

MINUTES OF THE A.G.M. OF THE S.C.B.A
Held on Sunday 13th July at 5 p.m.
At Cobham Hilton

APOLOGIES:

Malcolm Curtis & Leonie Lockhart; Peter & Detta Bentley.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS YEAR:

These were agreed and signed. There were no matters arising.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Graham Wells said that although we had corrected the Bridgemate problem which caused last year's Swiss Pairs to be manually scored, the transformer had failed this year. He apologised and thanked Neil Morley for his help in getting the event re-started and running smoothly.

He mentioned two national decisions which had affected or would affect the County. These were the decision made by the EBU to adopt the new strategy for universal membership and P2P. He mentioned that the Surrey representatives had voted *en bloc* against the strategy as advised by the majority of their clubs. He also referred to some changes to the rules which would take effect on August 1st, but said these were WBF rulings.

He congratulated Mayfield on reaching the final of the Garden Cities Trophy, and to the Tollemache team for being runners-up this year.

He regretted the falling attendances at County events, and said that as a result only 2 events would be held at Cobham next year – the County Pairs and the AGM.

He encouraged members to support all events which will be mainly held at Oxshott which is centrally located, and a new venue of Bletchingley. He said that all daytime County events would begin at 1 p.m. from next season, as we have to vacate Oxshott by 7pm.

He also urged members to support all Bridge teachers and to refer newcomers to the teacher's page on the website. He highlighted 2 new teaching sessions which were beginning in September at Farnham and Guildford.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In Malcolm Curtis' absence Chris Stableford presented the accounts. The deficit of £2712 against a budgeted deficit of £2039 was due entirely to the increasing costs and falling attendances at competitions. Hopefully moving away from Cobham next year as outlined in the President's address would rectify this, as we would save nearly £1000 by not using this expensive venue.

The accounts from the treasurer were proposed and seconded and accepted.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

The Treasurer proposed that the annual subscription remain the same for 2009-10. The EBU strategy changes come into force from April 2010.

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY AUDITOR

A proposal was made, seconded and agreed that John McKimmie should continue as Honorary Auditor. John was thanked for his work on behalf of the County.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers was agreed as follows:

President: Julia Brough; *Chairman:* Chris Stableford; *Secretary:* Leonie Lockhart; *Treasurer:* Malcolm Curtis; *Membership Secretary:* Jean Virley; *Chief Tournament Director:* Roland Bolton; *Match Secretary:* Peggy Griffin; *Competitions Secretary:* Frances Trebble.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

The following were elected to the committee:

Jill Cook; Malcolm Channing; Graham Wells; Shirley Pritchard; Bomi Kavarana; Elizabeth Hammergren-Smith; Holger Marsen.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW SELECTOR

The meeting ratified the appointment of Peter Lee as a selector to replace Jeffrey Allerton.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Joe Xuereb said he was disappointed that Wimbledon and Richmond's teaching classes which had over 50 pupils had not been mentioned by the President.

Graham Wells responded that he had only mentioned newly opening classes, and that details of all existing classes were available on the County website.

The meeting closed at 5.30 and the second half of the Swiss Pairs competition was played. There were 60 members playing plus the directors.