
SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Tournament Committee of the SCCBA was held at Timberlands on 19th October 2006 at 10-15 am.

PRESENT: Mr N Hardy (Chairman), Mr M Pool, Miss J Simpson (Secretary), Mr D Galpin, Mr R Whiting, Mrs M Langmaid, Mr E Williams, and Mrs S Bugden

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr N Watts.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Accuracy.

The following amendments were agreed

Para 6.19 Second sentence to read "Gunner Hallberg to give seminar to Sussex squad."

Para 8 to read 19 Oct 06

The minutes of 18 May 2006 were then agreed nem con and were duly signed as a true record of the meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 John Pavey (item 4.1)

A reply from John Pavey has not yet been received.

3.2 Invitation Pairs – use of Bridgemates (item 6.16)

The Bridgemates have now been corrected. An EBU decision on setting up is awaited.

3.2 Basic Bridge Pairs participation (item 7.1)

Following earlier discussions on the participation at the Basic Bridge Pairs competitions the Committee felt that there was a need to reintroduce the Cadet Cup to provide a stepping stone for the inexperienced into competition bridge.

It was agreed that participants should enter as a pair where one is below the rank of County Master (2500 master points) at least one of the pair must be an EBU member. The systems to be used were as for Basic Bridge – Basic ACOL, Standard English, and from the EBU Simple Systems convention card. The Cadet Cup should be a one day event with 2 sessions. Mr R Whiting volunteered to be the organiser and it was agreed that the first event should be held in Henfield 1300-1830 on 1 July 2007 at a cost of £7.50 per player including tea. EW volunteered to direct and ML and SB volunteered to assist.

To publicise and encourage participation SB will promote the event at the Welcome Pairs at Uckfield and will also contact the Education Officer to ask that teachers be informed of the event.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 MP reported that he had received the EBU costings for JV events for 2007-08 - £7.25 per table/session.

4.2 An email had been received from NW concerning the recent management committee meeting where the tournament committee had been tasked to consider the level of fines to be imposed for bad behaviour. After some discussion it was agreed that the Tournament Manager(NH) should arrange a meeting of all county directors to inform them of procedural and disciplinary penalties available and the need to use the EBU Disciplinary Report Form and send copies to the Conduct Committee and Tournament Manager. This meeting will also cover use of ScoreBridge and Bridgemates.

4.3 The tournament committee had also been tasked to review the rules of competition re the disabled. MP and EW agreed to do this and propose amendments as appropriate.

5. COUNTY CONGRESSES (REPORTS & ARRANGEMENTS)

5.1 Spring Congress 20-22 Apr 07 (EW). Entry form sent out with Oct Newsletter.

5.2 New Year Swiss Teams, 14 Jan 07 (CW). Directors agreed . ScoreBridge to be used; MP will assist and score/caddy

5.3 Ardingly Swiss Pairs 24 Jun 07 (JC) Nothing to report

5.4 Basic Bridge Pairs:. It was agreed that Bridgemates should not be used for these events but recommended that Scorebirdge be used.

5.4.1 Chichester, 3 Dec 06 (DS). In hand – 9 cheques banked to date

5.4.2 East Grinstead, 21 Jan 07 (HK).

5.4.3 Hastings, 15 Jul 07 (KW).

5.5 Joint Ventures: It was noted that counties can choose their own directors/prizes for these events.

5.5.1 Ardingly 12 May 07 (JC) Pairs event. MP agreed to be director. Need to ensure that there are enough Bridgemates for both floors – maybe borrow some from the EBU?

5.5.2 Hove 22 Jul 07 (EW) Teams event. Venue confirmed. Cost of moving tables might be less due to proximity of Avenue Club– to be investigated with Malcolm.

6. COMPETITIONS (REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS)

6.1 Financial Report To date this year running the same as last. For financial results see enclosure to minutes

6.2 Sussex League (DG) Underway after slow start. 56 teams in 8x7 divisions. Needs promoting in Newsletter (Feb) to attract new teams.

6.3 David Pavey (VC) It was reported that West Sussex had subsidised the event in their club and got 10 entries. This approach to be encouraged.

6.4 Elisabeth North (DS) Nothing to report

6.5 Novice Swiss Teams (NG) Nothing to report

6.6 Kremer Dersch Trophy (KB) Nothing to report

6.7 Mixed Pairs (ML) Finals date on Bank Holiday to stand.

6.8 Sussex Pairs (PP) Nothing to report

6.9 Ladies and Men's Pairs (TH) Instant results to be sought through email amalgamation. NH to speak to KN

6.10 Charity Simultaneous Pairs (AS) EW to send information to AS.

6.11 Chairman's Cup (KN) The Avenue had questioned the reasons for the removal of this event from the Avenue. EW to write to Julian Mitchell explaining the choice of venues for events. NH to confirm arrangements for 2006 with KN.

- 6.12 Teams of Eight (KB)** Nothing to report
- 6.13 Daily Telegraph Cup.** Letter received requesting county entry for event 3 Dec 06. DG to action.
- 6.14 Metropolitan League** to be removed from future agenda
- 6.15 Seniors Simultaneous Pairs (AS)** nothing to report
- 6.16 Championship Teams of Four (RP)** An appeal is being dealt with. NH to remind organisers of rules of competition and procedures for appeals.
- 6.17 Invitation Pairs (AG)** one round to go and there will be a tight finish. Need to look for new venues as Beechams no longer available.
- 6.18 Golf Print (PC)** NH to contact PC to confirm arrangements
- 6.19 Devonshire Club Cup (NG)** Nothing to report
- 6.20 Tollemache** Team picked on website
- 6.21 Metropolitan Cup** Venue booked (Ardingly). Team to be decided in Dec
- 6.22 Pachabo** to be removed from future agenda
- 6.23 Reg Corwen Trophy** to be removed from future agenda

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 Sx v Sy match** This will take place at West Sussex Bridge Club on Sat 25 Nov 06.
- 7.2** It was agreed that Tournament Committee minutes should be posted on the web site.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 15 February at 1015 at Timberlands.