

SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Selection Committee, Friday 27th March 2015.

1. Attended by Julian Mitchell (JM), Christine Jepson (CJ), Mike Keeping (MK), Martin Pool (MP) and Roger Poulter (RP). Apologies from Andy Ryder.

2. Minutes of meeting held on 5th December 2014.

- a) Approved.

- b) Matters arising.

JM reported that there was as yet no word back from Steve Foster regarding Sussex'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.

3. Consider the revised document, "Transparency at the Tollemache Selection Meeting".

The committee considered the document in detail and, after some considerable discussion of likely scenarios that might unfold (helped by MP), were unanimously in favour of recommending its presentation to the SCCBA Management Committee. The Selection Committee suggested a two year trial period of the adoption of the protocol outlined with the option of returning to the SCCBA Management Committee should difficulties executing the same be encountered.

4. Standing orders and practice for the SCCBA Selection Committee.

Given the previous item, it was considered a sensible time to determine other constraints under which the Selection Committee shall act. The committee agreed that:

- a) The Selection Committee is not bound to select the same team for the final of an event as it did for the qualifier and that all teams shall be picked wholly on their merits. So a pair that played in a qualifying Tollemache team is not bound to be selected for the final. Similarly, a pair who played in a winning Metropolitan Cup team is not bound to be selected for the National Inter-Counties Final.

- b) The SCCBA is no flag of convenience and that those who represent Sussex shall be readily identified as Sussex playing members.

5. National Inter-Leagues Finals.

On this occasion, Sussex shall be represented by teams wholly comprised of members of the winning teams of the Metropolitan A & B competitions in the National Inter-Leagues Finals at Coventry BC on Sunday 28th June 2015.

Sussex A team

Richard Fedrick (Captain) & Matt Read
Irvine Caplan & Eddie Lucioni
David Dickson & Andy Ryder
David Nastszczuk & Phil Roxburgh
(Res: Dave Franklin & Gerry Stanford)

Sussex B team

Harold (Captain) & Cecily Linfield
David Benjamin & Mike Keeping
Duncan Curtis & Andrew Morris
David Galpin & Joan Hootman
(Res: TBA)

6. Pairs to be considered for the Metropolitan Cup.

A number of pairs were considered to represent Sussex in the Metropolitan Cup to be held at Leatherhead Leisure Centre on Sunday 11th October. These pairs will be contacted and asked to give their availability for the event. Additionally they will be asked to complete a proforma detailing their recent county and national results which the Selection Committee may use to help the selection process.

7. Dates of next two meetings.

- 1) Friday 17th July, 10.00 am at 80 Hythe Road, Brighton.
- 2) Friday 11th September, 10.00 am at 80 Hythe Road, Brighton.

8. Any Other Business.

All SCCBA Club Chairmen/Secretaries to be invited to suggest pairs to the Selection Committee who may worthy of its consideration, especially in the case of pairs new to the county and junior pairs.