

SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Selection Committee, Friday 17th July 2015.

1. Attended by Julian Mitchell (JM), Christine Jepson (CJ), Mike Keeping (MK), Roger Poulter (RP) and Andy Ryder (AR).
2. Minutes of meeting held on 27th March 2015.
 - a) Approved.
 - b) Matters arising.

JM confirmed that the county's request to field in the Metropolitan Cup, one A team; both a West Sussex and East Sussex B team; and both a West Sussex and East Sussex C team has been accepted. Unfortunately lack of availability may restrict the number of teams that Sussex does field this year.
3. Consider survey of potential and actual county representatives, including provision of a Training Day.

AR reported that in response to last year's Tollemache performance a survey had been conducted to canvass opinion as to how the team's future performance can be improved upon. Of the eleven responses received, the most often repeated suggestion was the provision of a training day for squad members. Given the pressure on the upcoming calendar, it was decided to keep a watching brief on this and for the committee to identify those who would be able to run such an event successfully.
4. Review performances of teams in the National Inter-Counties Leagues Finals.

Both the Sussex A & B teams performed well at the recent National Inter-Counties Leagues Finals. The A team finished in second place to a strong Manchester team, with all four pairs cross-IMPing positively. The B team came third in their competition, with an above average VP score, with the most heartening performance being the team's top cross-IMPing pair, Yves Lebrech and Peter Brown, who had helped out the team at short notice.
5. Selection of teams for the Metropolitan Cup.

The following teams were selected to represent Sussex in the forthcoming Metropolitan Cup to be held in Leatherhead on Sunday 11th October.

'A' Team

Chris Jepson (c) and David Clifton
David Dickson and Andy Ryder
Richard Fedrick and Matt Read
David Franklin and Gerry Stanford

Ian Lancaster and Andrew Southwell
Nigel Urban and Neil Watts

'B1' (West Sussex) Team

Harold (c) and Cecily Linfield
Peter Brown and Yves Lebrec
Mick Carrington & Martin Pool
Duncan Curtis and Andrew Morris
Peter and Marit Langston
David Nastaszczuk and Philip Roxburgh

'B2' (East Sussex) Team

Roger Poulter (c) and Matt Smith
Tom Brogan and Mark Denny
Irvine Caplan and Eddie Lucioni
David Galpin and Joan Hootman
Alan and James Hobden
Geoffrey and Ros Wolfarth

'C' Team

Joy Mayall (c) and Malcolm Wright
Ray Burnett and Brian Gould
Fergus Cameron and David Gillespie
Michael Campbell and David Telfer
Per Lindsten and Mike Moody
Jeff & Lydia Stanford

Res: Mary Lawrenson and David Park

6. Pairs to be considered for the Tollemache Cup.

After some consideration, a number of pairs were to be invited to give their availability for this event. These pairs were also to be asked for their views on whether the county should send four or five pairs; whether the county should also send a non-playing captain; and also, these pairs were canvassed for their preferences for a non-playing captain.

7. Consideration of members to be co-opted for meeting on 11th September 2015.

In accordance with the newly adopted protocol for the Tollemache Selection Meeting, it was noted that one additional member would be required for the next meeting to be held on 11th September. Players contacted in 6) above, but

who are unavailable for the Tollemache, would be the first to be considered for co-option. In the event that all players contacted are available, a list of impartial outsiders for co-option was drawn up. From that list, David Galpin, agreed to attend the meeting on 11th September.

8. Any other business.

None.