
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 19th APRIL 2009

Present:

Mr M Pool	President
Mr R Buddery	Vice President
Mrs M Langmaid	Vice President
Mrs J Clinton	Chairman
Mr E Williams	Vice Chairman
Miss J Simpson	Honorary Secretary
Mr D Galpin	Honorary Treasurer
Mr N Hardy	Tournament Manager

And 63 members. Apologies were received from Peter Bates, Dave and Jill Armstrong Harold and Cicely Linfield and Carol Watson.

1. Approval of minutes of AGM held on 20th April 2008

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

2. Matters arising from the minutes

- 2.1 **Devonshire Cup (Item 9.1).** The Devonshire Cup has been rescheduled and will be held as a one day event at Patcham on 8 November 2009 and separate from the Autumn Congress on 18/19/20 September 2009 which will also be held at Patcham
- 2.2 **Membership Numbers (Item 9.2).** Entry forms have been sent to teachers and clubs to encourage new players to enter novice events and all entry forms are available on the web site.

3. Chairman's Report

- 3.1 Sadly Sussex has lost some very special members this year
- Dennis Crouch, an SCCBA Vice President and the first Sussex member to be awarded the Dimmie Flemming Award. He worked tirelessly for the association and for many years produced our newsletter.
 - Maurice Weissburger, one of Britain's finest players and whom we have to thank for the *Extended Stayman* convention. His memorial cup is awarded to the team winners of the Sussex League Division 1.
 - Chris Bainham, he represented the county many times and had served on the Conduct Committee.

- 3.2 **EBU Officials.** Sussex continues to be well represented within the EBU with the following officials elected this year
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| Sally Bugden | Chairman |
| Martin Pool | Member of the Laws & Ethics Committee |
| Joy Mayall | Member of the Disciplinary Committee |
| Barbara Herold | EBU Club Committee representative for Sussex, Surrey and Kent |
- 3.3 **Membership Development.** Our membership is now at 1288 which is an increase of 153 from last year. Our juniors have continued to progress and we hope to send more youngsters to Loughborough in the summer.
- 3.4 **Gladys Hakki Award.** No nominations have been received this year for this award.
- 3.5 **Competitions.** The Metropolitan Cup C Team came 3rd in the Tollemache. In the Swiss Pairs at the Brighton Summer Congress Andrew Southwell and Matthew Hoskins achieved 8th place. And, although not bridge Vida Bingham is to be congratulated on winning the Grand National with her horse Mon Mome.
- 3.6 **Charities.** This year we raised £1000 at our charity events and this has been shared between
- The Ferring Care Centre for People with Learning Difficulties
 - ASSERT for adults with Aspergers Syndrome.
- 3.7 **Chairman's thanks.** The Chairman thanked Martin Pool (President), Ron Buddery and May Langmaid (Vice Presidents), the Officers, committee members and organisers of county events and competitions for all their hard work and support in the running of the SCCBA. She particularly thanked Mervyn Wotton for the hours spent on maintaining the master points and the SCCBA website. This year two committee members were standing down, Nanette Gillespie and Sally Bugden and she thanked both for their commitment during their tenure. She also offered grateful thanks to Bryan Stephens for taking on the role as editor of our newsletter and to Joy Mayall Chairman of the Conduct Committee and its members Liz Hoskins, Mick Carrington and Richard Burnett.

4. **Constitution.**

The Honorary Secretary presented the small change that is needed to our constitution in the light of the introduction to P2P. The Management Committee propose that the following clause be added to para 11 of the SCCBA Constitution.

“and the county element of the EBU's Pay to Play fee”

The revised para 11 to read:

*11. The annual subscription **and the county element of the EBU's Pay to Play fee** shall be determined by the Management Committee, subject to ratification by a General Meeting. The annual subscription shall become due on 1st April each year, together with the annual subscription and Club affiliation fee payable to the EBU. Where relevant,*

subscriptions may be accepted on behalf of the Association by individual Clubs. Subscriptions may be paid by a Direct Debit scheme subject to such a scheme having been introduced by the Association & the EBU and subject to the agreement of the individual member.

This revised para 11 was agreed nem con.

The Honorary Secretary reported that there may be further changes to the constitution should the EBU become a registered charity. Ray Roberts enquired what clause of the constitution allowed SCCBA to be a building owner and also emphasised the need for an effective overall constitution. The Chairman invited him to attend the next management meeting to discuss this further.

5. Honorary Treasurer's Report

David Galpin, Honorary Treasurer, presented this.

5.1 Adoption of the Audited Annual Accounts. The audited accounts show a surplus of £1930. The Honorary Treasurer thanked Jim Bugden for auditing the accounts and foregoing his fee for the benefit of the SCCBA. It was proposed by Matthew Hoskins and seconded by Duncan Curtis that the accounts be adopted. This was approved nem con.

5.2 Appointment of Honorary Auditor. 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.

5.3 Subscriptions for the Year 2010 – 2011. The Honorary Treasurer proposed that the county element of the EBU P2P fee for 2010-2011 be 5p and the annual subscription for dual members remain at £5. This was seconded by John Williams and agreed nem con.

6. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected unopposed

6.1	Chairman	Mrs J Clinton
6.2	Vice-Chairman	Mr E Williams
6.3	Honorary Secretary	Ms J Simpson
6.4	Honorary Treasurer	Mr D Galpin
6.5	Honorary Membership Secretary	Mr J Williams
6.6	Tournament Manager	Mr N Hardy

7. Election of a Maximum of Fourteen Committee Members

A minimum of eight and a maximum of fourteen members are allowed by the constitution on the Management Committee. The following 13 members were elected to the Management Committee unopposed:

Mr D Armstrong, Mr P Bates, Mrs V Chandler, Mrs A Galpin, Mrs T Hennings, Mr B Loasby, Mr R Lowe, Mr P Pennant, Mr A Southwell, Mrs D Strauss, Mrs C Watson, Mr R Whiting and Mr M Wotton.

8. EBU Implementation of P2P

An outline of the timetable to the implementation of P2P in April 2010 was given by John Williams and he recommended the EBU website to members for more information.

9. Provision of new storage for equipment

The Chairman informed members of the new arrangements for storage of equipment at the Bugdens and thanked them for making this available. The Duplimates are held at Patcham and she thanked Peter Langston for his outstanding job in providing duplimated boards. She informed members that the proposed new building at West Sussex BC has been delayed although outline planning permission has been given.

10. Any Other Business

- 10.1 Sky Arts 2.** A live programme is to be shown on Sky Arts 2 on 20 April 2009 supported by the EBU. Members were asked to write in to encourage further programmes to be shown.
- 10.2 Deep Finesse Package.** Malcolm Pryor requested that the technical difficulties of the Deep Finesse package be resolved.
- 10.3 Juniors.** Dave Armstrong informed members that a junior competition had been held with 12 tables and the schools cup had been competed.
- 10.4 Autumn Congress.** Muriel Bailey requested that the scheduling and selection of events at the Autumn Congress be reviewed in particular the Ladies Pairs.
- 10.5 President's thanks.** Martin Pool expressed thanks to the Chairman for all her hard work in the running of the association.