

## **SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of meeting of Selectors held at 62 The Droveway, Hove on Wednesday 26 September 2012.

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

- (1) Apologies for absence – none.
- (2) The minutes of the last meeting on 4 July 2012 which had already been circulated to all Selectors were agreed and approved.

Matters arising:- (1) DG reported that the C Team from last year's Metropolitan Cup had retained the Inter County League competition in July. (2) DG asked GS whether Dave Franklin had made any comments to him following his attendance at our last meeting – GF said he had mentioned it, felt he had had a fair hearing, but had made no further significant comments.

- (3) We reviewed Sussex's performance in the Metropolitan Cup where the teams had finished as follows :-

A	1 <sup>st</sup>
B	2 <sup>nd</sup>
C	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>

We congratulated the 4 members of the A Team present on their success. DG to make enquiries about the date and format of next year's Inter League event with the organiser at the EBU and then to enquire whether our team wishes to play in the 2013 event.

Reports have been received from 3 of the 4 team Captains which we duly considered, particularly that from JMt, as Captain of the A Team. All pairs had played creditably and as a whole the team performed very well.

- (4) We moved on to consider the Sussex team for the Tollemache. JMt advised us of the pairs who had indicated they were available and we had an extensive discussion about each pair's respective merits. With 3 likely players for the event represented on our Committee, each put forward their own case and in addition we gave full consideration to discussing the other pairs who were not represented. JMt, CJ, and GS then left the room and DG, MK, and JMy considered our options. Whilst the possibility of only taking 4 pairs was given

due consideration, we felt the team would have greater flexibility if we continued to take 5 pairs and we, therefore, decided to select the same 5 pairs as had originally been selected for last year's event, namely :-

Julian Mitchell (Captain) and Peter Clinch  
Mick Carrington and Richard Fedrick  
Dave Clifton and Chris Jepson  
Dave Franklin and Gerry Stanford  
Ian Lancaster and Andrew Southwell

The Captain has been requested to play the last-named pair throughout the event, unless they themselves request a break. We also considered a pre-event team meeting would be beneficial and this will be held after the Invitation Pairs at the Avenue on Tuesday 13 November. Most of the team will be playing in the event and non-players will be welcome to join.

DG to write both to the selected pairs and to the 3 pairs we did not select.

- (5) Any other business - JMt had submitted a paper by email prior to the meeting concerning the composition of the Selection Committee. He suggested a rotation of Selectors, particularly those in serious contention to be picked for the Tollemache team, with other Sussex League Division 1 Team Captains being approached to nominate a representative to serve on the Committee for a period of say 3 years. No definite decision as to the way forward here was taken but DG to raise the matter at the next full SCCBA Committee meeting.
- (6) Date of next meeting – Thursday 22 November, 1030 am at Chairman of Selectors' house.