

# SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

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A meeting of the Tournament Committee of the SCCBA was held at 2 Warden Court, Cuckfield on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 10.15 am.

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

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Mr N Watts, Miss J Simpson and Mr E Williams.

**2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** were taken as read in the absence of the Secretary.

## **3. MATTERS ARISING**

**3.1** The Chairman reported that bridgemates had been used at Basic Bridge competitions at Chichester and East Grinstead and had proved popular. It was agreed that the use of bridgemates should appear as an item for the June meeting of County Directors. **(NH)**

**3.2** Neil Watts had drawn up an inventory of boards owned by SCCBA but had found a few discrepancies. The Chairman agreed to investigate the whereabouts of the missing boards but, if necessary more boards would have to be purchased. **(NH)**

## **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

**4.1** Letter from Neil Watts resigning from the Committee and from organising the Autumn Congress. Bob Whiting undertook to take over the organising of the Autumn Congress. **(BW)**

**4.2** In response to a letter from David Cross, it was agreed that entry fees to the County Directors Course to be held at Birmingham should be paid by the SCCBA for David Cross, David Galpin and Brian Gould and that any further applicants would be considered on merit. David Galpin would inform David Cross and Brian Gould of the decision. **(DG)**

**4.3** In response to a letter from Julia Simpson asking that County results be sent to Clubs, it was stated that results always appeared on the County website.

**4.4** Letter from Mervyn Wotton showing concern that Counties were only allowed to hold one simultaneous pairs event per annum. The Chairman agreed to take the matter up with the EBU. **(NH)**

**4.5** The Conduct Committee had dealt with a recent complaint regarding Convention Cards but asked that Directors at County events at the beginning of a meeting should make clear that Convention Cards must be shown and also mention "Best Behaviour at bridge".

**4.6** In reply to David Armstrong's letter regarding "Weak 2" conventions used at Basic Bridge events, the County Chairman undertook to inform DA that at present the SCCBA would abide with the present laws but would accommodate any of his students accordingly. In August the EBU would be publishing new guidelines.

4.7 The Committee considered a request from Julia Simpson that entry fees for County events be increased, and decided that fees for County competitions played at Clubs be increased to £2.50 per player. This matter would be brought before General Committee for confirmation.

## **5. COUNTY CONGRESSES (Reports and arrangements)**

**5.1 New Year Swiss Teams** (13 Jan 08). Successfully organised by CW and showing a small profit.

**5.2 Spring Congress** (18-20 Apr 08). In EW's absence it was assumed that all in order.

**5.3 Autumn Congress** (19-21 Sep 08). Post meeting note – Bob Whiting unable to do 2008.

**5.4 Ardingly Swiss Pairs** (29 Jun 08). JC reported matters under control.

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

**5.5.1 Chichester** (2 Dec 07). NH reported a disappointing event with £110 loss. The Chairman undertook to enquire of Roland Heathfield of Bognor BC if he would organise the next event on behalf of the County at Bognor BC. **(NH)**

**5.5.2 East Grinstead** (20 Jan 08) (4 Jan 09). Successfully organised by HK showing a small profit.

**5.5.3 Hastings** (15 Jun 08) In EW's absence it was assumed all was in order.

### **5.6 Joint Ventures:**

**5.6.1 Ardingly** (10 May 08). In EW's absence it was assumed matters were under control.

**5.6.2 Ardingly** (20 Jul 08). In EW's absence it was assumed matters were under control. In 2009 the Swiss Pairs would be held at Ardingly in June but the Swiss Teams would be held at Clair Hall in July.

## **6. COMPETITIONS (Reports and discussions)**

### **6.1 Financial Report**

### **6.2 Sussex League (DG)**

### **6.3 David Pavey (VC).**

Nothing to report.

### **6.4 Elisabeth North (DS).**

Nothing to report.

### **6.5 Novice Swiss Teams (NG).**

Nothing to report.

### **6.6 Kremer Dersch Trophy (JS).**

It was agreed that this competition should be renamed "SCCBA inter committee friendly for the Kremer Dersch Trophy"

### **6.7 Mixed pairs (ML).**

Nothing to report.

### **6.8 Sussex Pairs (PP).**

Nothing to report

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

It was agreed that a new venue should be sought and JC agreed to approach Warden Park School for the use of their premises. (JC)

## **6.10 Charity Simultaneous Pairs (AS).**

NH reported that a total of £1012 had been raised. The new format of heats had worked in increasing the profile and profit of the event. However increased emphasis needs to be made in the County Calendar and by the Clubs that all heats play the same hands and so individuals can only play in one heat.

## **6.11 Chairman's Cup (KN)**

Nothing to report.

## **6.12 Teams of Eight (PP)**

Event won by Horsham Club who will now represent the County. DG to send in entry.

## **6.13 Daily Telegraph Cup**

The Clifton team played in the event and came second.

## **6.14 Senior Simultaneous Pairs (AS)**

Nothing to report

## **6.15 Championship Teams of Four (RP)**

At semi final stage

## **6.16 Invitation Pairs (AG)**

All sessions booked, together with directors. At least 28 pairs expected to compete this year.

## **6.17 Golf Print (PC)**

Completed for this year. PC to give up organising, Joy Mayall to take over.

## **6.18 Devonshire Club Cup (NG)**

Event completed for this year

## **6.19 Tollemache (DG)**

Sussex Team did not qualify for the final, coming 4<sup>th</sup> in the qualifying heat

## **6.20 Metropolitan Cup (EW)**

The teams have been selected for 2008. It was noted by AG that the 2009 date published in the 2008 entry form clashed with the SCCBA Autumn Congress. NH to speak to EW.

## **6.21 Venture Pairs (RW)**

Entry forms circulated; 4 pairs already booked. Some discussion took place on the possibility of the same venue (Henfield Hall) being used for the Ladies Pairs competition. Booking via RW can achieve a favourable rate.

## **6.22 Sussex Individual (PB)**

Event completed for 2008.

# **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

## **7.1 Prize Money**

AG asked whether prizes could be increased and it was agreed that this be reviewed at a future Committee meeting.

# **8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be confirmed.