

SCBA
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on Thursday 21st July 2016

PRESENT:

Trevor Hobson (Chair); Jeffrey Allerton; Ian Lewis; Douglas Wright; Charles Chisnall; Mike Clements; Richard Millard; Shirley Pritchard.

APOLOGIES: Gail Norman; Tim Warren.

	ACTION
<p>1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING These were agreed.</p>	
<p>2. MATTERS ARISING Charles will provide a paper for the next meeting outlining a possible charity Pro-Am tournament using Surrey "expert" players along the lines of the now defunct Night of the Stars. For each main event (Seniors/Mixed/Men's/Ladies/AGM Pairs) Ian would create an EBU ranking (based on the entrants from Surrey only) showing the bottom 15% of the field. A ranking that corresponds to that portion of the field would be announced at the event as qualifying for a non-expert prize.</p>	<p>Charles</p> <p>Ian</p>
<p>Richard agreed to speak to other counties to see if there is an appetite for a weekend Saturday and Sunday teams event on the lines of the Schapiro Spring Foursomes.</p>	<p>Richard</p>
<p>The Lady Rose competition needs a faster start, and round finish dates at least two weeks earlier than this year. It was agreed to leave the number of boards for the final at 48 - they do not have to be played in one session.</p>	<p>Trevor</p>
<p>It was agreed that the format for the County Pairs should remain as now. Douglas's work in personally contacting the most highly qualified pairs in the county resulted in an improvement in the quality of the field.</p>	
<p>Ian has been working with the EBU on the format of the presentation of the Lady Rose results - they have been very helpful.</p>	
<p>3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT As part of establishing improved links with clubs Trevor attended a Ewhurst and Ellens Green Committee Meeting, and attended play sessions at Lingfield and Dormans, Bookham and Woking. This initiative is identifying some of the reasons why particular clubs have not entered some Surrey events and a visit can ensure those issues are discussed. Godalming had entered an event for the first time this year. He was also planning to, or had played in events in Sussex, Dorset and Berks & Bucks to see how other counties run their events and what we can learn from them.</p>	
<p>He has handed over the running of the leagues (except for the Lady Rose) to Roger Pratt. Richard mentioned that the Thames Valley League which is within Surrey might be folding in which case he would suggest that it is amalgamated into the existing appropriate Surrey league.</p>	

4. COMPETITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

Shirley reported that the entries to the Mary Edwards and Wanborough had increased this year.

Issues had been experienced with the use of EBU Score at the Wanborough because of its incompatibility with Bridgewebs. It is suggested that Scorebridge is used for this event next year unless the issues can be overcome. Trevor asked that cross imps were shown in addition to the normal ranking list for county teams events. Shirley will investigate further to see if this is possible.

A proposal to change the format of the AGM Pairs competition was deferred to the next meeting.

5. TREASURER’S REPORT

Mike reported that receipts from the 2p P2P from April and May were £640 which is in line with our annual projection.

Receipts for the Green Point total £3700 so far.

6. MATCHES REPORT

Jeffrey reported that Mike Scoltock has been replaced on the selection committee by Peter Lee. There appear to be 2 results outstanding in the Home Counties League - Richard thought they would not now be played but will confirm.

He reported that Surrey players had come 4th in the Pachabo, and 9th, 11th and 12th in the Corwen.

Richard

7.COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

Douglas discussed attracting people who play bridge with the U3A into county events. Although it appears this is a good source of new players the majority of U3A players are very comfortable in their existing environment. The Dorking trial whereby Dorking BC asked Douglas to assist them in finding new players from other areas within the town has been a success, but needs a lot of individual commitment.

Trevor said that committee links with clubs were very important as the Dorking trial had shown.

Douglas was asked to ensure the newsletter was the subject of greater clarity with regard to the dates of publication and receipt of information from contributors. The timing should be June, Sept, Dec and March, and a draft should be circulated to all committee members at least 24 hours ahead of publication to allow for proof reading and checking. It was agreed at this stage contributors should not be paid.

8.YOUTH BRIDGE

Tim had circulated a very comprehensive report of his activities which the committee found very impressive. Tim was thanked for his work on introducing bridge teaching to new schools.

9. 5 YEAR PLAN

This was discussed in detail. Trevor will circulate a revised draft to the Committee based on the points raised in the meeting.

Trevor

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

EBU Standing Committee proposal. This proposal is to make the current Tournament; Selection L & E committees sub committees of the Board in

the same way as the Editorial committee is now. This proposal means no checks and balances by making the Board totally responsible for all these committee's functions.

Despite this proposal being rejected at last year's AGM it has now been re-presented with no changes. The shareholders were asked to vote against this proposal again at this year's AGM. Trevor will respond to Jerry Cope by 2nd September to advise him of our views.

NEXT MEETINGS - Thursday 6th October was confirmed. Mike said that he found Thursday evenings not suitable. Members are asked to email Gail with their preferred evenings.

Trevor