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# SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

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A meeting of the Management Committee of the SCCBA was held at Eastbourne  
Bridge Club on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2008 starting at 1030

**Present:**

Mrs J Clinton	Chairman
Miss J Simpson	Hon Secretary
Mr D Galpin	Hon Treasurer
Mr N Hardy	Tournament Manager

Mr R Buddery, Mrs V Chandler, Mrs A Galpin, Mrs N Gillespie, Mrs T Hennings, Mrs H Kent, Mr A Southwell, Mrs C Watson, Mr M Wotton.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mr M Pool, Mr E Williams, Mr D Clifton, Mr D Armstrong, Mr P Bates, Mrs S Bugden, Mrs M Langmaid and Mrs D Strauss.

**2. Minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

**2.1 Accuracy.** Para 2.2.2 – line 2 should be amended to read .... to be held there. Although the Ladies Pairs.... The minutes were then agreed nem con and duly signed as a true record of the meeting.

**2.2 Matters Arising.** These were all covered by later items on the agenda.

**3. Chairman's Report**

**3.1 AGM.** All who had contributed to the success of the AGM were sincerely thanked.

**3.2 Welcome to new Committee member.** Mrs Tilly Hennings was welcomed to the committee.

**3.3 County Directors' Refresher Course.** Messrs B Gould, and D Cross are being sponsored by the SCCBA to attend the refresher course in September.

**3.4 EGM 10 May 2008.** A reminder has been sent to all clubs and has been placed on the website. Members were advised in the February newsletter.

**3.5 Charities.** The SCCBA raised £1012 this year and formal presentations to Knowles Tooth and the Sussex Air Ambulance will be made.

**4. Secretary's Report**

**1.1 Appointment of Conduct Committee for 2008/9.** A quorum of the management committee agreed on Sun 20 April 2008 after the AGM to the members of the Conduct Committee (see Annex) and the chairman was advised by email. A copy is held by the Hon Secretary.

**1.2 Action from AGM.** A wider distribution of entry forms for events had been suggested. JC agreed to speak to MP about the numbers printed and JS will propose a list of committee club ambassadors for the next management committee meeting with a view to ambassadors asking clubs to highlight

interested members to whom forms might be sent. JS will also seek names of teachers on the county to send forms for basic bridge events.

**Action: JC JS**

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

The bank balances stood at £6855 in the current account and £25355 in the High Interest account. The Treasurer reported a surplus of £2328 for 2007. The Spring Congress had shown a small surplus in spite of the lower number of players due to fewer directors and reduced transport and accommodation costs.

The Tournament Committee unanimously recommended an increase in fees of 50p to £2.50 for heats in county events and a £12 fee for teams was then proposed by the Management committee. These were agreed by a majority vote and will be shown in the new calendar.

**Action: EW**

## **6. Membership Secretary's Report**

Nothing to report.

## **7. County Appointments**

The Chairman reported that Neil Watts had resigned from the Tournament Committee and thanked him for his hard work, in particular for the organisation of the Autumn Congress. The Membership Secretary has indicated that he would be standing down at the next AGM. In view of the need to be aware of dual members and club affiliations and the unknown effect of the proposed EBU strategy it was agreed that a replacement should be sought. It was noted that Mr J Williams had stated an interest in joining the committee at the AGM and it was agreed that JC would speak to DC and JW with a view to co-opting JW onto the committee to take up this role.

**Action: JC**

A draft list of county appointments was tabled for approval by the management committee and the proposed county appointments (see Annex) were then agreed.

## **8. Competition Organisers**

A draft list of competition organisers was tabled for approval by the management committee. It was noted that Bognor had agreed to take over the Basic Bridge Pairs previously held at Chichester. Neil Watts has had to withdraw as organizer of the Autumn Congress this year and Carol Watson has kindly undertaken to assume this task for this year only. The list was then accepted nem con and is shown at the Annex.

Following the calendar meeting to be held in May JS was asked to send the dates of all the county events to their organisers.

**Action: JS**

It was agreed that VC should speak to Ian Macgregor with a view to holding heats for basic bridge competitions. (*Post meeting note – he will be holding a David Pavey event in Sep 08*)

**Action: VC.**

The County status of the Hills Trophy event at Worthing was queried and TH agreed to investigate this.

**Action: TH**

#### **9. Communication Officer's Report**

CW reported some success in getting results of events and photos of winners printed in the Mid Sussex Times and the Eastbourne Herald was doing a report on Phyl White, winner of the Gladys Hakki Award this year.

#### **10. Conduct Committee Report**

Nothing to report

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

This year has been busy but with no major problems. The scale of points to be used in Sussex events was being circulated for comment. It was recommended that these be sent to organisers, scorers and county directors.

**Action: MW**

MW (as webmaster) also stated that the web site needs to have more articles on events to keep the news fresh and asked organisers to be more forthcoming with their contributions.

**Action: All organisers**

#### **12. Tournament Committee Report**

The TC Chairman gave the following report:

**12.1 Inventory of Boards.** An inventory of the boards held at the Avenue has been carried out by Neil and we may have to purchase a few boards to replace some which have gone missing

**12.2 EBU events in Sussex.** The problem MW found with the number of events held by Sussex exceeding those technically allowed by the EBU has been resolved with no change to our events having to be made.

**12.3 Requirement to have Convention Cards.** The matter raised by the conduct committee about convention cards will be addressed by a reminder to all County directors that they should tell players at all events that they (the players) must have a completed convention card.

**12.4 Simple Systems.** The use of weak 2 opening bids is to be allowed at all simple system events, but without the use of any conventional bids to further define the opener's hand. VC recommended that as the Standard English card currently used shows amongst other things use of Baron NT more guidance should be given for these events. This will be addressed after the new laws come into effect and a proposal from the Director's training day in June to the next TC was sought.

**Action: NH EW**

**12.5 Chichester Basic Bridge.** Following the deficit of over £100 from the Chichester Basic Bridge pairs in December the committee decided that the level of support from members was such that a new less expensive venue should be sought. It has therefore been agreed and arranged that the basic bridge event in the west of the county this year will be held at Bognor Bridge Club and the organization of this event will be undertaken by Richard Lowe of the Bognor Club.

**12.6 Ladies Pairs.** Following the lack of support received from the Patcham Club it was decided to seek a new venue for the Ladies Pairs.

**12.7 Bridgemates.** An extra server for the Bridgemates has been purchased.

### **13. Selectors' Report**

The selectors' report that had been circulated previously was noted. Selection for the Metropolitan Cup had been made and the results would be reviewed at the next selectors' meeting in June.

### **14. Education Officer's Report and Mini Bridge**

There was no report but the following points were raised:

**14.1 Loughborough 2008.** A draft flyer for this year's junior training weekend at Loughborough produced by DA was shown to the committee. The flyer had no SCCBA logo. It was agreed that in view of the SCCBA sponsorship of this event JC should speak to DA to get the logo included

**Action: JC DA**

**14.2 Education Trust.** Money received from the Education trust had been used in a junior event recently – JC agreed to write and thank Sandra Landy.

**Action: JC**

### **15. EBU Strategy**

Following discussion it was proposed by JS, seconded by VC and unanimously agreed that the Chairman should make the following statement to the EGM to be held on 10 May 2008

“The management committee recommend that Sussex accept the proposals for universal membership of the EBU via P2P as outlined in the EBU paper which has been distributed to all clubs in April.”

Further it was agreed that in the event of a vote being necessary the policy for the result should be that winner takes all (i.e. all Sussex votes at the EBU EGM). It was noted that the quorum for an EGM was 30 members.

### **16. Annual selection of dates (in advance) of Management Committee Meetings**

The following dates for management committee meetings for the next year were agreed, all commencing at 1030:

Sun 27 July 2008 at West Sussex BC

Sun 2 Nov 2008 at West Sussex BC

Wed 7 Jan 2009 at Worthing BC

### **17. Any Other Business**

**17.1 Date of Spring Congress.** It was requested that consideration of Jewish religious holidays be taken into account.

**Annex: SCCBA President, Officers and Committee Members, and Appointments and Tournament Organisers for 2008/2009**