

**Minutes of the SCBA Committee Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at Woolavington Village Hall at 6.45pm**

**Present:** Gina Howard, Sheila Coda, Caroline Macpherson, Jean Howard, Daphne Greatorex, Tony Russ and Eric Cummings

**Apologies:** None

**Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising:** Minutes of the previous meeting were held to be a true record.

Action: The handbook is work in progress by Michael Whittaker

**Treasurers Report:**

The bank account balance currently stands at £28,300, but this includes:

- Upfront Congress income of £8780 but no expenditure yet, and the net income is expected to be modest.
- Payment to the Woolavington VH hire has been made for the current year at £2932 with income yet only £563
- Next Step weekend produced a surplus of £1075
- Other expenses of £1164 which include insurance, AGM costs and purchase of 10 new tables
- National/regional competitions are £858
- Sale of Duplimate £750

The bank balance was discussed and the committee agreed that the current balance of approx. £26,000 was a good contingency amount, and would be reviewed at the end of the current year

**Selection Committee Report:** No report submitted.

Western League refreshments/catering. As agreed last year, only tea/coffee/biscuits were supplied and it was decided to remain with the status quo.

**Education Report:**

**Andrew Robson** has been booked for Weds 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016 with two sessions, 10.30-13.30 and 14.30-17.30.

Numbers to be limited to 50 tables. Lunches may purchased on the day on registration.

Event to be notified to all county clubs, and by entry in the EBU magazine.

Cost of attending the event to be set once costs of the event have been established by Jean Howard.

Payments by cheque or direct debit are to be allowed, and Jean Howard will check on opening a new separate Education bank account to record/control funds.

**Bridge cafe:**

A new venue in Taunton, Miles Coffee shop is available for Bob Baker event on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November. There is adequate parking

The Beah Cafe, Wells is being re-developed so Strode Theatre, Street is available on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017. There may be a maximum of 68 attendees

**Tournament Director Training:**

It was decided to canvas interest in a one day Basics course, free to EBU members.

Clubs to be sent details to clubs via the mailing list, and newsletter

Possible venue Woolavington VH

**Tournament Secretary's Report:** No report. The Barometer Pairs has attracted only few entries, possibly due to running the event in July

**Michael Coda Cup.** It was decided that only one set of boards for the week would be used.

The Charity for this year will be Royal National Lifeboat Institute.

Gina Howard to write to all county clubs to establish which clubs wish to enter.

Eric Cummings to manage scoring of the event.

**Chairman's Report :**

**Replacement Treasurer** - ongoing

**West of England Secretary** – Ann & Ken Bawdon have agreed to run the 2016 event. It was agreed that a new Chairman and committee should be established to organise the 2017 event. Discussions ongoing

**Dealing Machine** – Sold for £750.00

**First for Bridge Sponsorship:** Sponsorship is unlikely to continue

**Catering at West of England Congress:** Take up for pre-ordered food is low (14 people) so it is likely not to be offered. Tea, coffee and water would be available

**Dates for 2017 and 2018 West of England:** EBU have asked for these dates but they are not yet available.

**AOB:**

Chairman gave remaining AGM prize money to Committee members for distribution.

Kingston Seymoor email addresses have been updated

EBU to be informed of P2P component for 2017

Meeting Closed at 8.15pm

Next meeting scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> October at 6.45pm at Woolavington VH