
SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

**Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee of the SCCBA, held at
The Avenue Bridge Club at 1030 hrs on Sunday 30th April 2006.**

Present:

Mr M Pool	Chairman
Miss J Simpson	Hon. Secretary
Mr D Galpin	Hon. Treasurer
Mr D Clifton	Membership Secretary
Mr N Hardy	Tournament Manager

Mr P Bates, Mrs K Batting, Mr R Buddery, Mrs J Clinton, Mrs N Gillespie, Mrs M Langmaid,
Mr P Pennant, Mr A Southwell, Mrs D Strauss and Mr M Wotton.

Delegates: Mr B Loasby

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that two new items - Award of Gladys Hakki Trophy
2005/06 and Communications Officer's report be placed on the agenda

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Mr D Armstrong, Mrs S Bugden, Mrs V Chandler, Mrs H Kent,
Mrs C Watson and Mr E Williams.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 15 January 2006 + revised item 3.3 of 17/07/05

2.1 Accuracy. One typo in item 12 - "Bugen" should read "Bugden". The minutes of 15 January
2006 and the revised item 3.3 of 17/07/05 were then agreed nem.con. and were duly signed as being
a true record of the meetings.

2.2 Matters Arising.

2.2.1 In view of the lengthy agenda the discussions on Presidents/Vice Presidents was postponed to
the next meeting. [3].

2.2.2 No suggestions on an event that Tom Bradley's legacy should be allocated to have been
received yet. [5.6].

3. Chairman's Report

3.1 The Chairman thanked Brian Loasby for his hard work as Master Point Secretary and for his
offer of continuing help to the incoming Master Point Secretary Mervyn Wotton.

3.2 The Chairman expressed his pleasure at the return to health of Ron Buddery and his presence at
the meeting.

3.3 The Duplimate 702 has been sent to Sweden for repair (011729855).

3.4 The Chairman informed the committee that duplimate boards had been made up for the Kent
Congress.

3.5 The committee were requested not to call the Mitchells on their home number.

3.6 There had been some events where it had been difficult to determine level of support due to the
arrival of late entries. Tournament organisers were asked to keep a list of the dates that entries
arrive to get a better idea of cancellation points.

3.7 It has been agreed that Bob Whiting should not be charged for the St Barnabus Charity event this year.

3.8 Eddie Williams will be arranging seminars and a course for County directors on the new Orange Book.

3.9 The lateness of the results for the Sim Pairs this year was regretted and there had been complaints. Organisers will be asked to send results sooner and with complete details in an effort to improve next year.

4. Secretary's Report

The Secretary had nothing to report.

5. Treasurer's Report

5.1 The bank balance currently stands at £26000 with £22000 in an interest account. Since last meeting £7400 spent on the purchase of Bridgemates which were used at the Spring Congress and have had good feedback. As reported at the AGM £500 has already been sent to Leyden House and £500 will be sent to the Elphinstone Families Centre at Hastings. Thanks were due to West Sussex who had contributed all their table money at their County Charity Pairs event thus increasing their contribution by £100.

5.2 Annual Subscriptions (Item 16) The Auditor had recommended an increase in annual subscription for 2007/08 and the members at the AGM had given authority to the committee for an increase of up to £1pa. After discussion of future expenditure and risk events and noting current membership numbers the increase in annual subscription from £4.50 pa to £5 pa wef 1 April 2007 was proposed by P Bates and seconded by N Hardy. This was agreed by a majority of 9 to 4.

6. Membership Secretary's Report

The Membership Secretary reported that the new EBU database was now more accurate and reliable and that he would now be relying on this for the SCCBA and encouraged members and clubs to pay directly to the EBU thereby reducing admin effort. He would continue to chase clubs and dual memberships and encourage Bridge For All to become members. There were today (30 April 2006) 1439 fully paid up SCCBA members on the EBU database.

7. County Appointments

A draft list of County appointments was tabled for approval by the Management Committee and it was proposed that the EBU Shareholders for this year should be P Bates, R Buddery and J Simpson. The list including the proposed EBU Shareholders was agreed nem con. The list is shown in Appendix (I) together with a Chain of Communications diagram (II).

8. Competition Organisers

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

9. Gladys Hakki Award 2005/06.

The correspondence to the Hon Sec by Mr K Latty on the procedure for the award of the Gladys Hakki trophy for 2005/06 was placed before the Committee. The Chairman stated that following the nomination of Pat Kent by Mrs J. Newton he had carried out a secret ballot and obtained approval for the award from a quorum of members. In February a further nomination, for B Gould, was received by the Hon Sec who informed the Chairman. The Chairman stated that he had no

recollection of this and as a result the nomination was not considered. He expressed his deepest regrets at this mistake.

The Chairman then handed the chair to the Hon Treasurer and left the meeting.

The committee, having reviewed the points raised by Mr Latty, and considered the matter fully and expressed deep regrets that an oversight in the nomination procedure had occurred. They unanimously agreed however that a genuine mistake had been made and that the award for 2005/06 should stand but wished that the nomination for B Gould should automatically be put forward for consideration in 2006/07. Further, it was agreed that both the criteria for the award and the procedure to be followed in nominating and selecting candidates should be reviewed (by the Hon Sec) and put to the next committee meeting for approval and then published in the county newsletter. The Hon Sec was asked to reply to Mr Latty accordingly.

The Chairman returned to the meeting and resumed the chair.

10. Communication Officer's Report

10.1 Welcome Pairs. The Chairman presented the Communication Officer's report that this event had been extremely successful. The only complaint concerned two players who felt that the standard was higher than they had been led to believe – play systems will be considered for next time. Stepping stones now need to be created from this competition to the Basic Bridge Competition. The Chairman thanked the Communication Officer (in her absence) for her hard work and congratulated her on the success of the first event.

10.2 Press Coverage. There has been a good deal of publicity in the local press with many photos of competition winners and some promotional copy.

10.3 Award of Trophies. See under item 15

10.4 Promotion of Competition. More use of the newsletter to promote county competitions is being sought and as a testing ground for bridge columnists who might like to put themselves forward to write for a local newspaper.

11. Conduct Committee Report

The Conduct Committee had nothing to report.

12. Tournament Committee Report

There has been no Tournament Committee meeting since the last Management Committee meeting. The Chairman raised the following points:

12.1 Promotion and relegation from League Division 1. In response to a letter from Tim Greenhill the promotion and relegation of teams from Division 1 was discussed and it was agreed that the status quo of one team only being promoted/relegated should remain.

12.2 Sussex Pairs semi final dates. Chris Bainham had requested that the semi finals be scheduled for 2 dates. This was agreed and dates would be publicised at the heats.

12.3 Qualification for Pachabo. The qualification competition for Pachabo is to be the Championship teams. This is a change back to the position before 2005/06.

12.4 New Orange Book. The EBU is to move all competitions to level 4 wef 1 August 2006 with the introduction of the new Orange Book. The Chairman proposed that the main Sussex competitions for 2006/07 should be at level 4 also. This was agreed nem.com. The Tournament Manager/Tournament Committee was tasked to designate which competitions were not to be at level 4.

13. Selectors Report

13.1 Process of selection. It was agreed that for the Metropolitan Cup competition the rule on selection of selectors be relaxed. However for the Tollemache selectors cannot pick themselves.

13.2 Terms of Reference. It was agreed to retain the status quo.

14. EBU Ltd Shareholders Meeting Report

The Chairman reported from the February and April meetings.

14.1 New Orange Book. This will be published in June and will be in force in August. Eddie Williams will be giving evening seminars on the changes for county directors and any other interested persons.

14.2 Membership Lists. Accuracy increasing.

14.3 Appointment of General Manager. Following the resignation of the GM in December interviews for a new GM will be taking place shortly.

14.4 Role of Chairman. The chairman should have a stronger role in the supervision of the GM in future.

14.5 Kettering. There is no plan to move the central organisation to Kettering. Competitions will be played there in 2006/07.

15. Presentation of Trophies (timing)

It was agreed that the current presentation of trophies at events and the AGM or Autumn Congress should continue.

16. Team Selection

It was agreed that the current practice for the winning team captain to select for representative team matches should continue.

17. Annual Selection of dates (in advance) of Management Committee meetings

A mix of weekdays and weekends were proposed and the following dates were agreed for 2006/07

Weds 26 July 2006 at 1430 at West Sussex Bridge Club

Sun 15 October 2006 at 1030 (location to be confirmed)

Thu 4 January 2007 at 1030 at Eastbourne Bridge Club

18. Annual Subscription for 2007/08

See item 5

19. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wed 26 July 2006 at 1430 at the West Sussex Bridge Club.

20. Any Other Business

The Master Point Secretary raised

20.1 Award of Master Points. The need to provide certificates for non EBU members in Novice events including Basic Bridge following the introduction of the direct award of master points on line. It was agreed these should be held on file for printing if requested.

20.2 Publication of Master Points for Novice events. Awards will be sent to tournament organisers and a list kept on file for reference for printing if requested and not printed otherwise.

20.3 Entry Forms. These should ask for EBU numbers.