

SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of selection committee Monday 2nd July 2018

Attended by Chris Jepson (CJ), Martin Pool (MP), Mike Keeping (MK), Roger Poulter (RP) and Neil Watts (NW)

1. A new Chairman was voted for as Julian had resigned

CJ was voted in with the understanding that the emailing to all the players would be undertaken by RP. MK offered to assist in this task

2. No minutes from the previous meeting in Dec 2017 could be found so a discussion was held about what had happened, only MP, NW and RP were present at this meeting. It was agreed that the present system of players on the committee leaving the room if they are up for selection was not workable so this need to be discussed.

3. Consideration of players to be invited to give availability for selection for the Metropolitan cup

It was decided to ask all players from the first four divisions of the Sussex league for their availability as well as looking at pairs playing in the garden Cites final the invitation pairs and the Championship teams cup. We also decided to write to all clubs asking if they have any players that are up and coming that may be worth considering. CJ to write email and RP to send it out after obtaining the data base from Joy Mayall.

We hope to enter 6 teams 2 in each section in the metropolitan cup but will need to check with SCCBA management committee if funds are available. The cost is £100 per team

4. A number of pairs from the first and second division plus any other suitable pair will also be asked for their availability for the Tollemache cup in November. CJ to write a second email with availability for the Tollemache to be sent to these players.
5. Procedure for selection
6. MK did suggest a points system based on a pairs competition record in county and National Events over the past two years, but it was agreed that this would be difficult to implement how much weighting you give a pair for each event.

After a long discussion it was decided that we would put into place a voting system

Pairs up for selection would be asked for their playing record for the previous couple of years. This would be discussed and narrowed down to all suitable pairs where the selectors would then rank the players in order, for example say 8 pairs are up for selection they would be given from 1 to 8pts. These would be added up and the lowest scoring pairs would be selected. The 5 members of the selection committee would all be given a vote and would vote again on a tie, at this point a player involved may be asked to leave the room, where upon the remaining members will discuss and vote again for the final place.

7. Next meeting to be held 16th August 10.00am at Mars Hill Villa, Colgate