
SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

**A meeting of the Management Committee of the SCCBA was held at the The
Henfield Hall on Sunday 15th October 2006 starting at 1030.**

Present:

Mr M Pool	Chairman
Mr E Williams	Vice Chairman
Miss J Simpson	Hon Secretary
Mr D Galpin	Hon Treasurer
Mr N Hardy	Tournament Manager

Mr D Armstrong, Mrs K Batting, Mrs S Bugden, Mrs V Chandler, Mrs H Kent, Mr B Loasby, Mrs C Watson, Mr M Wotton

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Mr D Clifton, Mr P Bates, Mrs J Clinton, Mrs N Gillespie, Mrs M Langmaid. Mr P Pennant, Mr A Southwell and Mrs D Strauss

2. Minutes of the meeting of 26th July 2006

2.1 Accuracy

It was agreed that the following amendments to paras should be made
3.2 add "but was unable to do 2006. This will be done by Mr K Norman,"
3.8 delete "Teams" and insert "Pairs"
3.9 to read " Sandra Landy in October and Gunnar Hallberg in September"
8 delete second sentence and insert "Invitations have been sent out for the forthcoming seminars and also enquiring availability for the Tollemache team which selectors are meeting to pick at the end of August."
10.3 delete "last year's" and insert " 2005/06"
final sentence delete " single handed in regularising master points in the county." and insert " in correcting the ScoreBridge database and the match records of 2005/06 Championship Teams and Plate."

The minutes of 26 July 2006 were then agreed nem con and were duly signed as a true record of the meeting.

2.2 Matters Arising

2.2.1 The Chairman reported that he had spoken to Julian Bradley and confirmed that the family had no objection to the Tom Bradley legacy being used for education.
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2.2.2 The Chairman has requested EBU guidelines on the setting up of Bridgemates and is awaiting a response. [3.7 & 10.1]

- 2.2.3** Congratulations to May Langmaid who had been awarded a Dimmie Flemming Award at the recent EBU AGM. [14]

3. Chairman's Report

- 3.1** Mr M Carrington had been promoted to Grand Master.
3.2 Due to pressure of work Mr A Southwell had resigned from the Conduct Committee. Mr C Bainham has joined the committee and Mrs J Mayall has been elected Chairman.
3.3 Maurice Weissburger has offered a trophy in memory of his partner Joan Durrant. Unfortunately no suitable event can be found.

4. Secretary's Report

- 4.1** A nomination for next year's Gladys Hakki Award has been received.
4.2 The David Boston Charity Pairs competition is being played by 3 clubs in Sussex this year. As this event raises money for our local charities dates for next years event will be sought and advertised through the newsletter to encourage more future participation.

5. Treasurer's Report

The bank balances currently stand at £6000 in the current account with £22,600 in the high interest account. These figures include the cost of the Junior teach-in at Loughborough (£1343) which has been paid and the surplus from the Autumn Congress at Steyning (£1206).

6. Membership Secretary's Report

The Membership Secretary had nothing to report.

7. Tournament Committee Report

- 7.1** The Tournament Committee meets on 19 October and will report on the matters arising from the last management meeting in January [7.2]
7.2 The Tournament Manager was pleased to report that
 - there had been a significant increase in numbers at the Autumn Congress in Steyning this year.
 - The Sussex Pairs competition was now being organised by Pyers Pennant who had taken over from Sally Bugden.

8. Selectors Report

The selectors report was noted. The next newsletter will contain an article on selection in the county. The Tollemache team had been selected and arrangements were in place for the match at Kettering. The seminars for squad players and other ranked players had taken place and that given by Sandra Landy was particularly helpful. To improve on the use of available time it was proposed that briefs on timing and topics should be prepared for any future seminars.

9. Conduct Committee's Report

- 9.1** The minutes of the Conduct Committee meeting were noted. A review of the Constitution has been made and changes are being considered. Suggested changes will be put to the Management Committee in due course.
- 9.2** It was agreed that the Tournament Committee should review the rules of competition re disabled, and decide fines to be imposed by Directors on Best Behaviour in Bridge infringements in the county.

10. Master Point Secretary's Report

There continued to be a problem with EBU numbers not being supplied correctly, in particular those of dual members. The Master Point Secretary requested that all tournament organisers should check numbers via ScoreBridge before passing them to him. It was agreed that the Tournament Manager should contact all tournament organisers and tournament directors to encourage use of EBU numbers and to remind them of the need to check details before they are sent to the Master Point Secretary.

11. Communication Officers' Report

There had been some publicity for Steyning winners in the local press and a few lines had been given in the Argus to Sussex winners at the Brighton congress. The web page was being kept updated with alerts to changes in the calendar.

12. Education Officers' Report

The youth event in Loughborough had gone well and the Education Officer thanked the committee for the financial support to attend. An article from one of the juniors encouraging more youngsters to take part will be inserted in the newsletter.

13. Newsletter Editor

As a result of the recent change in postal charges the next newsletter will be sent out in A5 format. Richard Fedrick had agreed to do some articles from time to time for the newsletter. Some of these will be shown on the web site.

14. Proposed new Bridge Club premises at Cuckfield

The Chairman outlined the proposed project for a new building at Warden Park School, Cuckfield which has been drawn up in consultation with The Cuckfield Amateur Dramatic Society and West Sussex Bridge Club. He considered that were the project to go ahead there could be opportunities for a county bridge centre also to be established there and outlined some financial implications. Currently the Avenue Bridge Club provides facilities for storage of county property but not a venue for county events. The discussions at Cuckfield are at a very early stage but the Chairman felt that it would be in the interests of the county to maintain an interest but with no financial commitment at this stage. After considerable discussion it was agreed that interest should be maintained and that members should be consulted and the matter

raised at the AGM. There was a need to have a full business case before any decision could be made.

15. EBU Matters

The committee congratulated Sally Bugden on her election as Vice Chairman of the EBU and Martin Pool on his re-election to the Board at the recent AGM. The new Chairman is Peter Stocken.

Martin Pool reported on the possible difficulty of announcements for the hard of hearing and tabled the new card which was available for use.

The need for members to update and improve their knowledge of the new Orange Book was raised by the Education Officer. He, the Chairman and Vice Chairman offered to go to clubs to assist in this education.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 4 Jan 07 at 1030 at Eastbourne Bridge Club.

The AGM will be held on Sunday 22 Apr 07 at 1145 at Uckfield

17. Any Other Business

17.1 The timing of management committee meetings was discussed following a question from the Avenue. It was reiterated that the agreement made at the April meeting not to hold meetings in conjunction with major events should stand and that it had been the committee's wish that some meetings should be held other than on Sundays. Whilst acknowledging the clash with an Avenue event today it was not possible to take into account the dates of all club events in the Bridge calendar when setting committee dates.

17.2 Apologies have been sent to the Avenue for the lack of notification of the change of venue for the Chairman's Cup.

17.3 The Surrey v Sussex Committee match will take place on 25 Nov at West Sussex BC.

17.4 Mrs Watson advised the committee that Mr John Porteous was about to undergo a major kidney operation and it was agreed that a card should be send to him.

17.5 It was proposed and unanimously agreed that at the forthcoming AGM Mr Martin Pool should be recommended to be President of SCCBA and Mrs May Langmaid to be a Vice President.