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# SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

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A meeting of the Committee of the SCCBA took place at the Henfield Hall on Sunday  
17 January 2010 at 1100.

**Present:**

Mrs J Clinton	Chairman
Mr E Williams	Vice-Chairman
Miss J Simpson	Hon Secretary
Mr D Galpin	Hon Treasurer
Mr N Hardy	Tournament Manager
Mr J Williams	Membership Secretary

Mr M Pool, Mrs H Kent, Mrs C Watson, Mr R Whiting and Mr M Wotton.

## 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs M Langmaid, Mr R Buddery, Mr B Loasby, Mr P Bates, Mrs V Chandler, Mrs A Galpin, Mr R Lowe, Mr P Pennant, Mrs T Hennings and Mrs D Strauss.

## 2. Minutes of the meeting of 18 October 2009

### 2.1. Accuracy

Para 3.9 line 3 to read "a special TC meeting"

Para 5 line 1 delete "1882" and insert "7882"

Para 11 delete para and insert "MW expressed considerable concerns regarding what he saw as an almost complete lack of guidance from the EBU regarding the use of the new P2P upload process by counties, leaving them to guess what they needed to do to upload results. In particular he was also concerned that there would still be non-members at county events after April 1st. The Committee felt (mistakenly) that there would not be any but also they did not feel as a body that they were able to help with the level of detail MW required. JC offered to take the matter further at the Chairmen's meeting with the EBU in February if the matter remained unresolved. The meeting then raised a question on how to deal with juniors under the new arrangements. PB agreed to follow this up.

Action: PB"

Para 14 line 2 delete "MW proposed" and insert "proposed that MW"

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

### 2.2. Matters Arising

**2.2.1 Constitution (item 2.2.1)** Ray Roberts comments on the constitution had been passed to MP and his response had been circulated to all committee members. MP considered that no changes were needed to the SCCBA constitution until the EBU changed its constitution. The Committee agreed and asked the Secretary to send a reply to Ray Roberts together with MP's response.

Action: JS

**2.2.2 Spare Trophies (item 3.7)** HK reported that there were no suitable spare trophies available to use for the Metropolitan Cup. Those currently not

in use were either already inscribed or damaged and unusable. One, the Alliance Trophy, JC volunteered to take for repair and he further volunteered to take HK's spreadsheet of cup holders for the past 3 years and create a full historical list.

**Action: JC/EW**

**2.2.3 EBU County Events (item 6).** NH confirmed that the following county events were subject to P2P – County League and Championship Teams, all others were not.

**2.2.4 MP Handbook (item 11).** MP stated that a new MP Handbook was to be issued very soon.

### **3. Chairman's Report**

**3.1 Computers.** New computers had been bought for the SCCBA and were held by the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Tournament Manger and Master Point Secretary/Webmaster. The Hon Sec reported that the SCCBA Kyocera printer was a very old model and not able to operate with the new computer. If further investigation with Kyocera failed to provide a solution the committee agreed that a new printer should be purchased.

**Action: JS**

**3.2 Charities.** A proposal from a Worthing member had been received to support Crossroads and CW had proposed the Sussex Community Day Centre. The Committee agreed that these proposals should be passed to VC for consideration for next year.

**Action: JS**

**3.3 Bertha Kremer-Dersch.** Flowers had been sent to Bertha Kremer-Dersch last Saturday on the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. CW suggested that an article about her and the Kremer-Dersch Trophy should be sent to EBU. This was agreed. It was noted that an article had already appeared in the SCCBA newsletter last year and JW recommended further information could be found in Wikipedia.

**Action: CW**

**3.4 Basic Bridge Pairs, East Grinstead.** Due to the adverse weather this event had had to be cancelled. The committee agreed that every effort should be made to run the event and West Sussex BC was proposed as a venue should the hall not be available. HK/EW/JC undertook to investigate dates and make the necessary arrangements.

**Action: JC/EW/HK**

**3.5 EBU Chairmen's' Meeting.** This will be held on 16 Feb 10 and JC asked members to let her know of any queries that needed to be raised. MW queries were raised in item 4 following.

**3.6 SCCBA Charity Sim Pairs.** This event had been postponed to the week beginning 1Mar10 due to the adverse weather. It was noted that some clubs had chosen not to run this event because of the restriction of playing only once in the week. RW pointed out that at Henfield DBS it had been agreed to ask for donations at a club afternoon in place of taking part in the event.

### **4. Master Point Secretary's Report.**

The Master Point Secretary's report is attached to the minutes. This outlines some of the difficulties in scoring expected to be experienced with the introduction of P2P. The Committee acknowledged these difficulties and accepted MW's 3 proposals. It was agreed that

- All organisers are to provide full lists of EBU numbers, and where no EBU numbers are given no master points will be awarded.

**Action: NH**

- Only ScoreBridge to be used at the Spring Congress, **Action: EW**
- MW's concerns would be followed up by MP with the EBU **Action: MP**

## 5. Treasurer's Report

The bank balances at the end of December stood at £5017 in the Current Account and £27281 in the High Interest Account. There is approx £600 of interest to be added. The end of year balance therefore was expected to show a small surplus. The accounts include the purchase of 2 computers and a printer the remaining 2 will be purchased this month – these purchases were agreed at the Officers' meeting in September 09. Insurance is covered by the county insurance.

It was noted that one old computer had been sold, 2 were clapped out (internal battery gone etc) and one would be retained by NH as a backup.

The Honorary Treasurer proposed that the county subscription be set at £15 per club and the P2P at 5p. This was agreed and DG will inform the EBU accordingly.

**Action: DG**

## 6. Secretary's Report

- 6.1. **Gladys Hakki Nominations.** There had been no nomination for a Gladys Hakki Award this year.
- 6.2. **Committee Nominations.** Nomination forms will be sent by email to all committee members for completion. As there were vacancies on the committee all members were asked to canvas for new nominations. Gerry Stanford had volunteered to stand.
- 6.3. **Kremer-Dersch Event.** There are currently only 3 club teams entered – reminders will be sent to clubs with the minutes.
- 6.4. **AGM Arrangements.** The draft agenda for the AGM was agreed and is attached to these minutes.
- 6.5. **EBU Shareholders.** The committee noted that Ron Buddery wished to stand down a Sussex EBU Shareholder and the Chairman thanked him for the work he had done on the county's behalf. It was proposed and agreed that JC should replace RB as a shareholder and that JS and PB should continue to be shareholders. This agreement will be put to the AGM.

## 7. Conduct Committee's Report

The Chairman of the Conduct Committee reported

*that "2009 has been a quiet year for the Committee up until December when two incidents took place which were been passed to the Conduct Committee to deal with. They were named Ash and Beech and both have now been dealt with and the matter concluded"*

Further she drew the management committee's attention to:

the availability of forms for people wishing to make a complaint at or away from the table. Mention is made of these on the web site but she had been unable to find them. The Hon Sec had sent her a copy of the existing Zero Tolerance Form and also the orange EBU Disciplinary Form. These were shown to the Management Committee and it was agreed that EW would speak to JM and the Zero Tolerance Form then be updated and put onto the web site.

**Action: EW**

the policy of the EBU to publish the outcome of certain disciplinary matters in the EBU Magazine and asked if the SCCBA wished to adopt this approach and publish in the Sussex Magazine. After some discussion the committee agreed that should a case be proven then details should be published in the SCCBA Newsletter.

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 May – location to be confirmed.

**9. Any Other Business.**

**Deep Finesse Package.** A request to provide this at the congress was made at the last AGM. NH will arrange with PL for this to be done.

**Action: NH**

**Attached:**

- 1. Master Point Secretary's Report 17 Jan 10**
- 2. AGM Agenda 2010**

## MASTER POINT SECRETARY'S REPORT 17 JAN 2010

As in the last meeting, I only want to talk about P2P. I believe this is the last management meeting before P2P starts on April 1st.

I expect P2P to have a greater effect on what I do day-to-day than on anybody else on the committee and that it will involve me spending significant extra amounts of my time - for the first year at least.

I didn't achieve anything at the last meeting, so this time I'm going to be more specific.

After the April 1st introduction, I'm expecting problems and confusion because of :-

- new versions of scoring software,
- new software features to be used,
- new player database fields,
- potential compatibility problems between old and new versions of software and databases,
- changes in status of numerous players, i.e. non-member to member and vice versa,
- completely new logon and upload processes, which I've assumed I'll be running because I can't see anybody else doing it,
- and last but not least, the almost complete lack of guidance given to Counties by the EBU.

Also, Sussex's first event after April 1st is the Spring Congress (April 9-11th) which means using both ScoreBridge and Jeff Smiths programs (for the Swiss Pairs) and non-members playing. I can't think of a worse start.

I've got 3 proposals aimed at simplifying what I do :-

1. I want it re-stated that all Organisers are ultimately responsible for supplying me with EBU numbers. As now, I'll supply help whenever I can.
2. If I don't get EBU numbers, whether wrongly for members or correctly for nonmembers, Master Point awards will be lost. They could be retrieved later but that would be via a player/Organiser responsibility to contact the EBU directly. The alternative for non-members would be to collect names, house numbers and post codes and enter this data into result files and upload it to the EBU where it should be stored in a 'Potential Members' file. You can imagine the extra work that collecting this data (e.g. for Basic Bridge events) would entail.
3. Until further notice, only ScoreBridge should be used unless there are known significant technical problems with it, e.g. when using BridgeMates in Swiss Pairs events.

I might have more proposals next time when I see how things have gone in April.

Mervyn Wotton

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
at  
UCKFIELD CIVIC CENTRE  
on  
SUNDAY 11th APRIL 2010  
at 12pm**

1. Approval of minutes of AGM held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2009
2. Matters arising from the minutes
3. Chairman's Report
4. Constitution
5. Honorary Treasurer's Report
  - 5.1 Adoption of the Audited Annual Accounts
  - 5.2 Appointment of Honorary Auditor
  - 5.3 Subscriptions for the Year 2011 – 2012
6. Election of Officers
  - 6.1 Chairman
  - 6.2 Vice-Chairman
  - 6.3 Honorary Secretary
  - 6.4 Honorary Treasurer
  - 6.5 Honorary Membership Secretary
  - 6.6 Tournament Manager
7. Election of a Maximum of Fourteen Committee Members
8. EBU Shareholders
9. Any Other Business

There will be a prize giving ceremony after the formal business of the meeting is concluded.

All members of the SCCBA are invited to attend the AGM and can contribute to any item on the agenda. Refreshments will be provided.