
SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Tournament Committee of the SCCBA was held at Backsettown Farmstead, Henfield on 17 September 2008 commencing at 10-15 am.

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

1. APOLOGIES

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

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of 14 March 2008 were agreed nem con and duly signed a true record of the meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Bridgemates notification to organisers (item 3.1) There had been insufficient time at the directors' meeting in June to deal with Bridgemates. A problem with the interface between the Bridgemates and ScoreBridge had occurred at some events. NH will contact Stephen Blythe to follow this up and it was agreed that there needed to be an idiots' guide for the Bridgemates so that they could be used at all county events. NH agreed to write this and send it to all organisers of county events.

Action NH

3.2 Inventory of Boards (item 3.2) This had been done and the numbers of missing boards were known. New boards will be purchased when required. It was agreed that sets should be numbered and a notice written with them stating that they MUST be returned in toto and asap after the event for which they were taken.

3.3 Number of Simultaneous Events annually (Item 4.4) The EBU has confirmed that Sussex can continue to hold the same number of simultaneous events annually.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Items from Management Committee Meeting

4.1.1 Increase in Directors' Fees – impact on costs of events. DG reported that all Directors had been advised of the increase in fees. It was agreed that it was too early to assess the impact on the costs of events but that a review on the cost of congresses should be carried out in Sep 09.

4.1.2 Devonshire Cup change of format/date. The change of format and date to the Autumn Congress was not popular and it was agreed that the structure of the Devonshire Cup event should be looked at. NH will ask the organiser, (NG), to approach clubs and make proposals for the future running of this competition.

Action: NH

4.1.3 Dual members – notification by event organisers. The membership secretary has this in hand.

4.1.4 Novice Swiss Teams – award of master points. JC/MW have spoken to the EBU and master points have now been fully awarded

4.1.5 Use and Training of ScoreBridge and Bridgemates. All event organisers and directors will be circulated by NH that ScoreBridge is to be used for all events. See item 3.1 above re idiots' guide. **Action: NH**

5. COUNTY CONGRESSES (REPORTS & ARRANGEMENTS)

5.1 Autumn Congress 19-21 Sep 08 (CW). There was some concern over the numbers this year. It was agreed therefore to offer wine as prizes. For the future the format of the Friday evening should be reconsidered following the review of the Devonshire Cup. Further the committee agreed that an alternative and more central venue might encourage more attendance and TH should investigate the costs, catering and availability of the Charmandean Centre in Worthing. **Action: TH**

5.2 New Year Swiss Teams, 11 Jan 09 (CW). Nothing to report. It was however felt that the catering in 2010 may need to be reassessed to contain costs.

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

5.4 Spring Congress 17-19 Apr 09 (EW). It was reiterated that a ladies pairs event should be held on the Friday afternoon to replace the multiple teams. **Action: EW**

5.5 Basic Bridge Pairs:

5.5.1 Bognor, 7 Dec 09 (RL). In hand

5.5.2 East Grinstead, 4 Jan 09 (HK). Under control but HK advised that costs of hall hire will increase from £230 to £400 for 2010. The Queens Hall at Cuckfield was suggested as a possible alternative venue. HK will investigate. **Action: HK**

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

5.6 Joint Ventures:

5.6.1 Ardingly 16 May 09 (EW). Booked.

5.6.2 Clair Hall 18 Jul 09 (EW). Booked.

6. COMPETITIONS (REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS)

6.1 Financial Report. DG reported that the green pointed events had shown a profit of £3000. Other county events were showing a small surplus.

6.2 Sussex League (DG). Under way. There was one more team this year and as a result there was an extra team in league 3.

6.3 David Pavey (VC). Still awaiting the production of the convention card to be used. **Action EW**

6.4 Elisabeth North (DS). Nothing to report

6.5 Novice Swiss Teams (NG) It was reported in view of the cramped and hot conditions last year the venue this year has been changed to West Sussex BC.

6.6 Kremer Dersch Trophy (JS). Nothing to report.

6.7 Mixed Pairs (ML). Nothing to report.

6.8 Sussex Pairs (PP). Nothing to report.

6.9 Ladies Pairs (TH). This will be held at Worthing BC this year.

6.10 Charity Simultaneous Pairs (AS). NH will be organising these and should AS be unable to do the commentaries NH will arrange for them to be done. **Action: NH**

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

6.12 Teams of Eight (PP). Nothing to report.

6.13 Daily Telegraph Cup. Nothing to report.

6.14 Seniors Simultaneous Pairs (AS). Nothing to report.

6.15 Championship Teams of Four (RP). Nothing to report.

6.16 Invitation Pairs (AG). JC asked how pairs entered and left the competition. AG stated that this was normally though wastage. The competition was currently fully subscribed with 3 pairs on a waiting list.

6.17 Golf Print (JM). This is now being organised by Joy Mayall.

6.18 Devonshire Club Cup (NG). See item 4.1.2 above re instating the event as a club event.

6.19 Tollemache. Five pairs have been picked with playing captain and assistant.

6.20 Metropolitan Cup. Nothing to report.

6.21 Venture Pairs (RW). Nothing to report.

6.22 Sussex Individual (PB). NH to ask PB to pay prizes on the day. **Action: NH**

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Mini League. The status of this event and who paid for its master points was queried. Although it was not thought to be a county event AG agreed to speak to the organiser, Julian Mitchell, to find out the history and participation of this event. **Action: AG**

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**

7.3 Deals/handouts on SCCBA Web site. Requests have been received to put the deals and handouts onto the SCCBA website. It was noted that this can only be done if the person

who does the duplimating has a flash drive to take a copy. AG will speak to Julian Mitchell at the Avenue re the possible purchase by SCCBA of a flash drive which could be used for this purpose.

7.4 Tournament Committee member. It was proposed and unanimously agreed that Mervyn Wooton as SCCBA webmaster should be co-opted onto the Tournament Committee.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 13 March 2009 at 1015 at Backsettown Farmstead.