

**SCBA**  
**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

**PRESENT:**

Mac Derwig (Chair); Graham Osborne (President); Shirley Pritchard; Mike Clements; Steve Foster; Gail Norman; George Gardiner Peggy Griffin; Jeffrey Allerton; Peter Bentley; Julia Brough; Bomi Kavarana, Jill Cook.

**APOLOGIES:**

Frances Trebble; Trevor Hobson; Douglas Wright.

	ACTION
<p><b>1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>  These were agreed</p> <p><b>2. MATTERS ARISING</b>  Mac reported that due to pressure of family commitments Guy Ableman has resigned from the committee but still remains as an activity manager for the Surrey SIMS.  Steve reported on the reasons for the increase of 60% in prize money. These were that £100 of free vouchers had been used; Prize money of £140 was for the Swiss Pairs which did not take place in the previous year; the change in the timing of the Men's and Ladies Pairs meant there were two events in the last financial year and also that prizes were increased to compensate players for problems experienced with the movement at the event.  As a result of the reduction in size of <i>English Bridge</i> Shirley reported that there would be less space allocated to County news , and that it could only contain reference to players achievements nationally and forthcoming events. The committee asked Shirley to write to Elena Jeromides the editor of English Bridge to express their disappointment at this change. (Post meeting note: Elena has replied saying our comments will be passed to the Editorial Board).  Thomas Lundqvist has been appointed as the new auditor.</p>	
<p><b>3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</b>  Mac has sent out the invitations to the Chairman's lunch.  Richard Millard is to replace Neil Morley as a shareholder - he will be asked if he wishes to stand for the committee after next year's AGM.  Mac will write to the relations of Celia Talbot informing them that her legacy has been used to buy small engraved plaques for the winners of Friendly events.</p>	MD
<p><b>4. TREASURER'S REPORT</b>  Mike has revised the figures for the current year due to the drop in entries for the Green Point event. These are 108 compared with 138 for the pairs and 64 compared with 73 for the teams. LY figures are the ones reported at the September meeting last year.  The table money for county events was queried and it was pointed out that there are no plated teas this year.  Mike asked for more accurate budgets to enable financial planning to be improved - at present he just uses figures from the year before.</p>	

**5. EBU SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING**

Nothing to report as there has been no meeting since April. Since the EBU AGM has been moved to late November this year nominations for committees will be circulated via email either by Gail or Shirley.

**6. COMPETITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE**

Jill reported that 30 clubs had entered the club's pair's challenge this year which has resulted in a record number of participants in the final - currently 23 tables. Ripley can only take 25 but some people may not turn up on the day.

Volunteers were requested to act as a host at events. This would include putting out fliers for forthcoming events checking entries and generally welcoming players. Peggy offered to do this at the Club Pairs Challenge.

It was agreed that the fliers for the Green Point event should be available by Easter next year.

All this year's entrants will be emailed to remind them about the event.

Julia offered to check if asked by a member of the Competitions s/c that the EBU link their Competitions diary page to the correct part of our website.

SF/SP

**7. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

Douglas reported a trial in 15 clubs where SCBA events are to be publicised on the club's website calendar. He asked for assistance from committee members where some clubs had refused.

SP

He also asked for topics to be aired at the Chairman's lunch.

ALL

Bomi will follow up with school contacts. Help with this would be gratefully received if anyone knew of anyone who would be interested in assisting him.

**8. MATCHES REPORT**

Peggy was asked again to contact Sussex and Oxon about invitations to the Beck Cup.

PG

**9. MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Julia suggested that the role of membership secretary be subsumed under the role of website manager on the Communications s/c. The Web manager should be an officer.

This was agreed.

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Graham reported that he would be running the Fresher's week stall at Surrey University on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

Jill asked who should be responsible for damage to trophies caused when they are in possession of the trophy holder. It was agreed that the holder should repair the damage and claim on his/her house insurance.

Jeffrey volunteered to look at clauses in the constitution which could be improved or amended.

A member of Yateley, Alan Brown offered to write commentaries for Surrey SIMS. It was agreed that he would send a trial commentary on next week's event to the committee who would decide if it had merit for the February competition.

NEXT MEETING - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 2.15 at Oxshott

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