

FINAL DRAFT

SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Management Committee of the SCCBA took place at Worthing Bridge Club, 12 Byron Road, Worthing BN11 3HN on Friday 11 May 2018 starting at 10.30am

Present:

Mr M Pool (MP) President and Chairman
Mr J Hardy (JH) Hon Treasurer

And other elected members: Mr P Bates (PB), Mr P Clinch (PC), Mrs A Galpin (AG), Mr D Galpin (DG) and Mr M Wotton (MW). Mr J Williams (JW) and Mr I Wright (IW) attended at the invitation of the Chairman, although were not entitled to vote.

AGENDA

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Dick Wheeler (DW), Joy Mayall (JM), Malcolm Wright (MWR) and Hazel Beveridge (HB).

2. Minutes of the meeting of 16 March 2018

2.1 Accuracy

MC Members were content with the minutes as shown in the final draft.

2.2 Matters Arising

Actions from items 4.3, 4.4, 6.4, 7.3, 7.4 and 12 had been completed. Other actions would be picked up under the relevant items below.

3. Chairman's Report

MP indicated that he had nothing further to report beyond the various contributions he would make under later items of the agenda.

4. Treasurer's Report

4.1 John Hardy reported the latest financial balances (at 30th April 2018), with total bank balances being £45,824 (31st December 2017: £40,313). Surplus on the income and expenditure account was £1,658, compared to £2,505 at this time last year. Reduction mainly caused by reduced income from tournaments with the Spring Congress breaking even and NYST making a loss of £130. Overheads are currently in line with last year.

4.2 Bank Account Signatory – JH requested, and MP agreed, that, after the resignation of Andy Ryder as Chairman, that MP replace AR as the third signatory on the county bank accounts (after JH and DW). This was agreed unanimously, with JH to make the necessary arrangements

Action: JH

5. Selectors' Report

5.1 MP reported that Julian Mitchell and Ian Lancaster had resigned from the selection committee, leaving just 2 members – Chris Jepson and Roger Poulter. Suggestions for replacements included Neil Watts, Stephen Kennedy, Mick Carrington and Mike Keeping. MP would approach them about their willingness to serve. DG and PC indicated their willingness to be co-opted as necessary to the committee.

Action: MP

5.2 Tollemache selection process.- MP had discussed with Julian Mitchell ways of strengthening the process, but this had not been documented. Once new appointments were in place, and a Chairman chosen, this work will need to be completed quickly in order to enable the MC to endorse the recommendations at its July meeting.

Action: MP

5.3 Metropolitan Cup – Our current understanding is that 2 teams of 8 will be allowed in each of the divisions; A, B and C.

Action: MP

6. Tournament Committee Report

6.1 CTD Job Description – PC had been advised by Eddie Williams (EW) of his decision to resign from this position because of perceived duplication with PC's role, although EW indicated willingness to organise GP events.. PC thinks there is a need for a CTD, separate from the TM role although there is no obvious replacement, with a limited number of active County directors. It was suggested that PC should list the various aspects of the role with the possibility of splitting the role. Suggested alternative directors, when needed, included Steve Foster and Richard Banbury.

Action: PC

6.2 Chairman's Cup– Julian Mitchell had indicated his unwillingness to act as TD for this event again. His wife was also unwilling to organise the refreshments again. JM was, however, willing to be the organiser, if required. MP suggested that we might discontinue this event in light of previous difficulties in making the event viable. MC Members agreed that the TC should be asked to consider the future of the event.

Action: DW

6.3 Spring Congresses – PC had been advised that EW had booked the venue for the SC in 2019 (dates to be confirmed). With the event barely breaking even in 2018, PC was considering the viability of the Friday programme. JH was looking to analyse the financial results by each day to clarify this.

Action: PC/JH

6.4 Candles – Although entry levels are still low, it is likely that this event will take place this year.

7. Secretary's Report

7.1 Appointments 2018/19 - DW had circulated the latest appointments list for 2018/19 for MC approval. With the Officers and committee members having been elected at the EGM held earlier, the MC approved unanimously the circulated list of other appointments.

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7.2 AGM 2018 – The meeting had again failed to reach a quorum, with the subsequent EGM being held earlier on 11th May 2018. A note of the aborted meeting had been prepared and would be posted on the website.

Action: DW/JH

7.3 Year book 2018/19 – Gerry Stanford and others, mainly MW, are contributing to the finalisation of copy with a view to sending for publication before the end of May. Given the problems of the previous year, it was noted that a first draft of the new year book had not been distributed. GS to be approached for a first draft.

Action: DW

8. EBU Matters

8.1 Shareholders meeting 16 May – PB will be attending and has proxies from DW and JM. The agenda appears to be non-contentious and PB will report back to the MC in due course.

Action: PB

9. Membership Secretary's Report

9.1 Membership – HB had reported to the chairman that the county's membership total as of 11 May 2018 was 2769, over 100 fewer than at the last meeting. No explanation for this decrease was available, except for the non-renewal of members of individual clubs at 31/3/18.

9.2 GDPR 2018 – DW had circulated a draft Privacy Notice and legitimate interests assessment for consideration by the MC, There being no comments or queries, the MC unanimously accepted the Privacy Notice and legitimate interests assessment, with a view to dealing with related initial actions by 25th May.

Action: HB/JM/MW/DW

10. Press Secretary's Report

There was nothing to report on this occasion. A comment was made on the absence of any press officers report for over a year now.

11. Webmaster and Master Point Secretary's Report

MW reported that it was an especially busy time of year, with the yearbook, GDPR and the junior bridge camp adding to his regular work load. In addition, problems with scoring at the Teams of Eight tournament had also been time consuming.

12. Conduct Committee Report

Jill Armstrong has confirmed that she and the other members of the CC are willing to continue.

13. Education Report

13.1 Youth Bridge Camp Ardingly 2018 - William Bourne's plans are moving ahead nicely and DW has recently issued a reminder notice with an attached flyer to all club contacts. This was needed as most bookings received already were from outside Sussex, and this might generate more local interest. JW and IW asked whether there were any plans for all junior bridge teachers in Sussex to be attending the event. WB to be approached to discuss this. JW also made the point that the event would be a good press opportunity to advertise junior bridge.

Action: IW

13.2 Bridge in Schools – IW reported that there were several initiatives at schools in Sussex but that there were virtually no matches between the various schools involved. He felt that a list of interested schools should be drawn up with a view to arranging more matches and possibly a league. He reported that a recent trawl of schools to ascertain interest in bridge classes had evoked some interest from private schools but virtually none from the state sector

Action: IW

13.3 Co-ordination of teaching and related activities – DW has confirmed arrangements whereby IW is responsible for co-ordinating the activities of teaching in schools and colleges, with DW arranging similarly for those teaching adults. Currently, there appeared to be no demand for any get-together of bridge teachers. JW expressed disappointment at what he perceived to be lack of action by the County, especially with regard to junior bridge. DW to respond to JW.

Action: DW

13.4 – Other - IW reported a shortage of certain equipment for teaching in schools, especially bidding boxes. MWr would be approached re any spare boxes held by the County after the recent purchase of new ones.

Action: IW/MWr

14. Charities

DW was planning to issue a note to Clubs in September for suggestions for local charities which might benefit from the proceeds of the charity SIMS. MC members may wish to put forward suggestions at the August MC meeting. If there are several good candidates then, the trawl could be suspended for a year.

15. Equipment Co-ordinator's Report

15.1 MWr reported that the Championship Teams trophy had 2 problems, namely, no room for any more engraving, and the stem is bent, making it unstable. The MC agreed that it would be better to add an extra tier to the trophy, rather than purchase a new one

Action MWr

15.2 Feedback from the recent Spring Congress suggested that some of the table cloths needed replacing. MP suggested that we should purchase 30 new table cloths. MC Members agreed unanimously.

Action: MWr

16. Date of Next Meeting

Friday 3rd August 2018 at Worthing Bridge Club, commencing at 10.30 am

17. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 11.55am