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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 Henfield on 5 March 2010 commencing at 14-30 pm.

PRESENT: Mr N Hardy (Chairman), Mrs J Clinton, Mr D Galpin, Mrs A Galpin, Mr M Wotton, Mr R Whiting and Miss J Simpson (Secretary)

## 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr E Williams, Mrs M Langmaid and Mrs T Hennings.

## 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the 25 Sep 09 were agreed nem con and duly signed as a true record of the meeting.

## 3. MATTERS ARISING

**3.1 Venture Pairs/Welcome Pairs Convention Card (item 3.1)** the convention cards are available on the website and it was agreed that organisers should download copies for events and a print run was therefore not needed.

**3.2 Organisation Crib Sheet (item 3.2)** Copies are held by JC (and JS) and any new organiser will be given a sheet.

**3.3 Scorebridge (Item 3.3)** The Jeff Smith version will not be used at the Spring Congress.

**3.4 Chief Tournament Director (item 4.1.1)** The Management Committee agreed to the proposed terms of reference for a Chief Tournament Director and appointed EW to fill the post.

**3.5 Format of Chairman's Cup (item 4.1.2)** the list attached to the last minutes was discussed and the following changes to qualifying pairs agreed

- Add       Sussex Mixed Pairs winners  
              Invitation Pairs Third place pair
- Delete    one pair each from Kent and Surrey

**3.6 Metropolitan Cup Prize (item 6.18)** It was agreed that a trophy was not required.

## 4. CORRESPONDENCE

### 4.1 Items from Officers'/Management Committee Meeting

**4.1.1 Disciplinary Reporting.** The Zero Tolerance Conduct Report Form requires updating. JS will ask Joy Mayall for details.

**Action: JS**

**4.1.2 P2P Introduction.** It has been confirmed that P2P will not be charged for semi finals and finals of county events and for invitation pairs. A P2P fee will be charged for Sussex Leagues and Championship Teams and it was agreed that the fee for teams be increased to £16 per team wef 1 Apr 10. DG will arrange for the forms to be printed accordingly.

**Action: DG**

Further clarification on the timing of the payment of licence fees is needed. JC will follow up.

**Action: JC**

MW raised a number of points associated with the introduction of P2P

- Licenses – will we have a free rein for members' only events up to 12 per year? Can special events be no-fee events, if not then we will need more licences or we may need to make a decision on which event match points are not given.
- P2P Admin for counties – no information is yet available. JC had some information from the chairmen's meeting which she would give MW.
- Backlog of club details being uploaded has been forecast by Barry Capal. We must therefore be prepared to hold onto results until the details are in place.
- Instruction for anonymous members has not yet been received.
- The new system does not yet support county championship teams or the county leagues so the old method will continue to be used.
- Would the old EBU look up system remain available?

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

**5.1 Spring Congress** 9-11 Apr 10 (EW). In hand.

**5.2 Autumn Congress** (PL). NH to confirm date

**Action: NH**

**5.3 New Year Swiss Teams** 17 Jan 10 (CW). Numbers well down - ? due to weather.

**5.4 Ardingly Swiss Pairs** 28 Jun 09 (JC). The continuation of this event should be discussed at the autumn meeting if numbers continue to be low.

### **5.5 Basic Bridge Pairs:**

**5.5.1 Bognor**, 7 Dec 09 (RL). RL willing to run this again at Bognor. Tables were low last year and RL will be sending forms to all past players to attempt to raise the profile.

**5.5.2 East Grinstead**, 10 Jan 10 (HK). Postponed this year due to weather and then cancelled when suitable alternative date could not be found. HK has requested a different date for 2011 – this will be considered at the diary meeting.

**Action: JS**

**5.5.3 Hastings**, 17 Apr 10 (KW). Nothing to report.

### **5.6 Joint Ventures:**

**5.6.1 Ardingly** 15 May 10 (CW) Nothing to report.

**5.6.2 Ardingly** 18 Jul 10 (EW) Nothing to report.

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

**6.1 Financial Report.** Entries have been down across most events and therefore income is approx £2K down on last year.

**6.2 Sussex League (DG).** 2 teams have finished – number of difficulties this year and some withdrawn.

**6.3 David Pavey (VC).** It was noted that the same pair has won this event 3 years in a row and the committee agreed that they should not be allowed to compete again. NH to discuss with VC.

**Action: NH**

**6.4 Elisabeth North (DS).** Nothing to report.

**6.5 Novice Swiss Teams (PB).** Nothing to report.

**6.6 Kremer Dersch Trophy (JS).** 13 teams have entered this year.

**6.7 Mixed Pairs (ML).** Successfully completed.

**6.8 Sussex Pairs (PP).** Final set up.

**6.9 Ladies Pairs (TH).** Completed.

**6.10 Charity Simultaneous Pairs (NH).** Postponed until this week due to the weather in January. 9 clubs took part.

**6.11 Chairman's Cup (JM).** See item 3.5 above.

**6.12 Teams of Eight (PP).** 12 teams taking part this weekend.

**6.13 Seniors Simultaneous Pairs (NH).** The merging of the results is being checked by MW. One club had allowed non-members to participate and NH will be writing to the club secretary to point out the difficulty caused. There were insufficient entries in the special categories and it was agreed that prizes should only be awarded in future to categories that had at least 10% of the pairs in the competition. It was further agreed that in the future if no EBU number was given then no master points would be awarded.

**Action: MW/NH**

**6.14 Championship Teams of Four (RP).** Nothing to report.

**6.15 Invitation Pairs (AG).** Letter going out shortly to inform pairs that any subs may only play twice in the competition.

**Action: AG**

**6.16 Devonshire Club Cup (PL).** Due to total lack of support it was agreed that this event will not take place in 2010/11.

**6.17 Tollemache.** We did not qualify this year.

**6.18 Metropolitan Cup.** To be held in September. NH to confirm with EW who is running this event.

**Action: NH**

**6.19 Venture Pairs (RW).** In hand.

**6.20 Sussex Individual (PB).** Won by JC! Prizes not paid – NH to contact PB to ensure that prizes are paid in future at the event.

**Action: NH**

## **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Qualifications for Sussex Pairs Final.** The top one third qualify by right, however it was agreed that if there were insufficient pairs to fill the semi final event with above 50% then consideration should be given to reducing the 3 semi finals to 2. NH to speak to PP.

**Action: NH**

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

The next meeting will be held on Friday 10 September 2010 commencing at 1430 at Backsettowntown Farmstead.