

SCBA
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on Friday 9th May 2014

PRESENT:

Mac Derwig (Chair); Graham Osborne (President); Shirley Pritchard; Trevor Hobson; Frances Trebble; Steve Foster; Gail Norman; Peggy Griffin; Jeffrey Allerton; Peter Bentley; Julia Brough; Bomi Kavarana, Jill Cook.

APOLOGIES:

George Gardiner; Douglas Wright; Maggie Conway, Mike Clements; Guy Ableman

	ACTION
<p>1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING Agreed with the date of the Chairman's lunch corrected to 22nd October</p>	
<p>2. MATTERS ARISING None</p>	
<p>3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT a) Mac reported that Maggie had resigned from the committee due to pressure of work. b) Mac thanked all those on the committee who did a lot of unseen work which did not often get acknowledged. He used the example of Jill who volunteered to take over the organisation of trophies after the last meeting.</p>	
<p>4. TREASURER'S REPORT The accounts were approved and audited on this occasion by Malcolm Curtis. Malcolm has made it clear that he does not wish to undertake this task again. In Mike's absence Mac mentioned 2 positive items of note: the proceeds from the Green Point were +£700 on the previous year, and the Tollemache team's failure to qualify for the final saved £500. This latter item was not positive from a bridge standpoint! There was a negative aspect where the prize money was shown as an increase of 60% but this is not correct. Steve will discuss this figure with Mike on his return from holiday. Julia said that the AGM notice would be included in the brochure which will be distributed with the August issue of <i>English Bridge</i> so the cost of £750 for the separate issue which has been spent in the last 2 years will not be spent next year. This year's deficit is £750.</p>	SF
<p>5. GENERAL PURPOSES SUB COMMITTEE Mac asked Graham to talk to this item in the absence of a GP committee meeting. Graham noted that the SCBA was in a artificial position financially. A project should be included in the forward planning so that funds raised from a potential rise in P2P could be specifically used and marketed as such. Graham had met with Gill Nichols the deputy vice chancellor of Surrey University. She was due to get back to him and it was hoped that something could be arranged to have a presence at Freshers week. Mac will follow this up with Gill.</p>	MD

<p>Graham also suggested just one main committee meeting annually with the subcommittee heads and officers attending. Every committee member should belong to a sub committee. These topics will form the basis for a GP committee meeting before the end of June which Mac will arrange.</p>	MD
<p>6. EBU SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING Peter reported that <i>English Bridge</i> would be smaller in future because of rising postal charges. Counties and clubs were encouraged to use the EBU Shop which offered to match prices with other suppliers.</p>	
<p>7. COMPETITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE a) Jeffrey's team was congratulated for winning the Lady Rose. b) Trevor spoke about his suggestion to give free entry to the Lady Rose and Surrey League to participants in the Wanborough Cup and Affiliated Teams of 8. A flyer will be prepared to put on the tables at the Wanborough. c) Mac volunteered to ring club chairmen again this year to invite them to the AGM, the Wanborough and the Chairman's lunch. d) Julia asked if the AGM could be exempt from the decision to dispense with plated teas – this was agreed. e) Double Elimination Teams – a date of 12th April 2015 has been agreed for this but as yet there is no suitable venue.</p>	TH MD
<p>8. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT Julia reported that the committee couldn't set a budget when they don't have a clear objective. Mac spoke about Douglas' enthusiasm and said that he shouldn't be deterred – once the GP committee had met some targets should be available.</p>	
<p>9. MATCHES REPORT Peggy will contact Sussex and Oxon as it appears that invitations to some events may have gone astray. None had been received this year. Barry Stoker has replaced Richard Millard as a selector. It was confirmed that Surrey would choose 4 teams for the Met Cup this year.</p>	
<p>10) MEMBERSHIP REPORT Nothing to report</p>	
<p>11. ANY OTHER BUSINES a) Jeffrey offered to look for a new auditor. b) Gail offered to be the new secretary and Shirley would take the minutes of meetings. c) A picture of the Chair and President was taken for the brochure d) Charity – Mac thanked all who helped raise £2145 from the SIMS for the PROSTATE PROJECT. e) Frances mentioned the Richard Currie Swiss Pairs on 27th July at Farnham</p>	JA
<p>NEXT MEETING TBA - dependant on result of GP committee meeting</p>	

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