



**SCBA**  
**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Held online on Friday 28th November 2025



**PRESENT:**

Richard Banbury, Gail Norman, Tony Cherrett and Derek Thrumble

**APOLOGIES:**

Shirley Pritchard, Jackie Hawkins, William Clennell

**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

These were agreed.

**2. MATTERS ARISING:**

Gail reported that Oxshott was not available on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 for the Mary Edwards. A decision should be made about where and when to hold this event.

The tablecloths and bidding boxes that were stored at Oxshott were given to June Middleton and are now with Derek.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Richard reported that he had attended as Proxy on November 26<sup>th</sup> for Shirley and William at the EBU Shareholders' Meeting. They believe costs will increase by £150k over the next 12-18 months. A discussion took place as to why we should paying for this.

It was thought that if we could find someone who wanted a teaching career to set up running a club we could support this but Richard has not spoken to EBED about this yet. Richard knows someone who has recently retired who would be keen to do this.

Richard

**4. DEVELOPMENT REPORT:** Tony said we should try and approach Adult Education, unaffiliated clubs and U3A to get more people interested in joining. Perhaps someone could explain the advantages of being affiliated to the EBU.

Tony

**5. COMPETITIONS REPORT:**

The Green Point weekend produced a lower surplus this year which was £1563 compared to last year's £2005. This was mainly due to a reduction of 5 tables in the Swiss Pairs.

The Mixed Pairs event attracted 15 tables compared with 18 last year making a slight loss for the first time since the pandemic.

The Dorin Salver has 19 clubs entered compared to 24 last year. Funds raised will go to Christopher's, the children's hospice in Guildford, after the QEF had gone into administration.

It should be decided whether this will remain our designated charity and whether we should change the name from the Dorin Salver.

A decision is needed about where and when to hold the Mary Edwards event next year.

**6. TREASURERS REPORT:**

This year so far we have a gain of £1,814 and total reserves of £27,317.

The HSBC bank mandate has been successfully updated online, and the mandate forms from Skipton will go to Tim first to remove himself before doing the rounds.

## **7. JUNIOR REPORT:**

Surrey Schools Cup. The date of the Richard Challoner School date has been circulated to the Schools on the list which is February 6<sup>th</sup> at Epsom at 2 pm. There will be three main team events. There is a slight problem in that members are running a second mini bridge event on January 30<sup>th</sup> to try to deal with younger children so it would help if we could get another venue for this date. There would be 25 tables and mini bridge could be about 60 people. Richard asked about the cost of this and Derek said he would find out.

Derek

We have had enquiries from Hampton and Oxshott. Derek said he would have a clear idea by next week as to whether they would be coming in.

Regarding Public Liability insurance Tony suggested he speak to Richard Croot as he will know what to do. Teachers often have this insurance and schools are covered with insurance so their policy should cover the event.

Derek

## **8. LEAGUES & MARY ROSE:**

Apparently the reason why teams did not re-enter the Lady Rose was because the captain did not re-enter as part of an existing team. Other reasons were loss of interest, fatigue of playing online bridge and more generic loss of interest in bridge more widely post-Covid.

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEXT MEETING** – Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026 at 4.45 p.m.