

SCBA Committee Meeting held 24th May 2018
Woolavington Village Hall 7.30pm

Present: Tony Russ, Sheila Coda, Ceri Pierce, Daphne Greatorex, Joan Pooley Frank Coltman Colin Simcox, Richard Feetenby, Eric Cummings

Apologies:, Jean Howard, and Gina Howard

Minutes of Previous Meeting and matters arising.

The security lights and cameras have been installed at Woolavington Village Hall

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

Financial Report

The Treasurer stated that there was a surplus on County funds up by approx 10% from previous year with some cost being less. The West of England Congress attracted an increased cost with VAT being added by the venue Management. Entrance fees to the Congress will be increased to absorb the VAT cost
County competitions continued to be profitable

Fast Track Bridge

4 Clubs have been initiated and an addition course at Strode College

Caroline Macpherson delivered the first weekend course, and although some costs were slightly higher than anticipated all were within budget.

Tutors were to meet to discuss outcome of the first course.

An item will be included in the County newsletter to find anyone with marketing skills to help improve advertising and attract a wider age range of entrants. Fees would be waived for Students and reduced to 50% for juniors attending the courses.

The news letter would also be used to advise members of forthcoming courses.

Security of the Course notes is to be assessed by Ceri Pierce

The name of the project is to be changed to **Fast Forward to Bridge.**

Dates of other courses are to be passed to the Chairman

General Data Protection Regulations

The existing security measures for storing members data are deemed to be to within the Regulations, and approved by the EBU so no further action will be taken. If members request that their details are removed this will be actioned on an individual basis

Terry Girdlestone Cup

All Committee members were asked to vote on the 8 applications received and the majority vote was to award the Terry Girdlestone Cup to Alan Atkinson

Non Affiliated Club Officer

It was proposed that a Non-affiliated Club Officer should be elected at the AGM. The Officer will represent and co-ordinate communication with the non-affiliated clubs in the County

Tournament Secretary Report

The tournament calendar for next year has been completed. Events will start at earlier time of 1pm

Tournament numbers are up

New individual events are included, and the individual % changed and will be open to all without qualification.

In the inter club event a club may enter any number of teams.

Events to be reorganised to encourage more entrants.

It was proposed to introduce local heats for the Championship pairs.

It was proposed to run more Directors courses including a course on scoring, a re-cap course offering scenario based training, and the opportunity for Club Directors to shadow Tournament Directors on County League evening or SCBA events

Education Secretary Report

Both Paul Bowyer and Andrew Robson have been booked for future seminar.

Dates for both events, and the directors courses will be published later.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman attended the EBU shareholders meeting in London

AGM, The major reports have been listed on the SCBA website and will be tabled at the meeting

Any Other Business

Players in events are to be encouraged to have convention cards, and reminded that the absence of cards may result in the Director penalising them in the event of a dispute.

County League. The previous decision of the Committee to allow Clubs to re-organise matches with agreement by both Captains will stand

Michael Coda Cup. The charity to benefit by the Michael Coda Cup 2019 competition will be the Pennybrohn, cancer support group based in Bristol.

The Honours Book will be updated when the section winners of the 2018 Michael Coda Cup are confirmed.

Clubs are to be asked to confirm which days the Competition is to be held so that the Web site can be updated

West of England Congress.

Entries continue to be received, the event being one of the biggest in the Country
Committee members were asked to assist with setting up the event.

The Chairman thanked the Committee for their support in the last year

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Next Committee meeting scheduled for Sunday 2nd September 2018 at 11.30am at Woolavington VH

Minutes prepared by Daphne Greatorex 27/5/18