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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 on 13 March 2009 commencing at 10-15 am.

**PRESENT:** Mr N Hardy(Chairman), Mrs J Clinton, Mr D Galpin, Mr R Whiting, Mrs T Hennings, Mr M Wotton and Miss J Simpson (Secretary). Mr P Langston was in attendance.

## 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs M Langmaid and Mrs A Galpin.

## 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The following amendments were made:

Para 3.1 insert after deal "with". Amend Bligh to read "Blythe"

Para 4.1.5 delete last sentence.

Para 5.1 last line should read "Charmandean Centre...."

Para 7.2 delete and insert "**7.2 Swiss Pairs Scoring.** NH will speak to Stephen Blythe re the difficulty encountered with the Bridgemates scoring of Swiss pairs with ScoreBridge programme. **Action: NH**"

Para 7.3 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence should read "It was noted that this can only...."

The minutes of 17 Sep 09 were then agreed nem con and duly signed as a true record of the meeting.

## 3. MATTERS ARISING

**3.1 Bridgemates notification to organisers. (item 3.1)** Bridgemates are being used at more events.

**3.2 Devonshire Cup (item 4.1.2)** See under item 6.18

**3.3 ScoreBridge/Bridgemates Training (item 4.1.5).** All events should now be using Scorebridge and training is available from NH if required.

**3.4 Simple Systems Convention Card (item 6.3)** (MC minutes 15 Feb 09 Item 2.1). The card proposed by EW had been questioned by some members and by MP, who at the last management meeting had strongly recommended the use of an EBU standard card. It was agreed that at the Welcome/Venture Pairs the EBU Simple System card under the old Orange Book 9D9 (effective Aug 06) should be used with the addition of McKendrick. Further it was agreed that for Basic Bridge the EBU Simple System Card using the revised 9D9 (approved in Feb 09) should be adopted with the addition of McKendrick. RW agreed to do the templates for use at the Welcome Pairs at the Spring Congress and also for Basic Bridge after the Hastings event. **Action: BW**

**3.5 Deals/handouts on SCCBA site. (item 7.3)** NH informed the committee that a flash drive is needed with the results to do this.

## **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **4.1 EBU Licence Fees**

**4.1.1 Increase in EBU Licence Fees.** The Secretary informed the committee of the increase in EBU Licence fees with effect from 1 Mar 09.

**4.1.2 EBU Trial of Green Point event cost sharing.** The 2 year trial on financial arrangements for Green Point events had been completed and the EBU proposed to place a resolution before the next Shareholders meeting to adopt the new arrangements. It was noted that these arrangements had been beneficial for Sussex and the committee agreed to recommend to the Management Committee that they instruct shareholders to support the EBU proposal. **Action: NH**

**4.2 Scorebridge for Swiss Pairs** (MC minutes 2 Nov 09 Item 11). The Chairman informed the committee that he planned a parallel scoring using ScoreBridge to be undertaken at the next Swiss Pairs event so that a copy can be sent to Stephen Blythe should problems arise.

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

**5.1 Spring Congress** 17-19 Apr 09 (EW). Jeff Smith's programme will be used for Swiss Pairs only.

**5.2 Autumn Congress** 18-20 Sep 09 (PL). PL has agreed to organise the autumn congress at Patcham and suggested that the congress be used as an opportunity to attract club members who are not currently EBU members. Max Bavin (EBU) has confirmed that no licence was required for such an event. As there was no reason why the congress could not be open to any member of Sussex Bridge Clubs the committee agreed with the suggestion. The format of the congress was agreed as follows: Friday afternoon, Venture pairs; Friday evening, Mixed Pairs; Sat/Sun as previously. If there were sufficient juniors entering a separate competition for them would be arranged on the Sat; if insufficient the competition could be incorporated into the main event with a separate prize. The secretary would notify schools that were thought to have bridge clubs and NH would contact golf clubs. PL will contact HK to determine what trophies might be available. It was agreed that some advance funding would be made available as a float in line with that given for the spring congress. Grateful thanks were given to PL for his enthusiasm and support to this event.

**Actions: NH/PL/JS**

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

**5.4 Ardingly Swiss Pairs** 28 Jun 09 (JC) Nothing to report.

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

**5.5.1 Chichester**, 6 Dec 08 (RL). RL has agreed to run this again at Bognor.

**5.5.2 East Grinstead**, 4 Jan 09 (HK). Venue is being changed due to increased costs.

**5.5.3 Hastings**, 4 Apr 09 (KW). Nothing to report.

### **5.6 Joint Ventures**

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**5.6.1 Ardingly** 16 May 09 (EW). Nothing to report.

**5.6.2 Clair Hall** 18 Jul 09 (EW). Nothing to report.

**5.6.3 2010** EBU have agreed the dates proposed. (15 May 10 and 18 Jul 10)

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

**6.1 Financial Report.** DG reported that a reasonable surplus had been made on most events including £330 at the Autumn Congress and £600 at the New Year Swiss Teams.

**6.2 Sussex League (DG).** Most divisions are up to date. There has been a request to consider changing to up 2/down 2 in the Div1/Div2. It was agreed to leave it at one team. Pending P2P it was agreed that the team fees should remain at £12 for next season but will probably increase thereafter.

**6.3 David Pavey (VC).** Nothing to report.

**6.4 Elisabeth North (DS).** MW reported that there had been difficulties with this event and more accuracy was needed with the EBU names and numbers.

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

**6.6 Kremer Dersch Trophy (JS).** JS reported that the event had been most successful with 16 teams participating this year.

**6.7 Mixed Pairs (ML)** Nothing to report.

**6.8 Sussex Pairs (PP).** On course for final but there had been a big dropout at the Eastbourne semi.

**6.9 Ladies Pairs (TH).** Nothing to report.

**6.10 Charity Simultaneous Pairs (AS).** Raised £900. Format (ie can only play once during the week) to be repeated for 2010.

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

**6.12 Teams of Eight (PP).** Won by the Avenue.

**6.13 Daily Telegraph Cup.** Was played in Nov and came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 8.

**6.14 Seniors Simultaneous Pairs (AS).** MW reported that a master point adjustment was in hand.

**6.15 Championship Teams of Four (RP).** Participation in the plate has been very poor this year. It was agreed to consider its continuation at the next meeting.

**6.16 Invitation Pairs (AG).** Nothing to report.

**6.17 Golf Print (JM).** Joy Mayall has taken over this event.

**6.18 Devonshire Club Cup (NG).** The change to playing this event at the Autumn Congress had not been successful. NG had contacted clubs to seek their views on how to

hold the event but only 4 had replied and seem reluctant to hold heats. To encourage participation it was proposed that the event be changed to a 2 Pivot event and run on a nominated day. PL proposed that it be run at Patcham and a tentative date of 15 Nov was agreed. (*Post meeting note – this date is not available at Patcham, any other in Nov is available.*) It was agreed that there should be only one competition with the Plate being awarded to the runner up. The entry form will be redesigned to draw attention to the changes and hopefully attract new entries and will be included with the next newsletter. NH will ask Bryan Stephens to redesign the form.

**Action: NH**

NG had indicated that she would not be able to run the event anymore: she was thanked for her work as organiser and NH is seeking a replacement for her.

**Action: NH**

**6.19 Tollemache.** Sx had unfortunately not qualified.

**6.20 Metropolitan Cup.** Date moved so there was no qualifier from SE.

**6.21 Venture Pairs (RW).** RW requested that a later date be found for 2010 and 25 Jul 10 was proposed. The policy on charging for juniors was raised and it was agreed that there was no entry fee to these events but there would be a charge for food.

**6.22 Sussex Individual (PB).** The numbers were going down fast and it was agreed that the need for heats should be reviewed at the diary meeting.

## **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

The Secretary reported that the P2P fee for 2010 had been set by the EBU at 29p.

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

The next meeting will be held on Friday 25 September 2009 commencing at 1015 at Backsettown Farmstead.