

Minutes of the SCBA Committee Meeting held on 7th April 2017 at Woolavington Village Hall at 6.45pm

Present: Gina Howard, Sheila Coda, Daphne Greatorex , Richard Feetenby, Tony Russ, Jean Howard and Caroline Macpherson

Apologies Eric Cummings

Minutes of last meeting and matters arising.

Terry Girdlestone Trophy

It was agreed that the trophy this year should be awarded to the qualifying team of the Tollemache, and thereafter to a member of the SCBA who has given an outstanding contribution to the development of bridge in Somerset.. An entry will be placed in the County handbook to promote this and set out the conditions for eligibility. Nominations from the Clubs would be accepted at the AGM for appraisal by the Committee

County league match rules. The rules have been simplified to cover the occasion when a team is unable to play on match dates. Matches can be re-arranged ONLY after the agreement of both captains

All actions from the previous meeting have been completed and the minutes were accepted as a true record.

Treasurers Report

An increase in surplus funds was due mainly to the Educational events; the Andrew Robson Seminar held in December, the Street based bridge cafe and the Bruton weekend

£10,000 from Scottish Widows savings account is to be invested in a fixed 3 year bond earning 2% pa.

Action: Richard Feetenby and Sheila Coda to complete paperwork

Accounts Examiner: Christine Hannam will act as temporary examiner of the accounts for the current financial year and will be succeeded by Ken Bawden next year

Selection Committee Report:

An item will be placed on the SCBA site asking for volunteers to act as Selection Committee members The SCBA will elect a chairman of selection Committee. Fixtures are already in place

West of England Congress

Entries are already being made and are encouraging for a successful event

Education Report

Directors Course part 2 will be arranged for September.

Action: Jean Howard to negotiate dates and terms with Director of event

Bridge Seminar was held at the Victoria Field Social Club on 12th February. Thanks were given to Caroline Macpherson for running the course and Street Bridge Club for hosting the event.

Action: Jean Howard and Caroline Macpherson to draw up a calendar of future events and venues

Next Step – Bruton. Was a successful event and another is planned for next year.

Andrew Robson Seminar Next seminar will be held at The Webbington Hotel on 6th December 2017. Refreshments will be included in ticket price with lunch as an optional extra.

Action: Jean Howard to book venue.

Tournament Secretary's Report:

Attendances at the various events continue to be a disappointment with entrants at 90% over previous year.

Michael Coda cup entrants were significantly down with several clubs not participating.

Thanks were made to Caroline Macpherson who is resigning as Tournament Secretary after 3 years. The program of events has been drawn up by Caroline, and will be left to the new secretary to amend if necessary.

The SCBA booklet will be published for one more year and then its future reviewed

Action: Tony Russ to publish the calendar on the website

Action: Gina Howard to arrange printing of booklet for coming year

Chairman's Report

No county matters to report

SCBA Plan for the Future

The plan was discussed and decided to proceed with Tony Russ as Chairman of the Committee to form sub-committees to fast forward with a plan to go out to all clubs in the County and promote the Educational Strategy

AGM Preparations

The following nominations are proposed by the existing Committee for the forthcoming AGM

Chairperson	Tony Russ
Vice Chairperson	Gina Howard
Secretary	Daphne Greatorrex
Treasurer	Richard Feetenby
Tournament Secretary	Frank Coltman
Membership Secretary	Sheila Coda

The AGM Agenda is to be sent out to all clubs, including non-affiliated by end of April. The agenda will include a nomination form

Prizes for competition winners will be a trophy, where applicable, and a SCBA pen. Entry to the Swiss Teams event and tea will be free to players. Wine as prizes will be awarded to winners of the Swiss teams event of the day.

Action: Daphne Greatorrex/Gina Howard to send email agenda to all clubs by end of April

Action: Caroline Macpherson to arrange purchase of pens (prizes)

Action: Eric Cummings to update website with details of AGM

Trophies would be awarded to the winners of the League pairs, League teams and overall club winners

Action: Sheila Coda to prepare a list of trophies



Meeting Closed at 8.35pm

Next meeting scheduled for 14th July 2017 at 7.00pm at Woolavington Village Hall

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