SCBA MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING Held on Friday 7th April 2017

PRESENT:

Trevor Hobson (Chair); Jeffrey Allerton; Mike Clements; Charles Chisnall; Gail Norman; Richard Millard; Shirley Pritchard.

APOLOGIES: Tim Warren; Douglas Wright.

IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Chapman

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These were agreed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Since the last meeting Sussex have agreed to host and organise the Met Cup on 8th October. Although there is a date clash with the previously advertised Club Pairs Challenge final, it was agreed that the two events do not appeal to the same group of players.

Douglas tried unsuccessfully to get some interest from clubs in teams events. He will continue with a "Try Teams" initiative.

Jeffrey had contacted Ian Mitchell to ask if psyches were reported to the EBU. It appears they are not, and although discussed by the L&E committee no database of instances is kept. Jeffrey will reply to Ashford.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Trevor thanked Ian Lewis who had stepped down from the committee. Trevor is currently having a handover from Ian, and he will document the procedures required to maintain the website.

One issue that has dogged both of the county's websites has been how to calculate the Victor Ludorum. Its calculation requires a large amount of manual input, and it maybe that the time has come to decide the future of this competition. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Roger Pratt is giving up running the leagues and will be replaced by Roger Routledge. Thanks are due to Roger for his help during the past year. Trevor reported on his visits to Kenley and Godstone.

The Strategic Plan would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

4. COMPETITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

Season 2017-18 Sims

Some responses had finally been received from clubs regarding the number of Sims in one year. Shirley pointed out that some clubs were "voting with their feet" and not entering the Sims in February with the result that one session had only 3 clubs entered.

A proposal was made to move the Dorin Salver to w/c 4th December to avoid clashes with EBU Sims. A date will be sought in May/June 2018 [post meeting note w/c 25th June2018] to have one more attempt at trying a charity Sims, but if this is not well supported then we will only run one Sims annually.

County Pairs

Due to miscommunication with the director, carry forward scores from the qualifying round were not added to the final scores for the Cup. Jeffrey has

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Douglas

Jeffrey

Gail

Shirley

re-calculated the figures, and the committee agreed that the Cup should be jointly awarded.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mike reported a surplus for 2016-17 of £3K. There followed a discussion on how this surplus should be spent. Junior/Schools bridge was suggested but they had already received funds from a grant. It was suggested it could be used for teaching sessions at clubs. Members were asked to send out suggestions for the use of the surplus before the next meeting, and also to circulate papers for the meeting in advance.

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6. MATCHES REPORT

Jeffrey reported that a team from Richmond were representing Surrey in the Garden Cities Regional Final in May. He will notify the Corwen qualifiers within the next week. The Lady Rose final would not be played until July, and regardless of the result Ian Swanson's team will represent the County in the Pachabo as the Hinden team are away.

7.YOUTH BRIDGE

Tim was complemented on his report and the work he is undertaking within Surrey for Youth Bridge.

8. DECEMBER TEAMS EVENT

Richard outlined plans for the teams event at Richmond on the first weekend in December. It is not clear that this event can be blue pointed so Shirley will ask the EBU for clarification.

Shirley

The director has still to be appointed - it was suggested that Martin Lee was approached.

As soon as these items are confirmed Richard will get the brochure printed for distribution at EBU events.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

 Charles is finding it difficult to find a suitable candidate to take over from him as President. Members were asked to think of suitable people within their own clubs.

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 Charles also mentioned using video conferencing for meetings rather than travelling to Oxshott. He will investigate suitable sites which offer free access.

Charles

• It was agreed that if two suitable teachers could be found then the County would pay for them to attend the EBTA Conference in September. They would need to be prepared to share a room or pay the single supplement.

Douglas

• The next Chairman's Lunch will be held on 15 November subject the venue being available.

Trevor

 It was agreed that at the next meeting we would discuss progress on identifying understudies who could cover for each member should they not be available.

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• Charles will write to the EBU to have his share transferred to Jeffrey pending finding a replacement shareholder for Charles.

Charles

NEXT MEETING - Thursday 20th July at 7.30 p.m.

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