
SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Tournament Committee of the SCCBA was held at Backsettown Farmstead, Henfield on 10 September 2010 commencing at 14-30 pm.

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs M Langmaid.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the 5 Mar 10 were agreed nem con and duly signed as a true record of the meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Items from Officers'/Management Committee Meeting

4.1.1 Master Point and Licensing Events.

Currently Sussex holds more master point and licensing events than allowed by the EBU; this has previously been allowed by the EBU. After some discussion it was suggested that the Ardingly master point event might be dropped due to the reduction in its support. However the committee agreed that as the programme had been held for 20 years and this was encouraging members to play in the county it should be reported to the EBU that we wish to continue as before.

Action: JS

4.1.2 Request from non affiliated club.

The Lansdowne Bridge Club (non-affiliated for P2P) would like to run a Swiss Teams event on 30 Jan 11 and needs to apply for a license from the EBU. Confirmation is required from the county that there are no objections to the holding of this event. The committee noted that there is no conflict with county events and had no objection to the event on 30 Jan 11.

Action: JS

5. COUNTY CONGRESSES (REPORTS & ARRANGEMENTS)

5.1 Autumn Congress 17-19 Sep (PL). A request had been made by DA to JC to use the EBU simple systems convention card at the Autumn Congress Venture Pairs. After some discussion it was decided that this could not be agreed to – the entry form states the use of the Sussex Venture Pairs card. The committee did consider that the EBU card should be looked at again with a view to using this in the future if the systems were found to be suitable. RW was asked to do a comparison. If the EBU card was seen to be suitable then it was agreed that the change could be introduced in 2011.

Action: RW

5.2 Spring Congress 8-10 Apr 11 (EW). It was proposed and agreed that the Friday programme should be Basic Bridge Pairs in the afternoon followed by Mixed Pairs in the evening. There would be no Open Pairs. The fee would be set at £33 for the whole congress, and that events on Friday afternoon would be £5 per session.

5.3 New Year Swiss Teams 16 Jan 11 (CW). Nothing to report.

5.4 Ardingly Swiss Pairs 26 Jun 11 (JC). The entry at this year's event was again reduced and after discussion on the proximity of other events it was agreed that next year's event would be cancelled. EW will cancel the venue. JC will put notice in the newsletter, and MW will delete event from website. The committee noted the hard work over many years by JC and regretted the cancellation but was hopeful that the Green Point events would be better supported as a result.

Action: EW/JC/MW

5.5 Basic Bridge Pairs:

5.5.1 Bognor, 5 Dec 10 (RL). Nothing to report.

5.5.2 East Grinstead, 17 Oct 10 (HK). In hand. Director now found.

5.5.3 Hastings, 16 Apr 11 (KW). Nothing to report.

5.6 Joint Ventures:

5.6.1 Ardingly 14 May 11 (GS) It was agreed that the entry forms should state that entries received after a given date cannot be guaranteed acceptance.

Action: NH

5.6.2 Ardingly 31 Jul 11 (EW) Nothing to report.

6. COMPETITIONS (REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS)

6.1 Financial Report. Entries have been down across most events and the surplus from the green point events was less than last year.

6.2 Sussex League (DG). The entry has increased by 4 teams this year. It was agreed that the closing date for entries next year should be changed to 31 Jul and also for the Championship Teams (see item 6.14). DG will tell RP.

Action: DG

6.3 David Pavey (VC). RW reported that he had had no entries for his heat.

6.4 Elisabeth North (DS). Nothing to report.

6.5 Novice Swiss Teams (PB). PB has requested that the date be changed to Sep/Oct on a Saturday as the June date had not been well supported. The committee agreed that the date be moved for 2011 and would be discussed at the diary meeting for 2011/12.

Action: NH

6.6 Kremer Dersch Trophy (JS). 7 teams have entered so far. A director had yet to be arranged.

6.7 Mixed Pairs (ML). Nothing to report.

6.8 Sussex Pairs (PP). Nothing to report.

6.9 Ladies Pairs (TH). In hand.

6.10 Charity Simultaneous Pairs (NH). NH has spoken to AS re the hands for this and Senior Simultaneous Pairs.

6.11 Chairman's Cup (JM). A proposal by JM was discussed to change the regulations for inviting players to participate in the cup. These were to:

- include invitations to the winners of the Mixed Pairs and one invitation each to Surrey, Kent and Hampshire
- delete the runners up of Division 2 from the list of reserves to be called up

The committee agreed.

Action: JS

6.12 Teams of Eight (PP). PP's proposed letter for the fees at this event was discussed and it was agreed that clubs should pay £32 for the entry as it was to be a double session and that food and table money should be set at £6 per head.

Action: JS

6.13 Seniors Simultaneous Pairs (NH). See item 6.10.

6.14 Championship Teams of Four (RP). Entries from 18 teams have been received. DG reported that the licences for this and the league had been received (see item 6.2).

6.15 Invitation Pairs (AG). AG reported that the selection of pairs to take part in this event had been queried following the splitting up of a partnership. She reiterated that this event was for experienced and regular partnerships and that selection was made on this basis. She proposed that if numbers exceeded capacity that the selection committee plus the Tournament Manager and event organiser should meet at an appropriate time to determine those pairs to be invited. A letter will be sent following the end of each session to ask the current players if they wished to be enter the following season. The committee agreed these proposals and that an item should be placed in the New Year newsletter explaining the process.

Action: AG

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

6.17 Tollemache. The selection for this event will be considered at end of September.

6.18 Metropolitan Cup. In hand.

6.19 Venture Pairs (RW). It was requested that the date be moved to 17 July 2011. This was agreed.

Action: RW/MW

6.20 Sussex Individual (PB) Nothing to report.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Publicity Poster. The committee were pleased to note the initiative taken by Gerry Stanford with his poster –Your County Needs You.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15 March 2011 commencing at 1430 at Backsettown Farmstead.