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# SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

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**A meeting of the Tournament Committee of the SCCBA was held at Backsettown Farmstead on 28 March 2007 at 10am.**

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

## **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mrs M Langmaid, Mr N Watts and Mr E Williams.

## **2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

### **Accuracy.**

The following amendments were agreed

Para 3.2 to read "The web site scores have now been corrected. An EBU decision on default settings is awaited"

Para 5.2 delete "/caddy"

The minutes of 19 October 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 3.1)**

A reply from John Pavey was discussed. It was agreed that the TC Chairman (NH) should ask Mr Pavey to consider sponsoring the Welcome Pairs at the Uckfield Spring Congress. As this is a free competition any money he gives will be used to subsidise it.

**Action: TC Chairman**

## **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

**4.1** JS had received a request from the EBU Webmaster for information on events taking place in the county. It was agreed to draw the clubs attention to the request in the next secretary's letter.

**Action: Secretary**

### **4.2 Actions from the Management Committee**

#### **4.2.1 Rules of Competition (Devonshire Cup)**

Following the small number of teams able to play this year in the finals the committee agreed that in future there should only be a secondary final if there are sufficient entries in the competition. Further consideration should be given to moving the date of the final to Jan/Feb.

#### **4.2.2 Rules of Competition (Disabled access)**

There was a need to establish which clubs had disabled facilities/access so that finals for competitions can be arranged appropriately.

**Action: Secretary**

#### **4.2.3 Level of Fines for bad behaviour**

An EBU meeting has been scheduled to discuss this and following the meeting guidelines will be distributed.

#### **4.2.4 Cadet Event level of play.**

It was agreed that play at level 1 and on the Standard English card should be allowed. If there were any doubts raised at the competition the Director should rule on the day.

### **5. COUNTY CONGRESSES (REPORTS & ARRANGEMENTS)**

**5.1 Spring Congress** 20-22 Apr 07 (EW). Welcome Pairs only 4 tables to date. The Treasurer reported a healthy banking for other events.

**5.2 New Year Swiss Teams**, 14 Jan 07 (CW). A successful event

**5.3 Ardingly Swiss Pairs** 24 Jun 07 (JC) Some entries received and EBU Directors are being sought.

#### **5.4 Basic Bridge Pairs:.**

**5.4.1 Chichester**, 3 Dec 06 (DS). Numbers slightly down.

**5.4.2 East Grinstead**, 21 Jan 07 (HK). Numbers slightly down

**5.4.3 Hastings**, 15 Jul 07 (KW). Nothing to report

#### **5.5 Joint Ventures:**

**5.5.1 Ardingly** 12 May 07 (JC) Some entries received

**5.5.2 Hove** 22 Jul 07 (EW) Nothing to report

### **6. COMPETITIONS (REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS)**

**6.1 Financial Report** see enclosure to minutes

**6.2 Sussex League (DG)** All in hand for this year. Need to promote for next year as 4 teams are leaving.

**6.3 David Pavey (VC)** No semi final held due to lack of entries. It was agreed to not to schedule a semi final next year.

**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)** Forming 2 semi finals this year has been difficult this year. Finals date on a bank holiday weekend may not be popular. Consider no semi final to be programmed for next year.

**6.8 Sussex Pairs (PP)** Lack of full results on the web site was regretted. It was agreed that a course on Scorebridge and Bridgemates should be set up for all tournament Directors + Peter Bates. Secretary to make contact.

**Action: Secretary**

**6.9 Ladies and Men's Pairs (TH)** It was agreed that Men's Pairs event should be dropped next year as it is no longer viable. Ladies pairs to be continued – a central venue to be

sought. TC Chairman to speak to TH first and then contact J Hinden re possibility of using Patcham.

**Action: TC Chairman**

**6.10 Charity Simultaneous Pairs (AS) Good** turnout.

**6.11 Chairman's Cup (KN)** There had been some concern at the level of table money this year which only included tea. It was agreed that next year the only prize would be the cup and that entry should be free.

**6.12 Teams of Eight (KB) Completed.**

**6.13 Daily Telegraph Cup.** Nothing to report

**6.14 Seniors Simultaneous Pairs (AS)** Treasurer needs instruction on distribution of prizes – how much and to whom. TC Chairman to find someone else to organise the event and to email AS and to ask him if he will continue to do the analysis.

**Action: TC Chairman**

**6.15 Championship Teams of Four (RP)** No complaints, Replacement needed for organiser

**Action: TC Chairman**

**6.16 Invitation Pairs (AG)** Venues West Sussex (2) Avenue (3) Eastbourne (2) Worthing (1). TC Chairman to speak to AG re duplimates and printouts.

**Action: TC Chairman**

**6.17 Golf Print (PC) Dyke** GC won it! Letter of congratulation to be sent.

**Action: Secretary**

**6.18 Devonshire Club Cup (NG)** see item 4.2.1

**6.19 Metropolitan Cup** All in hand

**6.20 Venture Pairs (RW)** 8 pairs to date

**6.21 Sussex Individual (PB)** Nothing to report

## **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**7.1 Bridgemates.** These are now insured.

## **8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 23 May at 0930 at Backsettown Farmstead.