

SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting of Selectors held at 62 The Droveway, Hove on Friday 20 September 2013.

In attendance: - David Galpin (Chairman of Selectors), Christine Jepson, Mike Keeping, Julian Mitchell (JMt), Joy Mayall (SCCBA Chairman) (JMy), Gerry Stanford (Vice Chairman), Andrew Southwell (Co-opted).

- (1) Apologies for absence – none. DG welcomed AS who, as he is unavailable for the Tollemache this year, had agreed to join us to help select the team.
- (2) The minutes of the last meeting on 10 July which had already been circulated to all Selectors were agreed and approved.

Matters Arising:- DG reported that the Seminar by Ian Pagan had been held. It attracted 8 tables. It was suggested that a further Seminar was worthwhile in a different part of the County, possibly inviting interested Clubs to tender to hold the event.

Other Matters arising to be dealt with under 3 – 5 below.

- (3) We reviewed Sussex's performance in the Metropolitan Cup where the A Team finished 4th of 7 teams. The B and C Teams enjoyed considerable success, winning both Sections, with the other C Team finishing 2nd. DG reported that he had emailed at least one member of each winning B and C pair to congratulate them and to advise them of the follow-up event at Solihull next summer.

Reports from JMt for the A Team and Piers Pennant for the successful C Team were considered by the meeting.

Various complaints about the new venue - parking, ladies toilets, uncomfortable chairs - were noted and discussed. From an SCCBA administrative point of view, it was also noted by A Team members present that as they finished after the other Sections, there were insufficient hand copies available for them. Organisation for future years is still under discussion but should SCCBA be involved again these are matters which our organiser should give considerable attention to.

The full results for all Sections, with player names and cross-imping figures, are on the SCCBA Website.

- (4) We then turned to the Tollemache and JMt produced a list of those pairs who had been approached to play and who had indicated their availability. As previously, we considered whether to take 4 or 5 pairs but decided to keep to 5 in case of illness, as seen last year. After reviewing the current form of each pair, particularly their performance in the Metropolitan Cup, we picked the following team:-

Julian Mitchell (Captain) and Peter Clinch
Mick Carrington and Richard Fedrick
David Clifton and Christine Jepson
Mike Keeping and Matt Read
Nigel Urban and Neil Watts

AS suggested for the future that, when approaching pairs to play in this event, we should include a questionnaire re current form and the meeting agreed this was a good idea.

As last year, a team meeting will be held after the Invitation Pairs at the Avenue on 12 November. It is hoped that team members not playing on the evening will still attend this meeting.

JMt to advise pairs of their selection, DG to advise the team to the Webmaster for detailing on the County Website and to make the entry with the EBU.

- (5) As already noted, DG has indicated his wish to step down as Chairman of Selectors at the end of the current season. We considered who should be the new Chairman and agreed that JMt should take over this position from 2014.

DG to report to the next SCCBA Committee meeting for formal ratification of this.

We will also need a new member(s) of the Selection Committee. After discussing several names, a short list of possibles was agreed on and DG will make approaches in due course. Another possibility is to ask Division 1 League teams to nominate one representative on a rotating basis.

- (6) Any Other Business – none.

- (7) Date of next meeting – Friday 6 December, 7 pm at Chairman of Selectors' house.