
SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Tournament Committee of the SCCBA was held at Timberlands on Thursday 18th May 2006 at 10-15 am.

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr D Galpin and Mr N Watts.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 8 Dec 05 were accepted nem.con and duly signed as a true record of the meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Bill Sherman [4.1] Martin Pool had replied.

3.2 Sussex Pairs [6.8] No semi final should be arranged between 1-7 Feb 07 due to EBU Overseas Congress.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 John Pavey

John Pavey (brother of David Pavey) had emailed Martin Pool requesting details of the trophy event and offering to make a donation/sponsorship. After discussion it was agreed that this could be used to encourage participation and/or relaunch the event. The Chairman will contact John Pavey to establish how much is on offer.

5. COUNTY CONGRESSES (REPORTS & ARRANGEMENTS)

5.1 County Congresses

5.1.1 Spring Congress 7-9 Apr 06 (EW). This went well but numbers were down. Welcome Pairs were well supported and there was successful use of Bridgemates. It was agreed to encourage greater take up for congress that two mailings (Oct/Feb) should be sent this year and that a free session would be offered to those who booked for all sessions. To speed up the sessions it was agreed that complimentary tea would not be provided on Fri/Sat.

5.1.2 Autumn Congress 15-17 Sep 07 (NW). Entry form was noted

5.2 New Year Swiss Teams, 15 Jan 06 (CW). 160 entered. It was a good venue and will be repeated - 14 Jan 07.

5.3 Basic Bridge Pairs:

5.3.1 Chichester, 4 Dec 05 (AG). Broke even

5.3.2 Chichester 3 Dec 06 (DS) Entry fee being increased to £9 and for all Basic Bridge Pairs.

5.3.3 East Grinstead, 22 Jan 06 (CW). Nothing to report. Next year will be held on 21 Jan 07 (HK)

5.3.4 Hastings, 20 May 06 (KW). There was an encouraging 25% increase in tables.

5.3.5 Hastings 7 Jul 07 (KW)

5.4 Joint Ventures:

5.4.1 Ardingly, 14 May 06 (EW). This went well; the manual scoring was very good but an extra director would have been appreciated.

5.4.2 Ardingly 12 May 07 (??) This is to be held on Sat 12 May 07. Guidance from EBU on future responsibilities for director selection is awaited. The Chairman agreed to seek new organiser to replace EW.

5.4.3 Hove 22 Jul 07 (EW)

5.5 Swiss Pairs 25 Jun 06 (JC) the entries are slow to date.

6. COMPETITIONS (REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS)

6.1 Financial Report. Surplus down 25% from last year. The Chairman to send complete breakdown to committee.

6.2 Sussex League. (Report from DG) Now complete - 2 matches unplayed (1 in Div 4 and 1 in Div 6). 3 or 4 matches not played until after 30 April deadline which, although with the organiser's agreement, is not a particularly satisfactory situation. 2 teams withdrew during the season not having played any matches leaving 56 teams competing. End of season letter to Captains to go out shortly with prizes and Master Points (done by Brian Loasby as his last duty as MP Sec).

6.3 David Pavey & Elisabeth North Numbers down again this year.

6.4 Novice Swiss Teams 11 Jun 06 has been promoted and sent to Welcome Pairs participants by Sally. It was suggested that next year consideration should be given to inclusion of one higher rated team member (ie > 15000 master points) to increase numbers.

6.5 Kremer Dersch Trophy. Very good

6.6 Mixed Pairs. 7 heats for this year – Patcham have dropped out. EW to ask St Leonards to have one.

6.7 Sussex Pairs. Nothing to report

6.8 Ladies and Men's Pairs. Two sections for Ladies (Eastbourne/Worthing). One for men.

6.9 Charity Simultaneous Pairs. Andrew Southwell to organise 06/07. Sally Bugden volunteered to contact clubs in October for publicity of charity work and to seek greater contribution.

6.10 Chairman's Cup. To be held at West Sussex BC on 11 Nov 06 – organiser CW

6.11 Teams of Eight . Nothing to report

6.12 Daily Telegraph Cup. Awaiting invitation

6.13 Metropolitan League. Deleted from agenda

6.14 Seniors Simultaneous Pairs. Good

6.15 Championship Teams of Four Good

6.16 Invitation Pairs (Report from AG) Numbers slightly down. First 2 rounds have been completed, using Bridgemates. A few problems with them in the second round, with travellers being introduced halfway. In the first round, the Bridgemates showed a "pairs" running result which, although unrealistic, did enable the prior scores on the board to be seen. It was most unsatisfactory at the second round not to be able to see any prior results until the travellers were introduced. It is essential for future rounds to have either prior scores on display through the Bridgemates or travellers. A number of unfavourable comments were made to the organiser on this matter. Also a problem dealing with substitutes for the display of total scores on the Website and Martin is looking into this.

6.17 Golf Print. OK

6.18 Devonshire Club Cup. No report

6.19 Tollemache Selectors working on it. Gunner Hallberg presented trophy.

6.20 Metropolitan Cup Next weekend

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Basic Bridge Pairs participation. Bob Whiting suggested that the qualification for participation in the BB pair events might be reviewed as some players had felt intimidated by the more senior players playing in these events. It was generally felt that the current events should remain as they are but that consideration should be given to a new type of event/trophy or the reintroduction of the Cadets Cup last played in 1991 (A possible qualification could be less than 5 years playing experience or less than 5000 master points). To be discussed at the next meeting.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for 18 Oct 06 at 1015 at Timberlands