

Sussex County Contract Bridge Association

A meeting of the Tournament Committee of the SCCBA was held at 45, Shepherds Way, Horsham RH12 4LZ on Tuesday 24th September 2013 commencing at 7pm.

PRESENT: G Stanford (Chairman), A Galpin, D Galpin, M Wotton and D Wheeler (Secretary).

1. APOLOGIES - J Mayall, M Pool, E Williams

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2013 were agreed subject to the keying errors noted in paragraphs 3.1, 3.13 and 5.1.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 County Directors List - provide list of required skills (para 3.1)

Action completed and new packs had been issued to county TDs

3.2 Sussex Individual (para 3.2)

DG reported that finalisation of the event accounts remained to be completed. He would chase the organiser accordingly.

Action: DG

3.3 Standard Definition of 'Non-Expert' (para 3.3)

Action completed.

3.4 Midweek Swiss Pairs (para 3.4)

GS was awaiting experience from this year's event before considering further the potential for further mid week events.

Action: GS

3.5 Review of Entries to Club Heats of Sussex Events (para 3.7)

Action completed.

3.6 TD reporting – Consistency with White Book Rules (para 3.8)

Action completed.

3.7 Non-standing Pairs in Senior Sims (para 3.11)

Action to implement MW's option 2 remained outstanding. This would be completed in good time for this season's events (February 2014).

Action: GS/MW

3.8 Stratification (para 3.12)

MW was on target to complete action by early November using the East Grinstead BB event to design the required processes and procedures.

Action: MW

3.9 Director Training Day 2013 (para 3.13)

Plans for an event in September had not come to pass. The day would be replanned as soon as possible

Action: EW

3.10 Sussex Pairs 2013/14 (para 3.14)

Following conclusions reached at the last meeting, club heats would continue for the upcoming season and matters would be reviewed again in 2014.

Action: DW (early 2014)

3.11 Novice Swiss Teams – Organiser (para 4.2)

GS reported that EW had agreed to organise this event.

3.12 Continuation of Mixed Heats (para 4.3) Carried forward to early 2014

Following conclusions reached at the last meeting, mixed heats would continue for the current season and matters would be reviewed again in 2014.

Action: DW (early 2014)

3.13 BB@B – Use of EW approach by all TDs (para 4.4)

Action completed and advice included in new TD packs

3.14 Sussex League (para 5.1)

Action completed and advice included in letter to Team Captains

3.15 Metropolitan Cup Organiser (para 5.2)

DW had written to the other counties and Middlesex had expressed interest, asking for financial details to consider the matter further. DW would report further in due course.

Action: DW

3.16 EBU GP Event Dates 2015 (para 6.1)

Action completed.

3.17 Attracting new tournament players (para 6.2)

DW agreed to add this to AoB at the MC meeting on 11 October.

Action: DW

3.18 DAT files to Webmaster (para 6.5)

Action on this (from EW) was outstanding and would be carried forward.

Action: EW

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

4.1 Extension of Director Training to Club Directors

Action outstanding and carried forward.

Action: EW

5. COMPETITIONS (REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS)

5.1 Sussex League

DG reported that the 2013/14 season was now well under way. Results were now beginning to come through and the web site was up-to-date. The number of teams entered remained as last year.

5.2 Tournament Returns – Cost Recovery and Feedback

GS reported that the recent Autumn Congress had generated a small surplus of £500. Pairs entered were up on the previous year but there had been fewer teams. The simple systems event on the Friday had had to be cancelled because of lack of interest. The Metropolitan Cup had been very successful and, because of much reduced venue costs, had generated a surplus of £1000. Accordingly it was agreed that £40 would be refunded to each team.

Action: DG

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 On-line Entry and Payment by BACS

MW had designed a pilot system and this was being tested by selected individuals. If adopted in due course there would need to be clear advice to organisers to provide an analysis of receipts through cash, cheque and BACS. Other details of the necessary processes and procedures would also need to be carefully considered. Subject to satisfactory progress on all fronts, it was agreed to recommend to the MC that a full trial be conducted for the NY Swiss Teams event.

Action: DW/MW

6.2 Master Points at Mixed Heats

Enquiries from three individuals had been received and dealt with. The use of club scale awards had been recommended.

6.3 Entry Forms & Feedback Forms

MW reported that the availability of these forms at the Autumn Congress was not obvious. He asked about current policy on distribution. GS replied that distribution of entry forms was now more targeted but he thought that a supply had been available at the Congress. He would review standing instructions to Congress Organisers regarding feedback forms.

Action: GS

7. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

10 January 2014