

4. COMPETITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

Shirley asked the committee to approve an increase in prize money for next season and this was approved. It was also agreed there should be a Non-Expert prize. The NE level would depend on the strength of the field. Ian offered to do a calculation for the directors to use when the total number of entrants was known.

It should equate to approx 15% of the field.

Should a blue pointed multiple teams event be offered?

There was an action for more events to be offered but Shirley said she cannot commit to organising more events without extra resource.

Richard reported that the Green Point preparations were 3 months ahead of last year with 260 brochures sent out by mail. The directors and transport were all organised. Richard will issue a status update in the next few days.

5. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Trevor asked about club development officers using Dorking as a catalyst for this role showing how clubs can identify new potential members.

Douglas suggested a meeting for clubs who wish to pursue this to share best practices.

6. MATCHES REPORT

Jeffrey reported that the Tollemache team came third in the final.

Richmond would represent the county in the Garden Cities regional final.

He had identified the 5 pairs who would be entered into the Corwen Cup, but that the Pachabo entry was not yet confirmed as one semi-final remained to be played. The dates for the Lady Rose need to be looked at for next year to avoid this happening again.

Douglas queried the quality of the field in the County pairs. Discussion followed about the format - should we revert to qualification in clubs?

There was a new section on the website for the Home Counties League - would it be possible to include a captain's report? Should there be a page for representative events? Jeffrey will investigate.

7. MEMBER'S SURVEY

There had been 200 responses. It was agreed that the forthcoming newsletter should contain a summary of our responses. Trevor to do the first draft

8. YOUTH BRIDGE

Tim circulated some templates for use in promoting schools bridge. He said Sussex were working to provide a junior teaching weekend since the EBU had cancelled their normal event at Loughborough this year. Tim felt it should be called Southern Counties or South Eastern bridge rather than Sussex. He would continue to work closely with the organiser.

9. WEBSITE

Ian asked that all committee members logged on to the website so that they knew how to use it. He asked for comments on the legacy site.

It appears that clubs may not realise that they are entitled to run two blue point events annually as long as they are open to all. Ian would put something on the website about this, as it appeared several clubs were not aware.

The scrolling photos of winners on the website were disliked by 12 people who had commented directly. It was agreed that in future the latest

Richard

Trevor/Jeffrey

Jeffrey

Trevor

Tim

winners would be shown as a static photo with previous winners available to view via a hyperlink to the hall of fame.

The new knockout format was thought to be less than ideal as the preference was to view the full draw rather than only seeing it in the latter part of the competition.

Ian was thanked for his work on the website - Trevor commented how far it has developed in less than one year.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Charles submitted some suggestions for discussion.

English Bridge

An unsatisfactory and contradictory response had been received from the editor. It was agreed that Surrey would try and use all of their 160 word allocation by including some county events.

Committee matches

These used to take place with London and Sussex, but the difficulties of getting 16 people together on one date proved too difficult and the matches were abandoned.

Survey of Club Chairmen

It was felt that another survey was not required, but that there should be a continuing dialogue with chairmen.

AGM

Jeffrey said that we need to ensure that the relevant notices required by the Constitution are included in English Bridge and on the SCBA website.

Future meetings: Gail will circulate a request for agenda items 3 weeks prior to each meeting. The final agenda will then be circulated 1 week before the meeting and all pre-reading should be circulated to the Committee a minimum of two days prior to the meeting.

Gail

NEXT MEETINGS - A Thursday evening in July and October and January at Oxshott. Exact dates to be circulated by Gail following committee members' preferences. All to supply Gail with dates they are not available.

All

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