

SCBA
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on Friday 4th September 2015

PRESENT:

Trevor Hobson (Chair); Charles Chisnall (President); Shirley Pritchard; Mike Clements; Gail Norman; Frances Trebble; Mac Derwig; Jeffrey Allerton; Bomi Kavarana, Jill Cook; Richard Millard.

APOLOGIES: Douglas Wright; Tim Warren

	ACTION
<p>1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING These were agreed</p> <p>2. MATTERS ARISING There were none.</p> <p>3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Trevor started by mentioning the changes which had taken place since the last meeting. Julia Brough and Steve Foster had both resigned from the committee, and he thanked them both for their expertise and hard work while on the committee. He also commended the graceful way in which they have handled their resignations, and the continued support they had freely given to the committee. He then went on to explain the need for the new website following Julia's departure. He and Ian Lewis had done a large amount of work in order to get the new Bridgewebs site running so that the results of the Bank Holiday Swiss Pairs could be loaded onto it. He also thanked the Communications subcommittee for the work they had done on publicising the Blue and Green point events this summer.</p> <p>4. TREASURER'S REPORT Mike said there was nothing to report at this stage of the season, but it was noted that the £378 which was spent on the stand at the County Show at Guildford had not produced much interest and this would not be repeated.</p> <p>5. COMPETITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE Shirley introduced the paper she had written as the new chair of the Competitions subcommittee. The committee's approval is required to implement some of the proposed changes to events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friendly events will be suspended - take-up in the past two years has been poor, but some teachers have offered to run events which can tap in to a local pool of pupils. The county will actively market the EBU Really Easy simultaneous events taking place during the year at Richmond and Wimbledon. There is evidence that newcomers to bridge do not like to travel to unfamiliar locations to play. This was agreed - Douglas has expressed some concern at this development. • The merging of Men's and Ladies Pairs and the possible future abandonment of these events will be dependent on the numbers attending this year. • The committee's recommendation to abandon the Victor Ludorum 	

<p>was not agreed to. Jeffrey offered to review the scoring system for this to avoid two or more players sharing the award. There was suggestion made for a New Player award to encourage players new to Surrey competitions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non expert and ascenders prizes will be in cash rather than vouchers • Surrey will no longer be involved with the Golfbridge event organised by Jennifer Breeden and played at Hampton Court. John Spiers runs a similar event in Guildford and he will be invited to assist Jennifer with her event. Shirley will inform her. • A tea lady will be employed at county events to avoid extra pressure on the director and to enable players to have a drink before the start of play. • Wifi will be available at all venues via mobile phone to ensure results are uploaded to the website and the EBU at the event. • Thanks to Gail's discussions with the Oxshott committee, equipment will be stored at Oxshott in future. This venue, together with Wimbledon, Richmond and the Bourne will be the only venues used in future. This will mean that the director will only need to provide boards and a laptop. • There are 3 crates of bidding boxes and 60 cloths surplus to requirements. They could be made available to teachers, schools, to students who are playing matches at home, or to new teams who are entering the Lady Rose this year. Jill has kindly offered to store them in her conservatory. 	<p>Jeffrey</p> <p>Shirley</p>
<p>It was noted that Steve had carried out a lot of extra work while he was directing for the county including transporting equipment. He also directed every event. New directors will be used this year - details are on the new website.</p> <p>6. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT</p> <p>A request was made to pay Meena Samani £38 to teach pupils at Claremont Fancourt school. Teaching was done free by John and Phillippa Cadge who have now retired. It was agreed that the county would pay for her to teach another teacher while teaching pupils simultaneously for 6 weeks up to a maximum of £200.</p> <p>Gordons school in Chobham had expressed an interest in teaching bridge - Douglas will be asked to follow this up.</p> <p>Club development officers are being sought to market clubs in local newspapers and increase membership by holding open events. The aim is to run a pilot in a couple of clubs to try to get a club involved in their local community. Wimbledon and Richmond already do this so perhaps they can be approached for ideas. The county could be prepared to hire a venue if clubs have people who are willing to organise this - perhaps 2 clubs could pool resources. Douglas will be asked to run a consultative pilot and report back to the committee via email so the results can be reported at the Chairman's lunch in November</p>	<p>Douglas</p> <p>Douglas</p>
<p>7. MATCHES REPORT</p> <p>It was agreed that all players in representative events must be primary members of Surrey. Since P2P came into effect it is not clear how players can become secondary members of counties. Shirley will contact the EBU to find out the definitions of primary and secondary members.</p> <p>In the Met Cup which takes place in October, Surrey will have one team in</p>	<p>Shirley</p>

the A and B groups, and 2 in the C group. Surrey will not be running this competition after this year.

The Tollemache teams has been chosen as:

Graham & Frances

Jeffrey and Paula Leslie

Ken Ford and Ian Swanson

Peter Lee and Mike Scoltock

Richard Millard will be the NPC

Surrey will enter two teams into the Home Counties league - Middx and London will have one each.

8.WEBSITE

Trevor said that the website required an editor to decide on content. Charles agreed to do this.

The capability of the Bridgewebs site to show league results is limited. The EBU have a league set up which may be appropriate. Trevor will investigate.

Charles

9. SELECTION OF SHAREHOLDERS

Only one nomination has been received. There are now two vacancies following Steve’s resignation and Peter Bentley’s death. Trevor asked for further nominations by the end of next week. Mac and Jeffrey volunteered to stand if no other nominations were forthcoming.

Trevor

10. UNIVERSITY BRIDGE CLUB

Mac reported that there was £1000 in the budget to pay Paul Shannon to teach, but unfortunately he had been ill. However he is determined to continue in October. The Fresher’s Fair will be run by existing students who although few in number are very keen. They will be invited to play in the Novice League. It was agreed that we should continue funding for another year in principle.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that next year’s AGM on 3rd July should be a pairs event and not a Swiss event. Numbers have been declining to the point that a Swiss event is unviable. Charles made the point that playing just two boards against another pair means meeting more people. [Post meeting note: should this be blue pointed to attract more participants?]

The Member’s survey has received 180 entries from June and will be cut off on 11th September.

Charles suggested the county could run a pro am pairs for charity with qualifying heats in clubs. Charles agreed to expand on his ideas and to circulate it to the Committee

Charles

Club or other county events could be mentioned on the new website as long as there was a reciprocal arrangement to include Surrey events on their website.

Trevor was thanked for the huge amount of work he has put in since his appointment.

NEXT MEETING - Friday 15th January at 2.p.m. at Oxshott (provisional)

Since we meet only three times a year it is important that we have everyone attending so the date of the next meeting is provisional pending

All

<p>confirmation to Gail that all can attend on 15th January. Jeffrey kindly agreed to see if he could manage an earlier start time of 2pm.</p>	<p>Jeffrey</p>
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