
SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Tournament Committee of the SCCBA was held at Backsettown Farmstead Henfield on 25 September 2009 commencing at 10-15 am.

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr E Williams and Mr R Whiting.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The following amendments were made

Date of meeting to read 13 March 2009

Para 3.5 MW to read NH

Para 4.2 Swiss Pairs to read Swiss Teams

Para 6.4 delete "software"; insert at end of sentence, names and numbers.

The minutes of 13 Mar 09 were then agreed nem con and duly signed as a true record of the meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Venture/Welcome Pairs Convention Card (item 3.4). Following the Venture Pairs at Patcham RW proposed small changes to and clarification to the Venture/Welcome Pairs convention card. It was agreed that

FSF should be included

Opening Bid should be to the rule of 20

HCP range for 2NT response to 1NT be added

Bids over intervention after 1NT: after suit bids all bids natural *or* bids as transfers if played after double.

It was agreed that MW should put these changes onto the website and that JS should arrange for the printing of Basic Bridge Cards (1000) and Venture/Welcome Pairs (300)

Action: MW JS

3.2 Organisers Crib sheet (item 3.1). This was still outstanding and should be reviewed after the next management meeting. Any such sheet should include instructions on payment of prizes and the need to inform winners of competitions of the Chairman's Cup competition.

Action: NH

3.3 ScoreBridge (item 4.2) MW reported that there continued to be problems as Jeff Smith's programme was still being used by some directors for Swiss teams. NH will discuss this with EW.

Action: NH

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Items from Officers'/Management Committee Meeting

4.1.1 Chief Tournament Director. In order to help organisers finding directors NH proposed that an appointment of Chief Tournament Director for the county should be made with the following terms of reference:

- To appoint Directors for county events in consultation with the event organisers.
- To train and update County Directors on regulations, laws and the Orange Book
- To be responsible for training on Bridgemates.

This proposal was supported and NH will recommend this to the next management committee meeting.

Action: NH

4.1.2 Format of Chairman's Cup. Some qualifiers for the Chairman's Cup had not been available in recent years – see end of these minutes for details. It was agreed that winners of qualifying competitions should be informed of the event by the organisers on the day. After some discussion members of the committee were asked to review the competition rules and make suggestions on who should be invited to play.

Action: All

5. COUNTY CONGRESSES (REPORTS & ARRANGEMENTS)

5.1 Autumn Congress 18-20 Sep 09 (PL). JC gave a report on behalf of the organiser (PL). The entry to the Swiss Pairs and Mixed Pairs was as expected and the Venture Pairs exceeded some people's expectations. The Championship entry had been disappointing. A surplus had been made and all accounts have been submitted to the Treasurer and data transferred to the web master. Some concerns had been raised over the comfort of the chairs – this has already been addressed and new chairs will be purchased. PL thanked Ian McGregor and Ron Robins for their hard work and Eddie Williams for his invaluable support and advice. The committee felt that with the improvements already in hand for the location the autumn congress should be held at Patcham in 2010. It was also proposed and agreed that NH should continue to investigate other venues for 2011.

Action: NH

5.2 Spring Congress 9-11 Apr 10 (EW). Nothing to report.

5.3 New Year Swiss Teams, 17 Jan 10 (CW). Directors confirmed.

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

5.5 Basic Bridge Pairs:

5.5.1 Bognor, 7 Dec 09 (RL). Nothing to report.

5.5.2 East Grinstead, 10 Jan 10 (HK). Change of venue to hall next door. Entry forms being sent out by EW.

5.5.3 Hastings, 17 Apr 10 (KW). Nothing to report.

5.6 Licensed Events:

5.6.1 Ardingly 15 May 10 (CW) Nothing to report.

5.6.2 Ardingly 18 Jul 10 (EW) Nothing to report.

6. COMPETITIONS (REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS)

6.1 Financial Report. The county Swiss Pairs had run to budget but there had been some surplus from Spring Congress, Autumn Congress and Green point Pairs.

6.2 Sussex League (DG). Underway with 7 divisions and 51 teams.

6.3 David Pavey (VC). Nothing to report

6.4 Elisabeth North (DS). Nothing to report

6.5 Novice Swiss Teams (PB) Nothing to report

6.6 Kremer Dersch Trophy (JS) Nothing to report

6.7 Mixed Pairs (ML) Nothing to report

6.8 Sussex Pairs (PP). NH reported that a tournament director had been agreed.

6.9 Ladies Pairs (TH) Nothing to report

6.10 Charity Simultaneous Pairs (NH). Andrew Southwell has 6 sets of boards in hand.

6.11 Chairman's Cup (JM) Nothing to report

6.12 Teams of Eight (BL). Unfortunately BL is in hospital and PP has kindly agreed to continue organising this event.

6.13 Seniors Simultaneous Pairs (NH). The prizes given at this event have been reviewed and it was agreed that there would be one prize for the over 75 next year. NH to inform all.

Action: NH

6.14 Championship Teams of Four (RP) Nothing to report

6.15 Invitation Pairs (AG). The dates for next year have been issued to clubs. The Committee was asked to note that there would be 2 events in Nov and none in Aug.

6.16 Devonshire Club Cup (PL) Only one entry to date. JS will remind clubs.

Action: JS

6.17 Tollemache. Selection meeting to be held next week to pick team.

6.18 Metropolitan Cup. A successful occasion for Sussex – won A & C sections. The question of a trophy was raised and some discussion took place about the possible need for 3 trophies, one for each section. NH will ask the other counties for their views.

Action: NH

MW apologised for the lateness of results being available; this was due to a Bridge webs problem in the software. He would be willing to do the results again if EBU numbers were given in advance. NH will write to counties to ask for numbers by deadline.

Action: NH

6.19 Venture Pairs (RW) . See item 3.1 above

6.20 Sussex Individual (PB) Nothing to report

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Water Coolers. JC reported that a water cooler cleaning kit had been purchased and all had been done.

7.2 Ardingly porters. JC reported that the Ardingly porters were prepared to help with setting up tables.

7.3 P2P. MW had some queries about how to deal with county results after the introduction of P2P and will send them to JS to raise with EBU.

Action: MW/JS

7.4 County Laptops. AG reported that these are ageing and agreed to look into options for replacement,

Action: AG

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday 5 March 2010 commencing at 1430 at Backsettown Farmstead.

| Qualifying Pairs | Chairman's Cup | | |
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| | Qualifying Events | Qualifiers | No of Pairs |
| 1 | Championship Teams | Winners and Runners-up | 4 |
| 2 | Sussex Pairs | Winners and Runners-up | 2 |
| 3 | Sussex League | Division 1 Winners | 2 |
| 4 | Sussex League | Division 2 Winners | 2 |
| 5 | Invitation Pairs | Winners and Runners-up | 2 |
| 6 | Ardingly Pairs | Winners | 1 |
| 7 | Autumn Congress Pairs | Winners | 1 |
| 8 | Spring Congress Pairs | Winners | 1 |
| | | | 15 |
| B | Invited Pairs - Sussex | | |
| | Holders | | 1 |
| | Chairman | | 1 |
| | President | | 1 |
| | | | 18 |
| C | Invited Pairs - Other Counties | | |
| | Kent | | 2 |
| | Surrey | | 2 |
| | | | 22 |

Withdrawals are to be filled in as follow:

Sussex Pairs - next pair in line down to 6th place.

Sussex League - pair(s) from Division 1 Runners-up.

Sussex League - pair(s) from Division 2 Runners-up.

Invitation Pairs - next pair in line down to 4th place.

Any other withdrawals are to be filled by the organiser.