

SCBA
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on Wednesday 25th April 2018

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: Richard Millard; Harry Figov

IN ATTENDANCE: Alan Bailey

	ACTION
<p>Trevor welcomed Alan Bailey from Mayfield who had accepted the Committee's open invitation to Surrey members to attend our meetings.</p>	
<p>1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</p>	
<p>These were agreed.</p>	
<p>2. MATTERS ARISING</p>	
<p>Trevor asked how entries were going for the Summer Youth Camp in July. Tim W said there were few from anywhere yet, and none from Surrey.</p>	
<p>3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</p>	
<p>Trevor welcomed the arrival of Harry Figov as the new web manager. He stressed the importance of visiting clubs and asking for volunteers in person so that the committee could find replacements in the future.</p>	
<p>Trevor reported that the Victor Ludorum admin was complicated by the need to extract manually from the EBU website the names of individuals in winning teams in the Leagues and Lady Rose. He suggested that if we were to continue with this competition then the work could be streamlined by excluding players in League Division 3 and below and the Lady Rose Plate. A note on the website informing members that the competition might not continue elicited one response in favour of retaining it. The newsletter asked for votes and none were forthcoming. A decision on the future of the Victor Ludorum is to be made at the next committee meeting.</p>	
<p>Trevor reported on the work he had been doing on GDPR and thanked Jeffrey for his help.</p>	
<p>Trevor reported that we now have a program update which automatically updates the members' database. E mail groups can now be automatically updated too.</p>	
<p>Emails have been sent to the approximately 550 non-Surrey members for whom we have email addresses asking if they wish to remain on our mailing list. So far 101 have replied with 20 saying they wish to be removed from our list. Anyone with a negative response or not responding will be deleted. Douglas said he wished to have a list of the ones who were being deleted as a "non response".</p>	<p>Gail</p>
<p>The approximately 550 visitors on our database for whom we have no contact information at all have already been removed from the database. The proposed SCBA Privacy Notice was agreed with one modification to the wording. He would put the privacy notice on the website and email it to all members and visitors for whom we have email addresses. It was agreed that snail mail will not be used for approximately 1000 members without an email address. These should be dealt with by clubs. The Privacy Notice</p>	<p>Trevor</p>

would be sent to directors and organisers of Surrey events.
For the future a form drawing attention to our Privacy Notice will be used at our events to capture contact details of visitors that wish to be on our mailing list.

Jeffrey suggested that between now and the next committee meeting, all committee members should monitor how they access, use and store personal data, making a note of what we all do so that we can ensure compliance with the new law. Gail was asked to include GDPR compliance as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Gail

4. COMPETITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

Club Pairs Challenge

[Following the meeting Shirley confirmed with the EBU that this event does not fulfil the criteria of a supplementary event which is required for the award of enhanced master points. A supplementary event is defined as one which is not normally on a club calendar.]

Oxshott

Shirley reported that from 2020 the management at Oxshott proposed to only allow bookings in 3 distinct slots on Sundays: 9am to 1pm, 1.30pm to 5.30pm and 6.30pm to 11pm. Our current arrangement of having the hall for the whole day would only be available at an increased cost of 50% above the current rate. She therefore proposed that from the commencement of the 2019-20 season events would begin at noon and finish by 5.30 with the exception of the County Pairs. This was not agreed and would be put on the agenda for further discussion.

Gail

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mike reported a deficit of £1,130 for the year ending 31st March 2018. The main reasons for this were increased expenditure on Youth Bridge and the GP event which did little more than break even in 2017/18 following a disappointing number of entries. Trevor said that Eddie Williams was providing the equipment for the GP this year and he hoped it would be cheaper than last year.

As no candidate had been available for the appointment of the auditor at the AGM, the committee had permission (as empowered by para 18 (d) of the Constitution) to now appoint an auditor who is John Manches.

6. MATCHES REPORT

Jeffrey reported that the C Team who won the Met Cup would be playing in the National League final on 24th June.

He said that the provisional date for the Met Cup this year was 30th Sept.

Jeffrey reported that two of the pairs who qualified for the Corwen trophy are unable to play, so the pairs who finished 6th and 7th in addition to 3 of the top 5 are representing the county this year.

7. YOUTH BRIDGE

Tim W reported that the Surrey Schools Cup took place on 2 Feb, attracting 84 players. This was 60% up on last year, due in part to Westminster School joining for the first time (and winning), but nearly two-thirds of the growth was 'Surrey organic'. The new venue, Roehampton Club, went down well, and agreement has been reached to return there next year. It is hoped that Zia will open the event next year if he is available.

The new Head at Claremont Helen Hutton-Attenborough, introduced bridge

as a curriculum subject from autumn term last year. This is believed to be the first in the country.

Although not a bridge-player herself, she is enthusiastic about using card games in education. She is willing to work with us to get other schools interested, and has some good ideas about how to do that. Tim said he is aiming to set up a planning session with Douglas, Trevor and Mike O'Donnell, and will include her ideas in the mix.

Tim W

Four people have signed up so far for the Teach the teacher course at Wimbledon on 24 Jun.

Tim was also asked to contact the Squad Managers of the three youth teams and offer the members free entry to the GP weekend, including hosting their training sessions on Sunday morning, if they want them.

Tim W

Tim had circulated the proposed modifications to the EBU policy on safeguarding which he now suggested that Surrey adopts. It will be put on the website and in the newsletter.

Tim W

8. COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMITTEE

Douglas reported on the first teachers learning weekend in the country and said the idea had now been copied by the EBU.

At the club teacher's training course 10 out of the 12 attendees were successful.

He said he intended to get the brochures for the GP and Blue Pointed events out to clubs by mail rather than email for greater effect. He would also include adjacent counties.

He reported the first bridge club at a junior school - Boxgrove in Guildford - and he said that these pupils were also going to form part of a bridge club at their senior school George Abbot. There was also a bridge club at a school in Haslemere.

Douglas reported that the Ian Pagan seminar had now been cancelled due to a lack of numbers. He required 20 people for the seminar to run and 13 had signed up by the cut off date. He planned to hold another seminar and will rethink the marketing for this event. He will also ensure no clashes with any other event being held in the county.

9. LOAN POLICY

(This discussion was occasioned by a request from 3 Counties BC that Surrey grant it one third of the cost of a new duplimate machine. The remaining two thirds would be provided by the club and a grant from the EBU. Members of 3 Counties BC Trevor and Douglas left the room during this discussion)

Following on from discussions in the October 2017 meeting, the committee agreed that it was not appropriate for SCBA to provide grants to clubs, but it would consider loans in order to assist clubs to accelerate capital expenditure.

Jeffrey led a general discussion on a possible loan policy for Surrey. It was agreed that before a loan was granted the county would need to see the accounts of the club in question in order to ascertain their ability to repay.

It was further agreed that they would have to be repaid within 3 years.

There was a discussion on whether the loan should be interest free, and whether any conditions should be attached. It was agreed that the club should agree an intention where possible to send a pair/team to the counties representative events - Teams of 8, Mary Edwards and Wanborough Cup).

It was suggested that 3 Counties should apply for the maximum grant

available from the EBU. It was agreed that pending the establishment of a policy for loans to clubs, the Committee would consider a loan of up to £500 to 3 Counties towards the purchase of a replacement dealing machine. Tim G offered to formulate a loan policy for the committee to adopt.

Tim G

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

All current members agreed to stand again at the AGM - Gail agreed to draft the AGM Agenda for 1st July and ensure that the Agenda and request for nominations is put up on the SCBA website by 1st June.

Gail

NEXT MEETINGS - Thursday, 5th July; Monday 8th October; Thursday 24th January 2019 all at 7.30 pm.