
SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Tournament Committee of the SCCBA was held at 2 Warden Court, Cuckfield on 17 Oct 2007 at 10 am.

PRESENT: Mr N Hardy (Chairman), Mrs J Clinton, Mrs M Langmaid, Mr D Galpin (Treasurer), Mr R Whiting, Mr N Watts, Mrs A Galpin

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr E Williams, Mrs S Bugden and Miss J Simpson

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the 23 May 2007 were agreed nem con and were approved for signature.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 John Pavey (item 3.1)

JC advised on a conversation with JP and confirmed that a competition was already held in memory of his brother David Pavey. No further action required.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Actions from Management Committee

- 4.4.1 Bridgemates.** It was reaffirmed that Bridgemates must be used for all relevant County Competitions. In addition it will be a condition of entry to these competitions that players must enter their EBU numbers into the Bridgemates. Competition organisers to be advised

Action: NH

5. COUNTY CONGRESSES (REPORTS & ARRANGEMENTS)

5.1 Spring Congress 08 (EW). Nothing to report.

- 5.2 Autumn Congress 22-24 Sep 07 (NW)** NW reported that profits were well down on last year, in particular the numbers for the Congress Pairs were down to 40 from 52 in 06, in addition there were increased directing/premises costs. JC reported on a number of complaints that had been received. These mainly concerned the directing although there were one or two concerning the catering. A general discussion on the lack of qualified Sussex directors followed. It was felt that an active push was needed via Club Secretaries to encourage their interested members to progress to taking the County Directing Course. Members should be advised that the SCCBA is prepared to pay the entry fee. Neil Morley was suggested as a possibility for directing next year. The general feeling concerning the catering was that whilst it was adequate one or two improvements would be suggested to caterers for next year.

The general format of the Congress was considered at length and it was proposed to

- Move the Ladies Pairs to the Spring Congress, Friday afternoon, replacing the Multiple teams which have been poorly attended in recent years. Currently there are two Ladies Pairs events within a 6 week period.
- Start the Congress on the Friday evening with the Pivot Teams
- Consider the possibility of incorporating a green point event with the Sunday teams
- Saturday to remain a Pairs event.

Action: NW/JC/NH

5.3 New Year Swiss Teams, 13 Jan 08 (CW). Nothing to report.

5.4 Ardingly Swiss Pairs 24 Jun 07 (JC) Profit of £227

5.5 Basic Bridge Pairs:

5.5.1 Chichester, 2 Dec 07 (NH) 14 pairs currently booked. AG advised that a number of pairs may not have had details (not being members of EBU) and offered to send entry forms. DG mentioned that a commentary needed to be prepared. NH had this in hand.

Action AG/NH

5.5.2 East Grinstead, 20 Jan 08 (HK). Nothing to report

5.5.3 Hastings, 15 Jun 08 (KW). Nothing to report

5.6 Joint Ventures:

5.6.2 Hove, 22 Jul 07 (EW) £970 profit.

5.6.3 2009, NH mentioned Hove for a July Swiss teams. He is awaiting confirmation from EBU on available dates for Green Point Events and is also exploring the possibility of linking a green Point Event to the Autumn Congress. – see 5.2 above.

Action: NH

6. COMPETITIONS (REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS)

6.1 Sussex League (DG) New season underway. 4 teams fewer than last year. 7 teams in div 1-7; 4 teams in Div 8. Div 8 play each other home and away.

6.3 David Pavey (VC) Numbers well down, perhaps the qualification (under 10000 points) needs reviewing

6.4 Elisabeth North (DS) Nothing to report

6.5 Novice Swiss Teams (NG) Treasurer awaiting final confirmation of costs

6.6 Kremer Dersch Trophy (JS) Nothing to report

6.7 Mixed Pairs (ML) 8 heats arranged

6.8 Sussex Pairs (PP) Nothing to report

6.9 Ladies and Men's Pairs (TH) NH reported difficulties experienced by the organiser. Despite being asked to use Patcham for County Events no support had been provided by the Club's Committee. Catering had been organised at a cost of £5 per head (usually around £3.50 for most County competitions) with the result a small surplus/loss was envisaged. NH stated we would not be using Patcham again.

6.10 Charity Simultaneous Pairs (AS) To be held any day of week commencing 14 Jan 08 NH to assist with admin. AS to continue doing commentary.

6.11 Chairman's Cup (KN) Nothing to report.

6.12 Teams of Eight (PP) Nothing to report

6.13 Daily Telegraph Cup. Qualifying team of DG and AG, Joan and Bernie Hootman awaiting details of date before deciding whether they can play...

6.14 Seniors Simultaneous Pairs (AS) Nothing to report.

6.15 Championship Teams of Four (RP) Nothing to report

6.16 Invitation Pairs (AG) 28 pairs entered, 1 heat left. AG thanks to NH for Bridgemates work at each session, and to the directors – David Galpin, Julian Mitchell, Eddie Williams, and Keith Norman. Dates for 2008 now to be arranged. AG proposed an increase to Clubs from £40 to £50 but no increase to players (currently £20 per player), this was agreed.

Action: AG

6.17 Golf Print (PC) AG advised Committee that this event was currently subsidised each year as entry fees were not sufficient to cover all costs, in particular the winning clubs entry into the Final. Agreed entry fee to be increased to £30.

Action: NH

6.18 Devonshire Cup (NG) If a secondary final did not take place it was agreed to award the Devonshire Plate to the runners-up of the Cup.

Action: NH

6.19 Tollemache. Team selected, entry form sent.

6.20 Metropolitan Cup The C Division winners played in the Final in Derby coming 4/5, it was a close event with only 5 VPs between all teams.

6.21 Venture Pairs (RW) 30 pairs played. Went very well. Entry fee to be increased to £17 per pair (from £15) next year. Event made small profit but only as NH and Sally Bugden did not charge for assisting/directing.

6.22 Sussex Individual (PB) Nothing to report.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MP advised via JC that a number of Boards appeared to be missing. It was agreed that an inventory needed to be carried out. NW volunteered.

Action: NW

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday 14 March 2008, venue to be announced