

**SCBA**  
**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

**PRESENT:**

Mac Derwig (Chair); Graham Osborne (President); Shirley Pritchard; Trevor Hobson; Mike Clements; Gail Norman; Frances Trebble; Julia Brough; Steve Foster; Douglas Wright; Peggy Griffin; Jeffrey Allerton; Bomi Kavarana, Jill Cook; Richard Millard.

<p>The meeting began with drinks to say farewell to Peggy and George. Congratulations were also offered to the two committee members Graham and Jeffrey who together with Frances had won the Schapiro Spring Foursomes the previous weekend.</p> <p><b>1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>  These were agreed</p> <p><b>2. MATTERS ARISING</b>  There were none.</p> <p><b>3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</b>  Mac opened the meeting with a tribute to Peter Bentley whose funeral was attended by several members of the committee including himself and Graham. He paid tribute to Peter's loyal service to Surrey, and his struggle to attend his final meeting in January.  He also welcomed Richard Millard to the committee.  He then thanked the retiring members of the committee in turn.  Graham had never refused to do anything that was asked of him and had been a calming influence. He had also chosen two local charities to benefit from the SIMS, and it had been interesting to see where the money raised had gone. (Trevor mentioned that several clubs had given extra contributions over and above the table money for these events.)  Peggy had been taken out to lunch to thank her for her long service. She will be replaced as Match Secretary by Jeffrey.  Bomi's job as Youth officer will be handed over at some stage probably to Tim Warren. Bomi will continue to run the Schools Competition as an Activity Manager.  Mac has been the Chairman for the past 5 years and according to the constitution must now relinquish his post. He is however happy to remain a member of the committee. His replacement as Chairman will be Trevor.  Trevor asked for individual meetings with all committee members during the summer.  Peggy and Frances thanked Mac warmly for his tenure on behalf of the committee.</p> <p><b>4. TREASURER'S REPORT</b>  Mike reported a deficit of some £3,000 in the last financial year. He said the cash handed over by Steve should greatly ease the cash flow problem he had identified in the period before a bond matured in November.  Mike aimed to process the information just received from Steve so that the accounts could be with the auditors by next weekend (16<sup>th</sup>) and hopefully the audit would be completed in time for the AGM.  He reiterated that budgeting is very important for next year and it was</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ACTION</p>
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agreed that budgets would be submitted to him by 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The issue of raising P2P was discussed again. Although Mike felt that we need a plan for using the money, it was felt that asking the AGM to approve a rate of 2p would not be a problem. There are the costs associated with the club at Surrey University which are in the region of £1k p.a. although these could be offset by the decision to cease printing the calendar insert in the August edition of English Bridge which would save £900. After further discussion it was agreed by 11 votes to 4 to propose a 2016/17 County P2P rate of 2 pence for members' approval at the forthcoming AGM.

#### **5. COMPETITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE**

It was agreed that marketing for the Green Point event would be undertaken by the Communications s/c. Fees with the Spectrum have yet to be agreed. Steve estimated a profit of £2K for this year's event. All details of the event including the fees and the organiser will be confirmed the end of next week so publicity can be organised at the Sussex GP event or soon afterwards.

There are still issues with director recruitment due to the absence of training on the Pairs Scorer system. Shirley will raise this at the EBU Shareholders meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May, and joint training with Sussex and Hants will be requested.

Trevor reported that 31 of the 108 eligible players took up the offer of free play vouchers following the NEScot event last September.

#### **6. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

Douglas had contacted all Surrey teachers and clubs and asked if they could attend the Surrey County Show to help to promote bridge at the stall which he is running. 3 clubs have volunteered, and 3 have said they are not interested.

It was agreed to extend the trial of publishing Surrey events on club's calendars and websites to all clubs.

9 members of the committee had completed the member's survey which will help in its collation. Any comments on the survey should be addressed to Julia. It was agreed that this survey should go ahead.

Douglas asked if Surrey events should be run in association with a charity in a similar way to the SIMS? Would this be likely to attract more players?

This will be considered after work on the member's survey has been completed.

#### **7. MATCHES REPORT**

Peggy proposed that the County fund 4 teams for the Met Cup this year. This was seconded by Mac and agreed.

#### **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Jeffrey was thanked for his work on amendments to the constitution. He will discuss some minor amendments with other committee members in the next few days, and will circulate a final draft by the end of next week.

If this is approved it will be put on the website, and it will be put on the AGM agenda and referred to in the next newsletter.

NEXT MEETING - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 2.15 at Oxshott

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