

Minutes of committee meeting of Somerset Contract Bridge Association
on the 18th October 2021 via Zoom

In attendance:

Tony Russ (Chair)

Ceri Pierce

Frank Coltman

Richard Feetenby

Paul Burgess

Colin Simcox

Andy Ridgers

Simon Brooke

Apologies Sheree Pavey, Eric Cummings

Tony thanked all those who had helped or played at the recent West of England Congress – which in fact included all members of the committee. Tony reported that the event had gone really well without any problems.

Richard reported that final numbers were not yet available but that we had roughly broken even which was a great success under the circumstances. Richard reported that the accounts generally were in good health and that two grants had been made under our restart programme.

The main item on the agenda was the suggestion from EBU that the SCBA might undertake the Organisation of the EBU's Riviera Congress. After much discussion and after a follow up call to Gordon Rainsford on the following day it was decided that because the event had to be held at a seaside venue at the start of July this only left the Winter Gardens as a viable space and a) the WG was not available on those dates and b) it was felt that to organise an event relatively close to the West of England would impinge negatively on our event it was decided not to accept the invitation.

The committee approved

1. That the Michael Coda Cup would again run as a charity and not as a simultaneous pairs in order that as many clubs as possible could participate. Sheila's chosen charity is the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.
2. To purchase a refurbished dealing machine as back up and a new printer as the old one was not performing well.

Frank reported that only two teams had entered the championship teams of four. Paul was asked to send out a mailshot encouraging more entries and the deadline was extended until the end of October.

There was no further business.

Minutes prepared by Tony Russ