

SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

**Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee of the SCCBA held at the West
Sussex Bridge Club at 1430 on Wednesday 26th July 2006.**

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 N Gillespie,
Mrs M Langmaid, Mr P Pennant, Mrs D Strauss, Mr M Wotton

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Mr D Clifton, Mr P Bates, Mrs J Clinton, Mrs H Kent, Mr A Southwell, Mrs C Watson and Mr B Loasby.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 30th April 2006

2.1 Accuracy. It was agreed that the final sentence of item 20.1 should read “ It was agreed these should be credited direct or for non-EBU members be printed and that this procedure be re- evaluated after one year.”. The minutes of 30 April 2006 were then agreed nem con and were duly signed as a true record of the meeting.

2.2 Matters Arising

2.2.1 No suggestions on an event that Tom Bradley’s legacy should be allocated to have been received yet. [2.2.2]

2.2.2 The Duplimate 702 is now repaired and working. [3.3]

3. Chairman’s Report

3.1 The Chairman informed the committee that Pyers Pennant was standing down as Newsletter Editor and thanked him for the hard work he had done in producing the latest newsletter. The post of Newsletter Editor was now vacant, however in the interim Sally Bugden had agreed to edit the next letter and Mr Williams to do the logistics

3.2 Pyers Pennant has taken over as organiser of the Chairman’s Cup from Carol Watson, but was unable to do 2006; this will be done by Mr K Norman.

3.3 Jackie Clinton has taken on the organisation of the 1 day Joint Venture event at Ardingly on 12 May 2007.

3.4 A contract with Bridgemate including introductory commissions had been agreed. The Chairman will be visiting Bognor BC to demonstrate the equipment.

3.5 The EBU has requested the use of Sussex Bridgemates for the Brighton Congress. This was agreed.

3.6 Discussions were taking place between West Sussex BC and Cuckfield Amateur Dramatic Society concerning the building of new premises. On behalf of the county the Chairman had expressed interest in the project.

- 3.7 Following the use of Bridgemates at several events the provision of intermediate scorings needs to be considered and guidelines provided.
- 3.8 The Bridgemates had been used at the Ardingly Swiss Pairs event with results shown via a privately provided lap top computer and projector. Consideration should be given in the future to the purchase of the items.
- 3.9 Two seminars for the county squad had been arranged – Sandra Landy in October and Gunnar Hallberg in November.

4. Secretary's Report

The Secretary had nothing to report.

5. Treasurer's Report

The bank balance currently stands at £30,800 with £27,000 in an interest account. This compares with a balance of £35,280 at end of June 2005. The reduction reflects the acquisition of 50 Bridgemate terminals.

A cheque has been sent to the Elphinstone Families Centre in Hastings as one of our 2005/2006 charities.

6. Membership Secretary's Report

The Chairman reported that a letter of complaint had been received concerning the support of dual members and following discussion at an Officers' meeting it had been agreed with the Membership Secretary that he should concentrate on dual membership and clubs as individual membership is now mostly handled by the EBU.

7. Tournament Committee Report

The Tournament Manager reported from a meeting held on 18 May 2006

- 7.1 At beginner/non-expert levels it had been reported that new players felt outgunned by experienced novices and more organisers were needed to provide explanations on procedures and scoring systems.
- 7.2 The reintroduction of a Cadet event had been raised. After some discussion the Management Committee suggested this could be a possible use of the Tom Bradley legacy. The Tournament Committee were tasked to consider the definition of a cadet and criteria for a cadet event and make proposals to the Management Committee for approval.

The introduction of a "seniors" event at the Spring Congress and alternative locations where the Congress might be held were discussed. The Tournament Committee were asked to consider these and report back to the Management Committee.

8. Selectors Report

The selectors report was noted. 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.

9. Conduct Committee's Report

No report was tabled. The committee agreed that a review of the constitution and rules of competition were overdue and a report from the conduct committee on these was requested for the next meeting.

10. Master Point Secretary's Report

10.1 The Scorebridge database has now been tidied up. He reiterated the need to use full names and EBU numbers to help avoid further mistakes.

10.2 Green Points for Championship Teams Plate. The EBU has stated that no green points are awarded for county consolation events. Exceptionally for this year it has been agreed that they may be awarded as it was advertised. However in future green points will not be awarded for the plate event and the organiser is writing to players to inform them of this ruling.

10.3 Inaccurate reporting of Championship Team results. In reconciling 2005/06's records the Master Point Secretary has found in a number of cases recording procedures on cards had not been followed and he had identified a large number of inaccuracies in results and award of master points. It was agreed that the Tournament Manager should write to the organiser (Roger Poulter) and insist on cards being completed and the correct procedure being used.

The Chairman, on behalf of all the committee, thanked the Master Point Secretary for the hard work that he had done in correcting the ScoreBridge database and the match records of 2005/06 Championship Teams and Plate.

11. Communication Officers' report

A number of photos and results of events had been published in the local press; members were asked to encourage clubs to take and send photos to her.

12. Education Officer's report

A first draft document "An Education Policy for the SCCBA" was tabled by the Education Officer and proposals for the encouragement of juniors discussed. Some 10 juniors have been identified in the county and to further encourage them the Education Officer proposed that funding be made available for them to attend the youth event held in Loughborough in August. It was agreed that up to £1500 be made available to enable the juniors to attend.

13. Gladys Hakki procedure

The proposed procedure and nomination form for the Gladys Hakki award (at enclosure 1) was agreed.

14. Dimmie Fleming Award

It was agreed that May Langmaid be nominated for a Dimmie Fleming Award.

15. Charities

It was agreed that the Sussex Air Ambulance appeal should be supported in 2007/08. Following discussion on other charities Val Chandler agreed to report back with more information on the Worthing Churches Homeless charity and the Arthritis Research Campaign.

16. President/Vice Presidents SCCBA

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

17. EBU Matters

17.1 Orange Book. The new book will be in force from 1 Aug 06.

17.2 General Manager. The new manager, Barry Capal, is now in post

17.3 Membership Development Action Group (MDAG) Members of this group will be visiting 20 clubs to obtain feedback on how clubs see the EBU and how it could help them more.

18. Date and venue of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Sunday 15 October 2006 at 1030 at the Henfield Hall.

19. Any Other Business

19.1 Setting up Bridgemates. To facilitate and obtain uniformity in the use of the Bridgemates it was suggested that guidelines were needed for Directors. The Chairman agreed to raise this with Max Bavin.

19.2 Organisers and Dates of Events. It was requested that organisers be told in advance of publication of the dates of events. Terms of reference for organisers were discussed but not considered to be necessary.

19.3 County Calendar. Eddie Williams is seeking a replacement to undertake the editing and production of the county calendar in the future.

Enclosure

1. Gladys Hakki Award