

SCBA
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on Thursday 5th July 2018

PRESENT:

Trevor Hobson (Chair); Tim Green; Jeffrey Allerton; Tim Warren; Shirley Pritchard.

APOLOGIES:

Mike Clements; Douglas Wright; Gail Norman; Harry Figov.

	ACTION
<p>1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING These were agreed.</p>	
<p>2. MATTERS ARISING The future of the Victor Ludorum was to be decided at this meeting. Trevor had contacted Michael Clark at the EBU to ask if the inputting of the League results into the VL spreadsheet could be mechanised. He said he will look at this, and if successful the VL will be continued for another year. This year's winner is Steve Bourton. Harry is asked to announce this on the website. A suggestion that the County Pairs Plate should be excluded from the VL calculations was not agreed. Douglas has been given a list of the people who did not respond to the request to remain on the county mailing list. Tim W said that his planning session mentioned in the last minutes had not taken place. He also said that he felt it was not worth Surrey writing its own safeguarding policy. He had therefore included the EBU's Safeguarding Policy directly onto the webpage rather than via a link. He had also sent the Surrey Safeguarding policy to the Chairs of Bridge Clubs on 29th April. The committee had heard nothing further from Douglas regarding his request for a loan from the EBU and the possible requirement of a loan from Surrey to make up the difference. Tim G circulated the draft loan policy which he had formulated. This draft was agreed though the amounts referred to in the note are subject to future agreement.</p>	<p>Harry</p>
<p>3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Trevor reported that he had been in contact with Ron Millet who was running a membership campaign in Yorkshire. In addition Yorkshire had set up a "Learn Bridge Yorkshire" website which meant that would-be students were not put off by having to find details of classes on a county website. Trevor believed that Douglas had said he had some reservations about doing the same thing for Surrey. Trevor will have further discussions and report back. Trevor mentioned that our Strategic plan required us to carry out a members survey every 3 years and it is now 3 years since the last survey. It was agreed to see if Harry could organise an online member's online survey. Trevor re-iterated the importance of club visits and pointed out that recent visits had added two new clubs to the Wanborough Cup entries and three new people helping the work of the committee. He announced that Mike Clements would not be standing again as Treasurer at next year's AGM. He thanked Mike for the calm and thorough way in which he had conducted his work during the past 7 years. He said that Mike would be providing the committee with a job description, and all members were asked to approach</p>	<p>Trevor</p> <p>Harry</p>

anyone in their clubs who they thought might be suitable to take over the role of Treasurer.

4. COMPETITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

Oxshott

Shirley had circulated a paper giving alternatives to get round the new session times at Oxshott which come into force from January 2020.

She also mentioned that Hersham Community Centre might be available to offer their premises on Sundays as they were no longer being used by a church. Trevor suggested that perhaps it could be used for the "non standard" county events such as the League finals and the Club Pairs Challenge.

Since several members were missing it was agreed to leave a final decision to the October meeting.

AGM Mini Swiss

Shirley said that it appeared that we had finally hit on a successful format for the AGM, and that this would now be repeated in future years.

Charity Sims

There were 7 fewer clubs in the Charity Sims in June this year compared to February 2017. It was however agreed to run two Charity Sims per year in future.

At the AGM Peter Exworthy of Leatherhead complained about the lack of booklets for County Sims. Trevor explained to him that the cost of producing booklets would reduce the amount of money going to the charity. Peter then suggested volunteers from clubs not playing on a particular day could write the commentaries, but this suggestion was not agreed to by the committee as it would be difficult to sustain consistent high quality commentary over the long term.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mike said it was too early in the year for any meaningful report.

6. MATCHES REPORT

Jeffrey reported that the C Team who won the Met Cup played in the National League final on 24th June and sadly finished last out of 5 teams. It was a well organised event.

The format of the Met Cup had been changed for this year. There would now be 8 players in a team instead of 12. Although each county could submit two teams per division, Jeffrey suggested Surrey could submit 2 A teams or 1 B team or *vice versa*.

Trevor mentioned that nominations for the Met Cup could be made via the website under "Representing Surrey". Jeffrey said the C Team captain was asked to look out for suitable people.

He reported that Barry Stoker had come to the end of his 4 year term as a selector. A new selector was being looked for who had knowledge of the players and was not a borderline candidate for the Tollemache.

7. YOUTH BRIDGE

Tim W thanked Tim G for his kind words about the progress of Youth Bridge which he made at the AGM, and he added that a great deal of any progress that was being made in youth was down to the efforts Douglas had been putting in. Tim W reported on the Junior Bridge event at Ardingly where 90 players attended. Surrey sponsored 6 at a cost of £195 which was less than the £500 budgeted. There is a similar event taking place in Hertfordshire at

the end of August, and Tim suggested that we sponsor Surrey players for this weekend which would potentially bring the total sponsorship over the two events to £780. This would allow 13 juniors to have places for this weekend. This was agreed.

8. COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMITTEE

Douglas submitted a written report that demonstrated the significant amount of activity in that area. He commended Julia Brough for her work on encouraging clubs to enter the Mary Edwards and Wanborough.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Jeffrey reported that the recent shareholder meeting was poorly attended and the EBU were inviting views on whether there is a requirement for a meeting other than the AGM.

Trevor reported that the introduction of GDPR appeared to have gone satisfactorily, and been a bit of a "storm in a teacup"

NEXT MEETINGS - Monday 8th October; Thursday 24th January 2019 at 7.30 pm.