

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

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: Richard Millard

	ACTION
<p>1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING These were agreed.</p>	
<p>2. MATTERS ARISING Trevor reported that the rectification of the issues with the database where members with duplicated names and anonymous members had caused complications would involve a considerable restructuring of Bridgewebs. Douglas reported that an advanced training session had been agreed with Ian Pagan on Sunday 20th May at Richmond. It would be promoted at the forthcoming Teams of 8, and members from Jack to King would receive emails. The aim is to attract between 24-40 players, and this would be the start of marketing courses to different bands. Trevor commented on the suggestion made in the last meeting that there is a drop down menu on GP entries to find out why players are attending either one or both days. This was discussed again and not thought to produce an outcome which could be actioned. Instead it was agreed to see if contacting people while entries were coming in could be manageable. The cost of a standalone p.a. system for Oxshott appeared to be in the region of £100. Shirley was authorised to purchase one.</p>	<p>Trevor Shirley</p>
<p>3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Trevor will be visiting Bletchingley and said that Gail had now produced a table of which committee members had visited which clubs, and also a table giving a summary by club of how these clubs had supported Surrey events. This should be useful information to Committee members that are visiting a club. Gail was asked to circulate these tables to the whole Committee. He had spoken to Gordon Rainsford with reference to the County Working Groups and had been referred to Graham Smith who was now organising them. He reiterated the priorities of the last two years: Improve the quality of our events; improve the marketing of our events; re-invigorate the Youth Programme and establish a more modern website. He complimented the Committee on the progress made on all of these items. While maintaining the momentum on event marketing and the Youth Programme he suggested that the main priority now should be to look within clubs for people to provide help to the existing committee and who could potentially replace the current committee in the medium to long term.</p>	<p>Gail</p>
<p>4. COMPETITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE <i>Events</i> Following the postponement of the Senior Pairs only one event had so far taken place this year. This was the Club Pairs Challenge where numbers</p>	

were the lowest since this competition had begun. Douglas said he felt this was not indicative of the potential numbers for the rest of the season. There is still some confusion regarding the Masterpoint awards for this event, and Shirley will speak to Ian Mitchell in an attempt to clarify finally.

Bank Holiday Blue Point Swiss Pairs

Shirley reported that so far she had been unable to find a director for this event so had not yet applied for a licence.

GP

Trevor reported that Eddie Williams will be in sole charge of this event this year and will organise all the equipment required. Shirley had agreed to receive the entries again, and Trevor would liaise with the Spectrum regarding chair hire and the provision of water.

Douglas agreed to produce the leaflet again this year, but marketing is required to email entry forms to other counties and take to other congresses.

Shirley had received a response from Gillian Fawcett, Chair of the Selection committee regarding the clash with the Premier League. She said that the committee would take this into account in future but could not guarantee clashes would not occur. However she gave an assurance that this would not happen in 2018.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The draft budget for 2018-19 prepared by Mike showed a deficit of £3,374.

A lot would depend on the GP figures this year, and hopefully with no clashes these will be better than the current year. In discussion it was agreed to assume that the GP event will generate a surplus of £1000 and other competitions also £1000, reducing the projected deficit to £1,374.

He reported that the Dorin salver had raised £2,903.80p and that Chipstead, Claygate and Horley had raised additional sums.

6. MATCHES REPORT

Jeffrey reported on the failure of the team to qualify for the final of the Tollemache. Although it did not affect the final result he mentioned a scoring error that was noticed too late to be rectified. If it had been Surrey would have finished third equal rather than 6th which is their official placing.

7. YOUTH BRIDGE

Tim Warren mentioned the Summer Youth Camp which is being organised by Sussex at Ardingly on 7th-8th July. He suggested that Surrey could contribute £500 to subsidise an event or sponsor a Surrey player. It was agreed that we wished to support this and left it up to Tim to determine the appropriate level of support required. He will be required to account for the expenditure in a future meeting.

On the issue of safeguarding he mentioned that the version provided by the EBU was too strict, but suggested that clubs adopt it for now until he had time to write a cut down version. He will provide his proposed changes at the next meeting.

He reported that a new club Boxgrove was beginning next week.

8. COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMITTEE

Douglas was asked if he required extra paid help to assist him in marketing events. He said that while it would be useful it was not a long term solution to attracting more volunteers.

Tim

9. YOUTH TEAMS FOR CHINA

Jeffrey introduced this topic by saying that the EBU had encouraged teams at every level (U26; U26 Women; U21; U16) to qualify for the World Youth Teams Championships without budgeting for the costs involved.

It was agreed that as a county we are doing a lot for Youth Bridge, and are contributing in kind e.g. Surrey member Giorgio Provenza is coaching the Under 16 team.

It was agreed to leave any contributions to individual clubs. Trevor will contact the clubs and report back to the EBU

Trevor

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Jeffrey suggested that we have a standing item twice a year for the Shareholders report. This was agreed.

Gail

NEXT MEETINGS - Wednesday, 25th April; Thursday, 5th July all at 7.30 pm.