SCBA
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
Held online on Friday 29th May 2026

PRESENT:
Richard Banbury (Chair); Gail Norman; Shirley Pritchard; Jackie Hawkins; Tony Cherrett

APOLOGIES: Derek Thrumble

	ACTION
1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING These were agreed.	
2. MATTERS ARISING Changing signatures on the Skipton account will be done by Richard. Jackie confirmed there were no further costs for the Schools Cup.	Richard
3. COMPETITIONS REPORT Shirley said both the Mary Edwards and the County Pairs had gone well. The County Pairs has been moved to early February in 2027 to allow the Corwen players to have plenty of time to enter. The EBU have greatly inflated the costs of entering the Tollemache, Pachabo and Corwen this year even though the latter two events alternate between F2F and Realbridge. This will cost Surrey in the region of £1000 this year.	
4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Richard mentioned the closure of Welcome Club in Woking and said they have a dealing machine and tables available. Tony is setting up a club in Epsom and has contacted Robert Bristow at Welcome to discuss the transfer of some equipment. Church Hill Bridge club have lost their director, and after discussion at their AGM, they may approach Shirley to visit them to go through the more common director issues with their new directors. Tony mentioned that they should purchase copies of David Stevenson's **Duplicate Bridge Rules Simplified.** Richard also mentioned the shortage of qualified County Directors, and he has approached a current Richmond and Wimbledon director to see if he is interested in attending the County Directors course.	
5. DEVELOPMENT REPORT Tony mentioned an event he was running on 2nd September at the NT House Leith Hill Place. He wondered if it would be possible to for the County to pay the UMS fee for this event, and put a booking form on the website. This was agreed. He mentioned that EBED are looking to create a shorter Teacher's Course, and aims to set this up in bridge clubs nationwide from the end of October. Tony said that he was looking at Goldsworth Park Woking as a possible venue. A secondary teams event will be run in parallel with the GP Multiple Teams at Oxted School on 19th September. This would be for players with an NGS of 8-10 and would be a maximum of 26 boards. It was agreed that clubs who bring 2 teams will have the second one free.	

6. TREASURERS REPORT Jackie reported Paul Green had signed off the accounts. **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS** Gail was asked to circulate an agenda for the AGM, and also to ensure that the accounts were available on the website. Shirley reminded the meeting that John Lemmey is away for the months of July and August, so any amendments to the website should be done before then. NEXT MEETINGS – Fri 24th July and 9th October 4.45 p.m.	