

**SCBA**  
**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Held on Thursday 11th April 2019**

**PRESENT:**

Trevor Hobson (Chair); Mike Clements; Shirley Pritchard; Jeffrey Allerton; Douglas Wright; Gail Norman; Harry Figov.

**APOLOGIES:** Tim Green; Tim Warren

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Thomas Lundqvist

<p>Trevor welcomed Thomas Lundqvist to the meeting.</p>	ACTION
<p><b>1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>          These were agreed.</p>	
<p><b>2. MATTERS ARISING</b>          The action from the last meeting for Douglas to draft and Trevor to send an email to all of last year's GP participants seeking their views on the future structure of the event will be carried forward.          The action from last meeting for Douglas to plan a suitable seminar for the Met Cup teams was carried forward.          Trevor expressed concern that this seminar had not yet been arranged, and said that as the Met Cup was seen as providing members for representative events the County should ensure training for these players and he was frustrated that this had not happened. Several issues were raised: cost of arranging a venue when attendance was not guaranteed; timing of the seminar - before selection for this year's Cup or afterwards; Met Cup being reduced to one team <b>of 8 only</b> per division this year so training may be less relevant; finding a suitable "name" to host the seminar; making attendance at the seminar a condition of selection.          Douglas undertook to try and organise a suitable event before the end of September when the event takes place.          Douglas will invite club Chairmen to an existing teams event as part of our promotion of team playing. Trevor will now take this forward.          Jeffrey confirmed he had responded to the EBU regarding possible changes to the format of the Tollemache, but had received no response.</p>	<p>Trevor</p> <p>Douglas</p> <p>Trevor</p>
<p><b>3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</b>          Trevor reported on the issues surrounding the venue and date for this year's GP event. He had been impressed with the facilities at Epsom and wondered if we should try them for 2020.          Tim W had responded to him saying that he thought we should reward the loyalty of the Spectrum by staying with them. Shirley said that Guildford was a more accessible location than Epsom. Trevor wondered if Epsom might be suitable for EBU use, but Jeffrey thought that was unlikely as preferred venues are situated more centrally in the country.          Trevor is still concerned about the lack of new names for potential committee members. The people he had contacted since the last meeting are too busy to commit their time.          He reported a lack of interest in people becoming secondary members of Surrey. Jeffrey thought that was because there is no mechanism to collect the fees from these players since UMS was introduced.          Attention had been drawn to the rules for the Lady Rose winners whose team</p>	

contains a player who is not a primary member of Surrey and therefore disqualifies that team from representing the county in the Pachabo. Trevor will write a clarification of the rules for these two items.  
Trevor had circulated the paperwork for the EBU County Chairmen's meeting in May. He felt the agenda was inadequate and insufficient for governance. He asked if anyone else from the committee wished to attend with him. There were no volunteers.

Trevor

**4. COMPETITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE**

Shirley thanked Mike for all his assistance with the competitions finance, and said she was very sorry to see him go.

*Blue Point Swiss Teams*

This has now been arranged for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

*Senior Pairs/Mixed Pairs/Men's/Ladies Pairs/County Pairs*

These events had all run well and had made a surplus. At one stage it looked as if a larger venue would be required for the County Pairs, but after several cancellations there were 50 pairs. There was a complaint about the lack of hand records for this event, and Shirley admitted that she had not asked for more copies to be made available for this event compared with the normal number for a one session event with around 20 tables. At 20p per double sided copy there is a reluctance to print too many copies which are then thrown away.

Harry was asked to contact Bridgewebs to see if the NGS event ranking of the participants can be shown with the results. [Bridgewebs have since responded to say "The problem is that the EBU have, earlier in the year, made a change to their "Interface" routines and it is no longer possible to obtain the NGS Grades for a County". Trevor has written to Michael Clark at the EBU for an explanation of this new interface]

Harry

Douglas asked if the title Men's/Ladies was now an anachronism and this event should be replaced by a general pair's event. There was no general interest in this proposal, although it was acknowledged as an awkward event to run with generally small fields, although these had improved over the past few years with targeted marketing. Jeffrey said that the EBU had largely discontinued Men's and Ladies events and were running Open and Mixed Pairs instead. This would be kept under review.

*Wi-Fi at Oxshott*

Shirley had been in correspondence about the provision of Wi-fi at the hall, and communication was continuing. The management acknowledged that it had not been a priority, but they promised to follow it up and report back.

*Email from Marietta*

Douglas and Trevor have both spoken to Marietta.

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mike had circulated the draft accounts for the financial year ending March 2019. They had yet to be audited. The small surplus included the £500 to Youth Bridge which Tim W had pointed out had been received from EBED. £200 had been received from HSBC in compensation for delays in requests which Mike had made. Without these there would have been a deficit of about £570.

He was still awaiting an invoice from Oxshott from the County Pairs in 2018, but had made provision for that to be paid.

Mike then proposed Thomas Lundqvist officially as his successor, and asked that the following statement was minuted: It was agreed to appoint Mr Thomas Lundqvist as an account holder and operator of the Association's accounts with the HSBC and with Skipton Building Society, in place of Mr Ian Michael Clements whose appointment as account holder and operator is terminated.

Harry was asked to insert Thomas's email as SCBA Treasurer on the website with immediate effect.

### **6. MATCHES REPORT**

Jeffrey reported that the Tollemache team finished in a disappointing 7<sup>th</sup> place out of 8 teams in the final with not enough people playing well in the first session.

He confirmed the Met Cup would be held at Windsor on 28<sup>th</sup> Sept and is being run by Middlesex.

He confirmed that Mayfield are representing the South East in the Garden Cities final later this month; 4 out of the 5 qualifying pairs in the County Cup have said they wish to attend the Corwen Cup in June; one of the teams in the final of the Lady Rose contains a member whose primary allegiance is not to Surrey and that team is therefore unable to take part in the Pachabo if they win the Lady Rose.

### **7. YOUTH BRIDGE**

Tim W was thanked for his report. The committee agreed that good progress is being made in Youth Bridge.

### **8. COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMITTEE**

Douglas said that the quarterly newsletter had gone out, and that the next one confirming details of the AGM would be sent out at the beginning of June. He had received good co-operation from other counties on the reciprocal marketing of events.

The Club teacher course for future teachers had been taken up by Leatherhead where Peter Exworthy was getting the club involved in several county activities. There was no planned Mini bridge "teach the teacher" courses planned this year, but EBED will meet the demand if required.

Selsdon were also doing well with their marketing and recently held an Open Evening where other club's members were invited to play and they doubled their number of tables.

### **9. CTD**

Steve Foster had approached Trevor to say that he was now in a position to take the role of Chief TD which he was unable to do a few years ago when Trevor first offered it to him. Trevor felt that with only one of our Tournament directors being a member of Surrey - Miranda Churchill - the county should be encouraging more home grown directors for our events. He felt that this was a role that was carried out by CTD's in other counties. Shirley disagreed and said it was for clubs to put suitable candidates forward for further training as they had more idea of their suitability, and she also had no problem with Surrey events being run by non Surrey directors.

It was felt after discussion that the role of the CTD needs to be clarified, and Trevor will discuss with Steve why he wants the job and what he thinks it entails.

### **10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Gail was asked to follow up the clubs where either or both the Secretary and Chairman had blocked the receipt of county emails. She was asked to respond directly to Julia Brough who was contacting clubs about entry to the Mary Edwards & Wanborough Cups.

Trevor closed the meeting by thanking both Mike and Douglas whose final meeting this was as committee members. He asked Douglas to provide a

Gail/Jeffrey

Trevor

document showing the details of his 3 roles - Communication with clubs and members; Development of bridge; marketing of events and activities.

Douglas

NEXT MEETINGS - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm.  
AGM is Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June