

SCBA
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on Wednesday 18th October 2017

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: Tim Warren

IN ATTENDANCE: Frank Marshallsay.

<p>Trevor welcomed Frank Marshallsay from Effingham who had accepted the Committee’s open invitation to Surrey members to attend our meetings.</p> <p>1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING These were agreed.</p> <p>2. MATTERS ARISING Trevor reported that the issues with the database where members with duplicated names and anonymous members had caused complications had not yet been resolved and would be carried over to the next meeting. This has been raised with Gwynne Hughes at Bridgewebs. Douglas reported that the Fast Track Weekend which had been organised by Tony Cherrett had twice been postponed due to lack of entries. Jeffrey reported that the training item had been discussed by the Matches Sub Committee in their most recent meeting. The general feeling of that meeting was that training solely players selected for shorter events was not really viable. Following discussions with Douglas, it was contended that a better idea would be to hold a training session in the Spring aimed at the fairly wide pool of players who have the potential to become, or had been in the recent past, Met Cup team players. On enquiry about the appropriate standard of players in NGS terms, Jeffrey advised his opinion that NGS is only an approximate measure of standard, but the range Jack-King would be a fair indication. Douglas volunteered to investigate the marketing of such an event and suggested that it could be run by a national figure such as Ian Pagan. It would be self financing except for Juniors and therefore would be budget neutral. It was agreed to continue running the Victor Ludorum for this year and Trevor had agreed to continue to administer it. A final decision on its future will be taken at the end of this year.</p> <p>3. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT Trevor reported on an interesting statistic from this year’s GP event that showed that only half of the players attended on both days. The NGS level of those playing in the Pairs was lower than those playing in the Teams. He wondered whether this should impact on our future marketing, and Douglas wondered whether we should break the event into two entirely separate events on different weekends during the year. It was felt that the cost of hiring and transporting the equipment twice would not be offset by greater entries. Some players do make a weekend of the event and stay overnight if they are travelling from a distance. Next year it is suggested that a drop down box will be put on the entry form</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ACTION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Trevor</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Douglas</p>
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asking people for the reasons why they are not playing on both days. The attendance this year was down on last year (Pairs 154/164; Teams 62/71). The clash with the Premier League will be mentioned at the EBU AGM in November as this will have cost at least 4 tables. The costs were also higher as transport from Aylesbury had to be paid for. Eddie Williams has been asked to run it again next year, and it was agreed that the director would in future be in sole charge of ordering all the equipment from Aylesbury. Trevor said that he is now doing all the work on amendments and updating the website including making decisions about which events from clubs and counties should be promoted on the front page. A web manager is now required to continue this work. Promoting the events of others: It was agreed that Surrey and nearby club Blue Point events would be included in the website calendar and that the home page would show events for the coming approx. 3 months ahead. Passwords: It was agreed that we would routinely change our passwords and ensure knowledge of these is provided on a need to know basis. Trevor asked for topics for discussion at the Chairman's lunch - so far only 9 tables had signed up. He and Tim agreed to phone the "missing" Chairmen. [Post meeting note: It was decided not to confuse the invitation to the Chairman's Lunch with Tim introducing himself to the clubs and so these will be two separate activities.]

Shirley/Jeffrey

Trevor/Tim

4. COMPETITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

AGM

Following the decision to run a mini Swiss pairs at the AGM next year, the committee agreed that this event should be Blue Pointed to attract more entrants and provide a quorum for the AGM. Moving the event to earlier in June was considered, but there are clashes with the Corwen and League Finals. Tim said that he thought that June was a month when many bridge players had their holidays. It was agreed to review the date for 2019 after this year's event.

Club Pairs Challenge

Attendance at this event was the lowest since the event started. Less than half the number of hand copies as normal were produced and there were a few left over. The Directors have been asked to ensure that the results are loaded to the website immediately the event is concluded to reduce the requirement for printed copies.

Directors

Tim mentioned that Eddie Williams had run the Met Cup in a very professional manner and asked if we could learn any lessons from his approach. The use of a large screen was mentioned so rolling results could update during the session. Shirley mentioned that Surrey were still using Roland's dictum of 10 years ago which said that no results would be shown at County events until after the last round had commenced. After discussion it was agreed that this policy should not be changed. However the use of a pa system at Oxshott was thought to be useful especially when both rooms are in use. Shirley will investigate the cost of purchasing a standalone system.

Shirley

Shirley also announced that a director from Berks & Bucks Mick Green, who had been recommended to her, would be directing the Senior Pairs in December. She also reported that Miranda Churchill would not be leaving the county at present so may still be available to direct some events. The

<p>list of directors that were written to asking if they would consider being trained for use in the County had not yet been followed up.</p>	Shirley
<p>5. TREASURER'S REPORT</p>	
<p>The financial statements circulated by Mike prior to the meeting were considered. Mike was unsure as to whether transport costs for the GP had been included in the figures as he hadn't received an invoice for them. Trevor will follow this up.</p>	Trevor
<p>6. MATCHES REPORT</p>	
<p>Jeffrey reported that the Met Cup had been a great success for Surrey with one team finishing 2nd in the A flight; 2nd in the B flight; and winning the C flight. It appears that the Met Cup will be taking place again next year with a provisional date of 20th Oct suggested. He reported that there would be no NPC for the Tollemache this year - he and Frances would take on the role jointly.</p>	
<p>7. YOUTH BRIDGE</p>	
<p>Tim Warren had sent a written report detailing the individual schools where bridge had started or hopefully would be shortly. He confirmed that the Surrey Schools Cup would be held at Roehampton Club instead of St Pauls next year. This would involve an increase in costs of c£500 for the catering.</p>	
<p>8. COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMITTEE</p>	
<p>Douglas said he was keen to invite non affiliated clubs to enter the County's charity Sims, but he was not sure of the mechanics of this as clubs can only enter via their EBU account and if they are unaffiliated they don't have one. He would investigate further. [Following the meeting the EBU confirmed that clubs can only hold two Sims annually for affiliated clubs only. Any additional Sims for non affiliated clubs would attract a charge]</p>	Douglas
<p>9. UNDERSTUDIES</p>	
<p>All members of the committee had now produced this handover document except for Shirley and Douglas.</p>	Shirley/Douglas
<p>10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p>	
<p>When he attended the last meeting as an observer, Brian Adlam of Kenley asked if it would be possible for smaller clubs to receive some money from the County to purchase a dealing machine. After discussion the committee agreed that this would not be a good use of resources for a club that only played once a week. However if smaller clubs would consider sharing dealing machines then this would be more attractive. A loan system was thought more viable than a fund matching scheme and the committee should be sympathetic to clubs who request loans.</p>	
<p>The Shareholders will raise the possible impact of the changes to the Data Protection laws at the next EBU shareholders meeting.</p>	Shareholders
<p>NEXT MEETINGS - Monday 8th January; Wednesday, 25th April; Thursday, 5th July all at 7.30 pm.</p>	

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