

SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Selection Committee, Friday 18th September 2015.

1. Attended by Julian Mitchell (JM), David Galpin (DG), Christine Jepson (CJ), Mike Keeping (MK), Roger Poulter (RP) and Andy Ryder (AR).

2. Minutes of meeting held on 17th July 2015.

a) Approved.

b) Matters arising.

MK confirmed that he is looking to step down from the Selection Committee in the new year. A discussion elicited two names to be approached as a possible replacement (CJ to action).

3. Composition of Tollemache team.

The Committee considered the format of the team to represent Sussex in the Tollemache, having previously canvassed the fourteen players in this year's Tollemache squad. All members of the squad sent feedback for consideration. After some discussion, it was decided to send five pairs as before, but for a two-year trial period, send a non-playing captain as well, who would have a free hand in all matters concerning the team. It was noted that ideally the npc should be a player of standing who could step in to play *in extremis*.

4. Review Brighton Congress and other relevant matters.

Stephen Kennedy's good result at Brighton was noted and the Selection Committee was also pleased to see that he would be getting valuable experience in this year's Premier League as part of the England Junior team. Those pairs who had submitted CVs were thanked by the Committee.

5. Consider available pairs/players for Tollemache Cup and select teams.

During the final selection discussion, interested parties present – Julian Mitchell, Chris Jepson and Andy Ryder – absented themselves from the room, at which point Mike Keeping took the chair.

The following team was selected to represent Sussex in the forthcoming Tollemache Cup qualifier to be held in Birmingham over the weekend of 21st/22nd November.

David Clifton and Chris Jepson
Peter Clinch and Julian Mitchell
Richard Fedrick and Matt Read
David Franklin and Gerry Stanford
Ian Lancaster and Andrew Southwell

Res: David Dickson and Andy Ryder

NPC: Neil Watts.

6. Any other business.

David Galpin was warmly thanked by the Committee for giving his time to attend this meeting, to assist in the selection process.

7. Date of next meeting.

Friday 11th December 2015.