

SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

**Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee of the SCCBA, held at
West Sussex Bridge Club at 1030 hrs on Sunday 24th April 2005.**

Present:

Mr M Pool	Chairman
Mr P Kent	Hon. Secretary
Mr D Galpin	Hon. Treasurer

Mr P Bates, Mrs K Batting, Mr R Buddery, Mrs V Chandler, Mrs J Clinton, Mr B Gould, Mrs M Langmaid, Mr B Loasby, Mrs J Newton, Mr D Newton, Mr A Southwell, Mrs D Strauss and Mrs C Watson.

Delegates: None.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Mrs S Bugden, Mr D Clifton and Mr E Williams.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 2nd January 2005.

2.1 Accuracy

Carol Watson, seconded by Jill Newton proposed that the minutes be approved. This was agreed nem.con. and were duly signed as being a true record of the meeting.

2.2 Matters Arising

2.2.1 Negotiations are continuing with the insurers with regard to the injury complaint [2.2.1].

2.2.2 We are awaiting delivery of the playing cards [2.2.2].

2.2.3 Repair of the tables is complete, 27 tables were repaired and one was written off as being not repairable. This gives a total of 77 tables [2.2.3].

2.2.4 The agreement being drawn up between the Avenue Bridge Club and the SCCBA is almost complete [2.2.3].

2.2.5 Preparations are in hand to contact schools having an interest in bridge[[2.2.4].

2.2.6 The National Newcomers Pairs event was not held due to lack of entries. The Chairman said that he had been approached by the Secretary of Kent County Bridge Association, who were having similar problems and he suggested that we consider combining for next year's event [4.2].

3. Chairman's Report

3.1 The Chairman welcomed Doris Strauss as a new member of the Management committee.

3.2 The Gladys Hakki Trophy was not awarded this year, as no suitable candidate had been nominated.

3.3 The Chairman apologised for leaving out two people who are not members of the Management Committee from his thanks at the last AGM. He wished to record his thanks to Roger Poulter for his work in the Championship Teams and Andrea Galpin for her work in the Invitation Pairs, Chichester No Fear Pairs and other work.

4. Secretary's Report

The Secretary had nothing to report.

5. Treasurer's Report

The surplus for the year ending 31st December 2004 was £3,600 and we currently hold £35,000 in cash.

6. Membership Secretary's Report

There was nothing to report.

7. County Appointments

A draft list of County appointments was tabled for approval by the Management Committee. This was accepted nem.con. The list is shown in Appendix (I).

8. Competition Organisers

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9. Conduct Committee Report

Two matters are under consideration at the present time.

10. Tournament Committee Report

There has been no Tournament Committee meeting since the last Management Committee meeting. The Chairman suggested that we ask the EBU whether we can have a second Joint Venture green pointed congress for 2006. The committee debated this and eight were in favour and four against. It was therefore decided to put in the request. [*Subsequent to meeting the EBU were unable to offer the second date*]. The EBU have not yet asked our requirements for 2007, but it was decided that we would request two events (May and July 2007).

11. Selectors Report

A meeting had been held in March 2005. Sussex narrowly beat Hampshire by 4 IMPs in a "B" friendly match and were beaten by Surrey in their "B" friendly match. Kent have indicated that they would like to play Sussex in a "B" friendly. The teams for the A, B and two C teams for the **Metropolitan Cup** have been selected.

12. EBU Ltd Shareholders Meeting Report

12.1 National Bridge Centre - There was some debate on the proposed new centre and some reservations such as proper costing of the move from Aylesbury to Kettering were expressed, but it was agreed to continue with the appraisal.

12.2 Increasing membership - Sally Bugden reported on SCCBA's findings on her survey for increasing membership.

12.3 Zero Tolerance - The EBU are considering introducing a Zero Tolerance policy along the lines of the SCCBA.

12.4 Camrose - The EBU are not happy with the changed format and are in discussion with the other countries to try and make improvements.

13. Charities

Val Chandler had prepared a paper for the previous meeting and was used for background information.

13.1 2004/2005 – The two charities previously selected for 2005/2006 are:

- (1) Brighton Heart Support Trust;
- (2) 4Sight.

13.2 2005/2006 – Three charities were discussed as possibilities and Val Chandler was requested to prepare an update of her paper, so that we could finalise the selection.

14. Duplimate Machine

The Chairman's note, which had been issued prior to the meeting, gave the background to the requirements for the new machine and the need to sell the old one:

14.1 New machine – Jill Newton proposed, seconded by Carol Watson that a new machine be purchased. This was agreed nem.con.

14.2 Old Machine – The Chairman said that several parties have expressed an interest in purchasing the old machine. It was agreed nem.con that the old machine should be sold and that it could be advertised in the June newsletter. It was suggested that the best way to proceed would be via sealed bids.

15. Bridgmate Terminals

The Chairman's note, which had been issued prior to the meeting, gave the background to the Bridgmate Terminals. It was agreed nem.con. that we should await Eastbourne Bridge Club's experience with their Bridgmate should they purchase one.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 17th July 2005 at 10-30 am at the West Sussex Bridge Club.

17. Any Other Business

17.1 It was suggested that a mobile phone contact number should be made available for use in SCCBA Congresses, so that competitors held up in traffic could inform the organiser. Although this was thought to be a good idea, it was agreed nem.con not to proceed with this at this time.

17.2 Peter Bates said that he had mislaid his County Calendar and wanted to find details of the organiser of an SCCBA competition. He couldn't find them on the SCCBA website and recommended that all the organisers telephone and e-mail addresses be available on the website. It was agreed nem.con. that they should be included in the website.

17.3 Pat Kent said that he was disappointed in the number of clubs entering the Kremer Dersch competition. Only eight clubs out of a possible 49 had entered a team and it was agreed that we should try and advertise the event more via the Newsletter and through the Ambassadors. It was also agreed that we should make the event more sociable by having a buffet meal before the event starts and having tea/coffee and biscuits at the halfway stage. Pat suggested that name badges be made to facilitate identification.

SCCBA APPOINTMENTS AND TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS

2005/2006 ⁽¹⁾

COUNTY APPOINTMENTS

Title	Names
Conduct Committee ⁽³⁾	E Williams, Mrs V Bingham, A Southwell, <u>Mrs E Hoskins</u> , P Poulter
Selection Committee ⁽²⁾	T Bradley (NPC Tollemache Team), M Pool, D Galpin, E Williams and R Buddery.
Tournament Committee	M Pool, P Kent (Hon. Sec.), Mrs J Clinton, D Galpin, Mrs M Langmaid, E Williams, Mrs J Newton, and N Watts.
EBU Shareholders ⁽⁴⁾	P Kent, M Pool, P Bates.
Editor Newsletter	D Newton
Equipment Officer	M Wright
Master Point Secretary	B Loasby
Publicity Officer	<u>Mrs S Bugden</u>
Trophy Officer	Mrs J Newton
Webmaster	B Gould
Youth Officer	None

TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS

Title	Name	Title	Name
Champ. Teams of Four	R Poulter	Golf Print	P Cattermole
Chairman's Cup	T Bradley	Inter-Club Teams of Eight	Mrs K Batting
Invitation Pairs	Mrs A Galpin	Kremer Dersch	P Kent
Sussex Pairs	Mrs S Bugden	Elisabeth North	<u>Mrs D Strauss</u>
Sussex Individual	P Bates	Novice Teams	P Bates
Ladies and Men's Pairs	<u>No volunteers</u>	Ardingly Swiss Pairs	Mrs J Clinton
Sussex League	D Galpin	New Year Swiss Teams	Mrs C Watson
Devonshire Club Cup	A Southwell	Mixed Pairs	Mrs M Langmaid
David Pavey	Mrs V Chandler	Autumn Congress	N Watts
Charity Simultaneous Pairs	E Williams	Spring Congress	E Williams
Seniors Simultaneous Pairs	A Southwell	No Fear Pairs (Hastings)	Mrs K Williams
No Fear Pairs (E.Grinstead)	<u>Mrs C Watson</u>	No Fear Pairs (Chichester)	Mrs A Galpin
Metropolitan Cup	M Pool		
1 Day J.V. (Ardingly, 19 th June '05)	E Williams	1 Day J.V. (Ardingly 14 th May '06)	<u>E Williams</u>

Notes:

- (1) Any changes from last year are shown by bold, underlined italics.
- (2) No Selector can select him/herself or member of a team that he/she plays in.
- (3) Schedule Pursuant to Clause 10 of Constitution requires 5 members.
- (4) EBU allow 3 shareholders for SCCBA (depends on number of members).