

SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting of Selectors held at 62 The Droveway, Hove on Friday 9 December 2011

In attendance:-

David Galpin (Chairman of Selectors), Christine Jepson, Mike Keeping, Julian Mitchell

- (1) Apologies for absence – Jackie Clinton, Eddie Williams.
- (2) The minutes of the last meeting on 22 September 2011 which had already been circulated to all Selectors were agreed and approved. No matters arising other than minuted under specific agenda items below.
- (3) We reviewed Sussex's performance in the recent Tollemache Cup, where we finished 3rd of 10 counties behind the 2 seeded teams in the Group. From our original selection, JM had been taken ill prior to the event and did not go to Daventry so we played with the remaining 4 pairs throughout and JM's intended partner Peter Clinch acting as NPC.

Subsequent to the event, DG had sought views from the team, particularly on how the 4 pair scenario had worked rather than 5, and on the accommodation, where we had again been unable to book at the Barcelo where the event was held. Reports had been received from Peter Clinch in his NPC capacity, as well as Richard Fedrick and Gerry Stanford. All these were reviewed, along with both the EBU's cross-imping figures and those done by RF which were incorporated in PC's report. In all our performance was considered generally satisfactory, we had beaten and drawn with the 2 teams who finished ahead of us and, as has happened previously, it was our results against the lower ranked teams which had been disappointing at times.

From the reports received, the majority view was to have 4 pairs and NPC rather than 5 pairs including a playing Captain. It was also felt preferable to stay at the Barcelo rather than the Premier Inn. DG will make enquiries to book now for next November. *(subsequently checked with EBU, 2012 venue yet to be decided so cannot book at this stage).*

- (4) The Sandra Landy seminar has been held, with 18 attendees. Well received but difficult to make up sufficient numbers. We could look at again when enquiring Metropolitan Cup availability in 2012, otherwise probably leave for 2/3 years before we consider holding another one.
- (5) We have been asked by SCCBA main Committee to consider new Selectors and/or rotation of selectors to increase impartiality, primarily in the selection of the Tollemache team. JM did some research before the meeting and

referred to the Minutes of the main Committee meeting on 13 May 2007 (item 7) where previous restrictions on Selectors were removed and the latest request from the Committee appeared to contradict this. We considered it was difficult to find possible selectors who are not of a level where they are close to selection. We will put a proposal to the main Committee whereby we consider selecting part of the team earlier than previously and then seeking views, initially by email, but with an option for one to attend the meeting where we select the remainder of the team. DG will discuss at forthcoming Officers' meeting and the main Committee meeting on 13 January 2012.

- (6) Any other business. (1) JM raised various issues regarding the Metropolitan Cup. Firstly, he requested early contact be made with the event organiser/main Director EW to ensure Butler/Cross-Imping figures are available by computer shortly after the event. Unfavourable comments about the lack of such figures following this year's event have been made not only by this Committee but by other Counties. He also suggested enquiring as to being allowed a second B Team and/or relaxing restrictions on the C Team bearing in mind the level of experience of a lot of our potential players. DG to raise these matters with EW. (2) DG referred to the National League Final in July 2012 where we have a team of 12 qualified for the event by winning the Metropolitan Cup C Division but the national event is for teams of 8. DG to write to all pairs to explain this situation and to enquire availability for the event.
- (7) Date of next meeting – Friday 18 May 2012, 1030 am at Chairman of Selectors' house.

