

**MINUTES OF THE A.G.M OF SURREY COUNTY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
**Held on Sunday 5th July 2009 at 5.00 pm**  
**at Cobham Hilton Hotel**

**APOLOGIES:**

There were no apologies

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS YEAR**

These were agreed and signed

**MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising

**PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

Julia Brough said she had been made very welcome at all the clubs she had visited during the year and that Surrey had many nice people among the membership. The principles of Better Bridge have really been taken on board. She congratulated the team of Frances Hinden, Paula Leslie, Graham Osborne and Jeffrey Allerton for winning a bronze medal in the European Championships. Pay2Play had now been agreed throughout the country and, despite reservations, we now need to ensure as much support for it as possible. Julia said she was sure the next President Shirley Pritchard will have as enjoyable a year as she had done, and will be given the same support.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Malcolm Curtis presented the financial report. There was a small surplus due to there being only one issue of Surrey Bridge this year. The substantial prior year adjustment was due to a hotel bill of £700 not being claimed by the new owners of the hotel.

The £40,000 in reserves was queried from the floor. It was explained that these reserves arose years ago when it was planned to have county premises. This plan was never realised due to rising inflation in the housing market. The President said that the committee would welcome any suggestions as to how this could sensibly be spent. Two suggestions were immediately made

- a) the Corwen entries could be paid for
- b) entry fees for county events could be reduced to improve entry numbers.

The treasurer said that the committee had tried lowering competition fees in the past but this had not resulted in more entries. Paying for the Corwen entries will be considered.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed, seconded and agreed.

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE YEAR 2010-11**

The Treasurer said that Pay to Play had now arrived and, after a consultation exercise with the county membership, the committee had decided to propose that the county membership fee should be reduced to zero for the year 2010-11 and the club affiliation fee should also be zero. The membership fee was agreed almost unanimously and the club affiliation fee was agreed unanimously.

**APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY AUDITOR**

The Treasurer thanked John McKimmie for all his work over many years in auditing the accounts. Tim Cook was proposed, seconded and agreed as the auditor for the coming year.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

The following amendments to the SCBA Constitution were proposed:

- i) Renumber paragraph 17 to become 17C
- ii) Add new paragraphs 17A and 17B
- iii) Alter the wording of paragraph 18

17A. A member may appoint a proxy to vote on his/her behalf at any meeting. Proxy appointments are valid for one meeting only, but remain valid, unless cancelled by the member, for any adjourned meeting. A new appointment must be made for any subsequent meeting at which a member wishes to be represented by a proxy.

17B. An instrument appointing a proxy and specifying the meeting for which the appointment is valid must be delivered to the Chairman not later than 5 minutes before the published time for holding the specified meeting. Delivery after this time will render the instrument invalid.

Paragraph 18. Delete the phrase “those present and voting” and replace with the phrase “those present in person or by proxy”.

These amendments were unanimously agreed.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The election of officers was agreed as follows:

*President:* Shirley Pritchard

*Chairman:* Chris Stableford

*Secretary:* vacancy

*Treasurer:* Malcolm Curtis

*Membership Secretary:* vacancy, possibly not necessary under P2P proposals

*Chief Tournament Director:* Roland Bolton

*Match Secretary:* Peggy Griffin

*Competition Secretary:* Frances Trebble

*Editor of Surrey Bridge:* vacancy

*Communications Officer:* Douglas Wright

### **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE**

The following were elected to the committee.

Jill Cook

Julia Brough (Web Manager)

Bomi Kavarana (County Youth Officer)

Holger Marsen

Graham Wells

Peter Bentley

Gordon O’Hair was ratified as the new selector.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Joe Xuereb suggested that clubs be encouraged to do more to publicise Surrey events
- b) Marietta Andree suggested that there should be monitor screens for BridgeMate at competitions and also that prize money could be increased for county competitions.

These suggestions will be considered by the committee.

Signed..... Dated.....