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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 11, Brook Lane Haywards Heath, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. 2011 commencing at 19-00 pm.

**PRESENT:** Mr G Stanford (Chairman), Mr J Williams, Mr D Galpin, Mrs A Galpin, Mr M Wotton,

## **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mrs J Clinton, Mr E Williams and Mr D Wheeler  
Mr J Williams has joined the committee replacing Mrs M Langmaid and will be collating the reports from the various County Competitions.

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

Various errors and omissions were highlighted to the draft minutes of the meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> March. GS to update these minutes. Subject to these changes the minutes were approved.

## **3. MATTERS ARISING**

### **3.1 Chairman's Cup participation**

GS still needs to ensure that Competition organisers make the winners and in some cases the runners up, aware that they have qualified for an invitation to the Chairman's Cup.  
A suitable clause is to be added to entry forms of the relevant events.

**Action: GS**

### **3.2 Invitation Pairs**

An article for the County newsletter is held over for the winter issue. Yves Lebrec to be asked for Programme for the production of this newsletter, i.e. the last 'copy' date.

**Action: GS**

## **4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

### **4.1 County Directors List - provide list of required skills**

The committee noted that some training of County Directors had taken place in the Spring. However, there is still in-adequate cover of Directors who were prepared to use Bridgemates. Additional Directors need to be identified.

**Action: EW**

### **4.2 Competition Laws –update of Competition rules**

The committee reviewed the changes proposed by GS – see Appedix A  
These will be put before the next management meeting.  
MW requested a PDF format of the current rules, making the updating of the web site that much easier.

**Action: All**

### **4.3 Competition Responsibilities**

Committee members agreed that more time was required to review the proposals put forward by GS. See Appendix B

**Action:**

**all**

#### **4.4 Competitions during weekdays**

Following the success of the EBU's mid-week congress this year, the committee discussed the possibility of the County organising a mid-week event.

It was decided that we should seek the views of the SCCBA membership as to how well such an event would be supported. It was also agreed that we should wait until the 2013 season when 'blue point' events could be offered. Swiss teams would be the preferred competition, two sessions with a morning start and a late afternoon finish.

**Action**

**GS**

#### **4.5 Calendar update**

See Appendix C – The circulation of this update has been delayed by the EBU withdrawing its approval of the GP Swiss Teams event at Ardingly on the 29<sup>th</sup> July, the alternative is now at Uckfield on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

**Action:**

**GS**

#### **4.6 Kremer Dersch presentation.**

Not an item for the competition committee

#### **4.7 Henfield Candles**

The Henfield club have invited SCCBA to jointly organise this popular event. The committee needed to know more about Henfield's proposal. GS to arrange a meeting with Peter Bates (AG would also be invited to the meeting) It was thought this may be another 'blue' point event in 2013. The committee noted the fall in numbers over the years.

**Action GS & AG**

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

#### **5.1 Sussex League (DG)**

It was noted that as one of the teams in Div.1 had withdrawn from the event this season, two teams from Div 2 would be promoted

#### **5.2 Request for a good game in Sussex**

The committee agreed that the League and the Invitation Pairs should be the events to attract the best pairs in Sussex. The league does see most of the County's better partnerships participating. A call to double the number of matches (home and away) was

not considered practical, as even with a six month season some teams leave it to the last minute to organise their matches.

There is scope for the invitation standards to be improved and for more regular partnerships to participate. To this end AG would organise a questionnaire as to whether the invitation pairs should be split into two divisions with promotion and demotion as the main change. Any change made would not be introduced until 2013 giving players a chance to compete for 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Div status during the 2012 season.

**Action: AG**

## **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Metropolitan Cup**

MW requested that the result files of this event are much simplified compared to those forwarded last year.

**Action: GS/EW**

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

To be advised.