

Minutes of the SCBA Committee Meeting held on 6th January 2017 at Woolavington Village Hall at 6.45pm

Present: Gina Howard, Sheila Coda, Daphne Greatorex and Eric Cummings, Richard Feetenby, Tony Russ, Jean Howard

Apologies: Caroline Macpherson

Minutes of last meeting and matters arising.

Michael Coda Cup: All county clubs have been notified with details.

Education: A refund has been received from Bridge Cafe for the cancelled event. The website has been updated with revised venue at Victoria Social Club, Street and agenda.

Bridgemates have been hired out to Cheddar at agreed terms and costs

Payment/terms for duplication of event boards agreed

Minutes of previous meeting were accepted as a true record

Treasurers Report

New Treasurer was welcomed to the committee. Transition of paperwork from previous Treasurer is underway.

West of England Congress accounts show reduced profit on previous year due to reduced numbers of tables available.

Funds in current account are earning no interest.

Action: Richard Feetenby to investigate investing funds in a 'no risk' account with better interest rate

Selection Committee Report:

Terry Girdlestone cup is to be awarded to the **whole** team qualifying Tollemache Cup this year, and thereafter awarded to the person considered to have contributed most service to the County.

Action: Sheila Coda to investigate criteria for awarding the cup.

Present Chairman to stand down and was thanked for his contributions

New Chairman would not need to be a member of the SCBA committee and should be allowed to select his own team. SCBA committee will overview selections.

Education Report

Andrew Robson Seminar was successful. Final accounts not yet available. For future events the raffle prizes need to be reviewed, and attendance fee should include tea/coffee.

Due to the amount of work involved end of 2018 was suggested as a date for next seminar, possibly with a different host

Directors Course to be held on 29th January 2017. Refreshments to be included in charge of £10 attendance fee, together with Red (Rule) Book and other course material.

Bridge Seminar to be held at the Victoria Field Social Club on 12th February. Street Bridge Club has paid the booking fee and will provide tea/coffee. Lunch and other refreshments will be available from the Victoria Club bar.

Action: Eric Cummings to update website with details

Bruton Weekend 24/26th March 2017 Bookings to date are 37 with another 6 showing interest.

Bookings for accommodation are down, considered to be because of lack of facilities.

Action: Jean Howard/Daphne Greatorex to liaise with Bruton School to improve room allocation.

Tournament Secretary's Report:

Attendances at the various events to be a disappointment. Even the Swiss events are down against national trends.

All clubs need to be encouraged to teach with the aim of increase numbers of new players for events.

Action: Caroline Macpherson to set up a sub-committee to ascertain why numbers are low.

Action: Tony Russ to prepare 5 year plan for bridge as a whole in Somerset.

Chairman's report

County league. Rules to cover 'no play' dates for the 2017/18 season will be reviewed.

Action: Gina Howard to draw up revised rules,

Obituary Notices on SCBA website will be restricted to brief details rather than lengthy eulogies
Committee Chairman, Chairman of Selectors and Tournament Secretary all to resign after current season leaving 3 vacancies.

Action: Committee to discuss at next meeting

AOB

Competition dates should be announced earlier in June/July to allow clubs to schedule their own events, holidays etc.

Action: Caroline Macpherson to produce a program/calendar for 2017/18 based on 2016/17 as soon as possible.

Street Bridge Club will be starting a new Beginners course on 2nd February. Details on website

Meeting Closed at 8.35pm

Next meeting scheduled for 7th April 2017 at 6.45pm at Woolavington Village Hall

Minutes prepared by Daphne Greatorex