, Chris Bainham and Mick Carrington; the Tournament Committee with Neil Watts and Bob Whiting; and Pat Kent who looks after the equipment.

And finally on completion of his 5 year term as Chairman he thanked all who had supported him during his term of office.

4. Honorary Treasurer's Report

David Galpin, Honorary Treasurer, presented this.

4.1 Adoption of the Audited Annual Accounts

The audited accounts for 2006 as circulated showed a loss of £3744, the first loss for 5 years. This was attributable to the purchase of 50 Bridgemates and associated equipment at a cost of £7400. The S.C.C.B.A. balance sheet showed liquid assets of £25502, compared to £29246 last year. The Treasurer thanked Jim Bugden for auditing the accounts and for foregoing his fee for the benefit of the S.C.C.B.A. It was proposed by Peter Bates and seconded by Andrew Southwell that the accounts be adopted and was approved nem. con.

4.2 Appointment of Independent Examiner

It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Jim Bugden be re-appointed as an independent examiner to audit the County's accounts for a further year.

4.3 Subscriptions for the Year 2008 - 2009

The Treasurer reported that, following the recommendation at the last AGM that subscriptions for the year commencing April 2007 be raised by a maximum of £1, at a subsequent Management Committee meeting it had been agreed to raise the subscription by only 50p. No further increase was proposed for 2008/09.

5. Election of Officers

5.1 Chairman

The two candidates were proposed for Chairman, Mrs J Clinton and Mr R Roberts. Both made short statements. A ballot was held and Mrs J Clinton was duly elected Chairman and took the chair.

The following Officers were elected unopposed:

5.2 Vice Chairman	Mr E Williams
5.3 Honorary Secretary	Ms J Simpson
5.4 Honorary Treasurer	Mr D Galpin
5.5 Honorary Membership Secretary	Mr D Clifton
5.6 Tournament Manager	Mr N Hardy

6. Election of Committee Members

A minimum of eight and a maximum of fourteen members are allowed by the constitution on the Management Committee. The following 12 members were re-elected to the Management Committee unopposed:

Mr D Armstrong, Mr P Bates, Mrs S Bugden, Mrs V Chandler, Mrs J Clinton, Mrs N Gillespie, Mrs H Kent, Mr P Pennant, Mr A Southwell, Mrs D Strauss, Mrs C Watson and Mr M Wotton.

One new member, Mrs A Galpin, was elected to the Management Committee unopposed.

7. Appointment of President/Vice President.

The management committee, in accordance with the constitution, recommended the appointment of Mr M Pool as President of SCCBA. A short discussion on this procedure took place and it was proposed and agreed that the constitution be placed on the agenda at a later meeting. Mr M Pool was then appointed President of SCCBA.

The management committee further recommended that Mrs M Langmaid be appointed as a Vice President. She was so appointed.

8. Any Other Business

- **Dave Armstrong** felt that children in the county needed to have more events and asked that the Tournament Committee look into a Minibridge/level 2 competition for children. It was pointed out that West Sussex BC was already holding a Mini Bridge event.
- **Bob Best** queried the direct allocation of master points and asked that they be added also to the web site results.
- **Matthew Hoskins** congratulated the committee on the way county tournaments have been organised, adding that Sussex was a unique county in running such events.