

SCBA
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on Monday 8th October 2018

PRESENT:

Trevor Hobson (Chair); Tim Green; Shirley Pritchard; Jeffrey Allerton; Tim Warren; Douglas Wright; Gail Norman; Harry Figov.

APOLOGIES: Mike Clements;

<p>Harry was formally introduced to the committee as this was the first meeting he had been able to attend since his appointment as web manager. Harry was thanked for taking on the role and for being very responsive to requests from Committee members.</p>	ACTION
<p>1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING These were agreed.</p>	
<p>2. MATTERS ARISING The future of the Victor Ludorum was deferred to be 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 it was possible, and therefore the VL will be continued for another year. Douglas informed the committee that he had purchased a dealing machine with a £600 grant from the EBU. He did not require funds from Surrey. Tim G was asked to email the finalised loan policy which he had already circulated as a draft. Trevor said that the "Learn Yorkshire" membership Campaign which was to be discussed at this meeting had been deferred. Trevor said he would send out a reminder email about the members' survey. Tim W reported that the balance of the Surrey funds allocated to the Junior bridge event at Ardingly were to have been given to sponsor Surrey players for a weekend in Hertfordshire. In the event all the money was actually given to Sussex CBA to assist with the costs of Ardingly</p>	<p>Tim G</p> <p>Trevor</p>
<p>3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Trevor reported that details of members of Surrey clubs who were affiliated to another county were not being picked up by the county. Trevor would write to clubs asking them to communicate with their members who did not have Surrey as their primary county and ask them to become secondary members of Surrey should they wish to. He said that the Chairmen of 3 Surrey clubs had blocked emails from SCBA. Tim W said he would speak to the Chairman of one of the clubs. The other two were already known to the committee as unsympathetic to the county. Concern was expressed that the personal views of the club chairman might be hindering club members being aware of what the Association is doing for them. Trevor reported that Tim Anderson who is the Membership Development Officer at the EBU is meeting with representatives of 3 Surrey clubs shortly to discuss the recruitment and retainment of new members, and that he was aiming to use November's Chairman's Lunch to promote a Membership Campaign aimed at increasing club membership.</p>	

4. COMPETITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

Bank Holiday Swiss Pairs

Turnout this year was the same as last year at 23 tables, and it appears this is becoming somewhat of a fixture in the calendar at least while the EBU's summer congress arrangements are not fixed.

Club Pairs Challenge

Despite clubs being sent reminders about contacting their entrants the final looked to be heading for the lowest turnout this year at 12 tables booked at the time of the meeting compared with 18 last year. The number of clubs who entered was almost the same at 30 compared with 32 last year. Trevor said that without the increased masterpoints which this event attracted at the start interest amongst clubs appeared to be waning. The subcommittee will look at its future after this year's final in November.

Leagues

Trevor reported that entries to the counties leagues were down this year. It is expected that, as in the past, Tony Cherrett might be able to enter sufficient teams in the Novice League to make up a whole divisions and Douglas said he expected to be able to do the same and possibly persuade some other teachers to enter teams as well.

Green Point

Trevor mentioned the decline in entries for the Green Point teams. Various suggestions were made to try and remedy this such as having the teams and pairs on different weekends or keeping it as one weekend but adding an event on the Friday evening. It was agreed we would contact the participants to the year's GP weekend to seek their views on the future structure of the event. Douglas agreed to draft the email and Trevor would provide the email addresses.

Trevor also felt that we were not making the best use of the prize money, and that we should email the winners so they knew that they had won something. This is more important now that the EBU no longer show the provenance of any prize money appearing in a player's account. Shirley agreed to email the winners of prizes in future once the EBU had credited their account.

Douglas said that the marketing costs were less than last year as no flyers were posted to clubs or individuals.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mike reported a surplus around £1100 from the Green Point this year. This is mainly due to the reduced cost of transporting the equipment from Aylesbury.

6. MATCHES REPORT

Jeffrey reported the Met Cup results: in the A division Surrey had finished 2nd and 7th; Surrey won the B division; and finished 3rd and 8th in the C division.

Jeffrey said that the training seminar had been cancelled due to lack of interest. He had discussed this with Douglas who suggested having one last try at writing personally to potential attendees rather than having a general invitation on the website.

Peter Hardymont had offered to run a seminar.

Douglas agreed to plan a seminar and suggest a suitable date.

7. YOUTH BRIDGE

Tim W reported that 3 new schools had expressed an interest in

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Douglas

<p>participating in the School's Cup. There will be a one day Junior event at Wimbledon on 25th November for which there are 9 entries so far. 1 team and 1 pair took advantage of our offer to give free Green Point entry to Juniors playing in China this summer. Farnborough 6th form college had recruited 40 potential players from their Freshers week.</p> <p>8. COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMITTEE Douglas had nothing to report.</p> <p>9. REVIEW OF GP WEEKEND It was agreed to add the following to the possible improvements for next year: - Consider promoting SCBA in general for example by providing SCBA-badged pens - Seek possible sponsorship for some of the prizes.</p> <p>10. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE Jeffrey agreed to look at a rewording of the new Disciplinary process to cover appeals from club members in the constitution to be presented at next year's AGM. Tim G said he would send an email regarding the most recent appeal to ask how the appellant wishes to proceed. That email to be copied to all parties involved with the appeal, including those in the EBU that have been involved, so there could be no misunderstanding of the SCBA position.</p> <p>11. SHAREHOLDERS REPORT The next meeting is the EBU AGM on 28th November. It was agreed that any shareholder unable to attend should arrange for a proxy (this can either be another shareholder or a non-shareholder who is willing and able to attend) and submit notice of the proxy to the EBU at least one week before the AGM, in order that Surrey could use all of its votes.</p> <p>12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS There was none</p> <p>NEXT MEETINGS - Thursday 24th January 2019; Thursday 11th April; Wednesday 24th July at 7.30 pm. AGM is Sunday 30th June</p>	<p>Tim G</p>
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