

SCBA Committee Meeting held 19th Sept 2019
Woolavington Village Hall 3.00pm

Present: Tony Russ, Ceri Pierce, Daphne Greatorex, Andy Ridgers, Sheila, Eric Cumming and Colin Simcox

Apologies: Gina Howard, Paul Burgess, Richard Feetenby, Frank Coltman, Gina Coltman and Simon Brooke

Minutes of Previous Meeting and matters arising.

All Actions were completed and minutes of the previous meeting were approved

Finance Report

The County finance continue to be in a healthy state
Finance Statement attached to this report

Fast Forward to Bridge Phase 2

4 Courses have been completed at Taunton, Street, Yeovil and Weston Super Mare and most have been successful in encouraging new playing at the club.

It was proposed to offer the Fast Forward package to all clubs within the County. Bridgwater & Cannington bridge club have already expressed an interest in running the course

Tournament Secretary Report

For season 2019/20 the County pairs will be an 'all play all' event provided that table numbers allow this.

For season 2020/21 the championship teams of four will commence with a multiple teams event with the top four teams qualifying for semi finals to be played privately.

Membership Campaign

The campaign has been running for 8 months.

8 clubs were visited as part of the campaign.

Cheddar and Bridgwater & Cannington clubs are work in progress

Directors and Scorers Report

A Directors course is planned for 2nd November with interest already registered

Taunton Bridge Club has changed their scoring system to Pairs Scorer and are to be supported in installation by Andy Ridgers. Other clubs to be offered the same support

Andrew Robson Seminar 18th October

The event is fully subscribed with 110 attendees

Action: Daphne Greatorex to send agenda and joining details to all participants.

Tony Russ and Daphne Greatorex to ensure all necessary equipment available

West of England Congress

Numbers are significantly lower than previous years but finances will not be too badly affected due to decrease in overheads and a £500 sponsorship

Lower numbers attributed to other major bridge events planned for the same weekend.

It was noted that many Somerset members did not enter the event

Newcomers Pairs

This event is planned for 1st December and has attracted a good number of entrants

Members Meeting and Technology Day

It was proposed to hold a Members day to improve communications within the County whereby clubs could send representatives to discuss any issues with the Committee and see demonstration of equipment such as dealing machines. This could be followed by a bridge session

Proposed Grants to Clubs

A strategy is needed to encourage more clubs to become teaching clubs and provide lessons and hopefully increase club members

A Teachers Training Course will be held in Somerset in 2020 and the SCBA will encourage and if necessary assist financially, clubs who wish to participate. A program of lessons is available to all clubs

Many clubs do not have the facilities to run courses. Frome and Winscombe are the only clubs known to offer lessons. Ceri Pierce has prepared a questionnaire/survey to be issued to affiliated clubs to ascertain whether they are prepared to enter the scheme.

The recognised problem is players moving from beginner status to playing at club level

Grants to be offered to affiliated clubs as an incentive to provide teaching courses

Any Other Business

No other business

The meeting closed at 4.15pm. The next meeting is planned to be held in May before the SCBA AGM

Minutes prepared by Daphne Greatorex 23/9/19