
SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Tournament Committee of the SCCBA was held at Timberlands on Thursday 6th May 2005 at 10-15 am.

PRESENT:

Mrs J Clinton, Mr D Galpin, Mr P Kent (Sec.), Mrs M Langmaid, Mrs J Newton and Mr M Pool (Chairman).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr E Williams.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

In item 5.3, Neil Watts provided the statistics and not Martin Pool, the minutes were then accepted nem. con. and duly signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 An article on "Use it or lose it" has been written in the June Newsletter [5.3.5].
- 3.2 Some but not all entry forms are being published on the county website [5.3.9].
- 3.3 Warnings about lack of food availability are now being included in entry forms where applicable [7.3].
- 3.4 Concern about compulsory membership was addressed in the October Newsletter [7.4].
- 3.5 Change of title for the "No Fears" event is being addressed by Sally Bugden's Membership Group [7.5].

4. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

5. COUNTY CONGRESSES (REPORTS & ARRANGEMENTS)

5.1 Spring Congress 8th-10th April 2005 (CW). This went well. The following points were noted; The gap between the Friday afternoon/evening events was too long; no sandwiches were available on Sunday afternoon and income down due to fewer players, extra TD, newly introduced TD car expenses and increase of accommodation charges.

5.2 New Year Swiss Teams, 2nd January 2005 (CW). This was successful, although numbers were down. 2006 event has been booked for Sunday 15th January.

5.3 No Fear Pairs:

5.3.1 Chichester, 5th December 2004 (AG). Successful.

5.3.2 Chichester 4th December 2005 (AG). David Galpin will be directing.

5.3.3 East Grinstead, 16th January 2005 (ML). This was successful and the discussion of hands at the end by Andrew Morris was well appreciated. The 2006 event will be held on 22/1/06 and is being organised by Carol Watson.

5.3.4 Hastings, 21st May 2005 (KW). Nothing to report.

5.3.5 Hastings 20th May 2006. Is being organised by Kathy Williams.

5.4 Joint Ventures:

5.4.1 Ardingly 19th June 2005 (EW). Nothing to report.

5.4.2 Ardingly, 14th May 2006 (EW). Nothing to report.

5.4.3 Ardingly June/July 2006. No dates available.

5.5 Ardingly Swiss Pairs 3rd July 2005 (JC). This had been left off the agenda.

6. COMPETITIONS (REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS)

6.1 Financial Report. Report circulated.

6.2 Sussex League. This has been successfully completed. Ken Ford has put in a request to captain a team for next year and this may include members of a team demoted this year. Three members of the committee objected to demoted players staying up in the first division "through the back door." David Galpin suggested that if the number of teams increased from the present seven to eight that the division be split into two and each half play each other home and away. The Chairman pointed out that it would be impossible to write rules to cover all possibilities and the best way to cover unforeseen circumstances is the present one of giving the League organiser complete discretion, seeking advice when necessary.

6.3 David Pavey & Elisabeth North. Not well supported.

6.4 Novice Swiss Teams. Nothing to report.

6.5 Kremer Dersch Trophy. The number of clubs entering (8 out of 47) was disappointing and ways of increasing the numbers for next year were discussed: Ambassadors to promote; have a buffet lunch before the start to improve sociability; name badges for players; article in Newsletter.

6.6 Mixed Pairs. Nothing to report.

6.7 Sussex Pairs. Only seven clubs held heats, need more heats..

6.8 Ladies and Men's Pairs. New format did not work and it was suggested that the men's pairs, which was poorly supported should be held in one venue only. *[Tilly Hennings agreed to organise this event subsequent to the meeting].*

6.9 Charity Simultaneous Pairs. Eddie Williams is organising.

6.10 Chairman's Cup. Is being organised by Tom Bradley. *[Tom sadly died on 27th May 2005]*

6.11 Teams of Eight. Is being organised by Kay Batting.

6.12 Daily Telegraph Cup. Is being organised by Pat Kent.

6.13 Metropolitan League. We did not enter this year, but may try again next year.

6.14 Seniors Simultaneous Pairs. Nothing to report.

6.15 Championship Teams of Four. Awaiting final to be played. *[Subsequently won by Julian Mitchell's team for the third year in succession].* A request has been made to reduce the number of boards played in the Semi final (48 to 32) and final (64 to 48). Martin Pool recommended that this be referred to the Main Committee.

6.16 Invitation Pairs. Has been well supported with 32 pairs participating.

6.17 Golf Print. Organised by Peter Cattermole, eleven golf clubs took part and was won by Mid Sussex Golf Club.

6.18 Devonshire Club Cup. Andrew Southwell is organising.

6.19 Tollemache. Nothing to report.

6.20 Metropolitan Cup. David Galpin reported that some players were not replying to his letters.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 County Representatives - Martin Pool reminded the committee that the following teams would be asked to represent the county:

7.1.1 Pachabo Cup – Winners of League Division One (or runners-up).

7.1.2 Daily Telegraph Cup – Winners of Champ Teams Plate (or runners-up).

7.1.3 London Cup – Winners of Champ Teams (or runners-up).

7.2 Martin reported that he had a new computer program for Swiss Teams and that the new playing cards and Duplimat machine should arrive in mid-June.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - To be arranged.