
SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Tournament Committee of the SCCBA was held at Backsettown Farmstead Henfield on Tuesday 15 March 2011 commencing at 14-30 pm.

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs J Clinton, Mrs M Langmaid and Mrs T Hennings.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The following amendments were agreed

Item 5.2 last line to read “events on Friday *afternoon* would be £5 per session”.

Item 6.15 delete third sentence and insert “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 minutes of the 10 Sep 10 were then agreed nem con and duly signed as a true record of the meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Sussex Simple Systems convention cards (item 5.1)

RW reported that there were 20 differences between the Sussex Simple Systems convention cards and the EBU simple systems card. The committee considered these and agreed that at Welcome Pairs weak twos should not be included and that the Sussex convention card should be used. At Venture Pairs and Basic Bridge however the EBU simple system card could be used. It was agreed that RW redo the pdf files for the Sussex Simple Systems convention cards and send them to MW for inclusion on the web site.

Action: RW/MW

3.2 Ardingly Swiss Pairs event Jun 2011 (item 5.4)

There had been no newsletter in January to inform members of the cancellation of the Ardingly event in June however it had been deleted from the calendar on the website. The committee considered an event in 2012 but due to the difficulty in making bookings at Ardingly it had been necessary to bring forward the Green Point Swiss Team event to June in 2012. However it was noted that in 2013 the possibility of running it as a county open event should be considered.

3.3 Sussex League/Championship teams Entry Closing Date (item 6.2)

The closing date of entry date of for these events has been set at 31 Jul and RP informed.

3.4 Chairman's Cup participation (item 6.11)

GS stated that the organisers of qualifying events will be told to inform winners, and EW will ask MP to ensure that also be stated on the entry forms.

Action: GS/EW

3.5 Invitation Pairs – item for newsletter (item 6.15)

This remained outstanding until the next newsletter.

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

4.1 County Directors List - provide list of required skills

EW intends to run a course for directors on the Friday of the Spring Congress to update and inform them on the required scoring system (Jeff Smith's) to be used at all county events, and on the operation of the new Bridgemates. The committee agreed that county directors should be supplied with equipment for directing events. EW as Chief Tournament Director will maintain the list of county directors with the required skills, update the county calendar and for one year will pay Scorebridge subscription.

Action: EW

4.2 Competition Laws - participation in heats

There had been a decrease in numbers of members wishing to participate in club heats and a request had been made to allow other players to participate in the club events. Following considerable discussion it was agreed that clubs should be encouraged where possible to run a separate heat, however for a one year trial for Sussex competitions if a unique heat was not possible then subject to confirmation with the event organiser a combined competition may be held. There must be a minimum of 3 full tables in the competition. GS will produce guidelines for organisers and update Annex B in the Rules of Competition.

Action: GS

4.3 League Division 1/2 Promotion/Relegation

DG reported that he had sought the views of participating teams and there was no clear preference. The committee considered reducing the number of teams in league 1, however after discussion the consensus of the committee was that the league numbers, promotion and relegation between division 1 and 2 should be left as it is.

4.4 Metropolitan Cup

EW reported that no other county was willing to volunteer to run this event and he would therefore continue to run it. The committee agreed that counties be informed that they must enter the A and B events before making an entry into C. Further there should be no Grand Masters in the C event. It was recommended that the financial support to this event be considered by officers in the financial strategic review.

Action: EW

4.5 Number of EBU Licensed events

The EBU had amended the rules so no further action was necessary.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

DG reported that the accounts were currently being audited.

6. COUNTY CONGRESSES (REPORTS & ARRANGEMENTS)

6.1 Spring Congress 9-11 Apr 10 (EW)

Numbers for Friday events were low. It was agreed that there should be a minimum of 4 Tables for the afternoon event, and 6 tables for the evening. The congress should be highlighted on the SCCBA website.

6.2 Autumn Congress 16/18 Sep 11 (PL).

Nothing to report

6.3 New Year Swiss Teams 15 Jan 12 (CW)

Nothing to report

6.4 Ardingly Swiss Pairs 26 Jun 11 (JC)

Cancelled.

6.5 Basic Bridge Pairs

Nothing to report

6.6 Joint Ventures:

Dates for 2012 confirmed at Ardingly

GP Swiss Pairs 24 Jun 12

GP Swiss Teams 29 Jul 12

Met Cup 9 Sep 12

Dates for 2013 (tentative)

GP Swiss Pairs 18 or 19 May13

GP Swiss Teams 20 or 21 Jul 13

7. COMPETITIONS (REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS)

7.1 Sussex League (DG)

See item 4.3 above

7.2 David Pavey (VC)

VC had written to ask if this event and the Elizabeth North Teams had outlived their purpose to introduce newcomers to participation in county events. The committee felt that this matter needed further discussion and should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Action: JS

7.3 Elisabeth North (DS)

See item 7.2

7.4 Novice Swiss Teams (PB)

It was agreed that following a request from PB this event be moved to October.

Action: JS

7.5 Kremer Dersch Trophy (JS)

The committee considered running this as a biannual event; however it was agreed that besides being a thank you to club committee members it also provided a good opportunity for the county to communicate with members and that a short presentation and update on bridge matters should be made by a member of the county team and JS agreed to adjust the programme for the day accordingly.

Action: JS.

7.6 Mixed Pairs (GS)

The format of the final for this event had been queried – it was agreed to place this item on the next meeting agenda.

Action: JS

7.7 Sussex Pairs (PP)

Directors and scorers arranged.

7.8 Ladies Pairs (TH)

Nothing to report.

7.9 Charity Simultaneous Pairs (NH)

Nothing to report.

7.10 Chairman's Cup (JM)

See item 3.4 above

7.11 Teams of Eight (PP)

Nothing to report.

7.12 Seniors Simultaneous Pairs (NH)

MW was still awaiting the details. He informed the committee that he had some ideas on scoring for next year and volunteered to undertake this. The committee accepted with alacrity.

7.13 Championship Teams of Four (RP)

Nothing to report.

7.14 Invitation Pairs (AG)

Room hire had been raised by WSBC to £50. See item 3.5 above

7.15 Devonshire Club Cup (PL)

No call for this in 2011/12

7.16 Metropolitan Cup

See item 4.4 above

7.18 Venture Pairs (RW)

Date changed to 24 Jul 11

7.19 Sussex Individual (PB)

The scoring had had to be done manually due to a difficulty with the scoring package. The committee recommended next year the new bridgemates should be used.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Calendar

Reference to the Devonshire Cup should be deleted from the Rules of Competition.

Action: EW

8.2 Director's Mileage Allowance.

DG recommended that the mileage allowance be raised to 35p per mile with effect from 1 Apr 11. The officers at the meeting agreed. And EW will inform all directors.

Action: EW

8.3 Donation to Jeff Smith.

DG pointed out that Jeff Smith did not charge for support to his scoring programme and proposed that a donation of £50 be made. The officers at the meeting agreed.

Action: DG

8.4 Scoring Sussex Pairs Semi Final.

RP & AG had acted as scorers at the semi final and it was proposed that exceptionally they be paid £20. This was agreed.

Action: DG

8.5 TC Members retirement.

Tilly Hennings had tendered her resignation to the committee and she was thanked for all her hard work.

Norman Hardy was standing down as Tournament Manager after 5 years and was thanked for his many contributions to the running of events in Sussex.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be advised.