

SCBA Committee Meeting held 10th March 2018
Woolavington Village Hall 12.15pm

Present: Tony Russ, Sheila Coda, Gina Howard, Ceri Pierce, Daphne Greatorex, Joan Pooley

Apologies: Colin Simcox, Richard Feetenby, Jean Howard, Frank Coltman

Minutes of Previous Meeting and matters arising.

There were no matters arising and minutes were accepted as a true record

Chairman's Report

Progress reports were received from the Tournament & Education Secretaries and Fast Track organiser
The Chairman congratulated the Committee on their achievements over the various completed and ongoing projects

Youth problems at Woolavington.

After consultations with Police, Parish Council Committee and Hall Committee, 3 high definition CCTV cameras are to be installed by the Village Hall and outside lighting is to be improved.
Club secretaries have been advised and were asked to convey the plans to their members

Financial Report

No Treasurers report was submitted.
Approx. £2000 was raised from the Coda Cup competition and this will be distributed to the two designated charities.
This amount was an increase of £600 from for the previous year.
It was agreed that a charity representing the north of the County would be nominated next year.

Tournament Secretary Report

The tournament calendar for next year has been completed. There will be one more event than in previous years, Ranked Masters Pairs which is hoped will encourage less experienced players to participate. There will also be an inter club event.
It is proposed to start events at a slightly earlier time than at present

Fast Track Bridge

4 Clubs have been selected and plans initiated. In addition a Fast Track weekend course is to be run at Strode College in June, which will provide more coverage.
The Paul Bowyer material which will be used as the basis of the Fast Track programme will initially be limited to clubs agreed by the Committee.
The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Ceri Pierce for her hard work over the last two years in bringing the Fast Track programme together. Seconded by Joan Pooley

Cluster Groups

SCBA Clubs are being encouraged to form cluster groups to develop shared resources etc. A group has been formed in the north of the County and it is hoped others will follow. Paul Bowyer course material would be offered to clubs forming working clusters.
Cluster group managers will be asked to send out copies of the County newsletter to all their members

Education Secretary Report

Paul Bowyer event attracted 20 tables, and another event is planned. A bigger venue will be considered.
Andrew Robson has been booked for another seminar. Dates for both events will be published later.
The Directors Course part 2 was completed.
Colin Simcox will take over the roll of Director training course planning

Next Step Bruton Weekend

Numbers for the event to be held 13th - 15th April are good and may exceed previous events. It was proposed that Jean Howard be given access to SCBA bank details in order to reconcile payments made by direct debit

Terry Girdlestone Cup

Clubs were asked to nominate a member who had made an outstanding contribution to their club and 5 nominations have been received. Final date for nominations is 30th April. The final selection will be made by a Committee sub group

West of England Congress

Program and details are available on SCBA website. Entries have already been received

AOB

Tea and coffee will be made available, on arrival, for Competitions. There would be charge of 20p to members. Members will be asked to wash up their cups
Plastic/polystyrene cups were no longer be provided at County League matches. Players will be asked to bring their own cups.

The meeting closed at 1.15pm

Next Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday April 26th 2018 at 2pm in Bridgwater

Minutes prepared by Daphne Greatorex 11/3/18