
SUSSEX COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ONLINE via Zoom

on

SUNDAY 26 APRIL 2026

at 11am

0. Opening remarks and apologies
1. Approval of minutes of AGM held on 13 April 2025
2. Matters arising from the minutes
3. Chair's Report
4. Honorary Treasurer's Report
 - 4.1 Adoption of the Examined Annual Accounts to 31 Dec 2025
 - 4.2 Appointment of Honorary Independent Examiner
 - 4.3 Approval of Membership T&C 2026/27
5. Election of Officers (See Note 2 below)
 - 5.1 Chair
 - 5.2 Vice-Chair
 - 5.3 Honorary Secretary
 - 5.4 Honorary Treasurer
6. Election of a maximum of ten Committee Members (See Note 2 below)
7. Management Committee proposal for change to the Constitution
8. Members' resolutions, if valid and submitted within time (see Note 3 below)
9. Gladys Hakki Award 2025/26
10. Any Other Business

Notes

1. All members wishing to attend the meeting should register with the Hon Sec (dick.wheeler@btinternet.com) by 19 April 2026 to receive the supporting papers and the Zoom invitation.

2. All members of the Management Committee (MC) automatically resign at the end of each year. The Chair has a maximum term of 5 consecutive years. Subject to the latter condition, all MC members are eligible for re-election. Applications are invited for all Officers and other MC positions and these should be submitted by email in the following form:

- Subject - SCCBA AGM 2026 – MC Application
- Name and EBU number of applicant
- Email address and telephone number (mobile preferred) of applicant
- Name, EBU number and email address of proposer
- Name, EBU number and email address of seconder
- Post applied for (Chair or Vice-Chair or Treasurer or Secretary or Committee Member)
- Confirmation that the information note *The Role of the Management Committee* (see attached) has been understood.
- Confirmation of understanding that the personal information requested above will be collected, stored, used and protected in line with the SCCBA Privacy Notice as published on the SCCBA website (www.sccba.co.uk).

The resultant email should be copied to the proposer and seconder and should reach the Hon Sec by 12 April 2026.

3. Clause 7.5 of the constitution allows the submission of resolutions by ordinary members. Any such resolution signed by the proposer, seconder and the required number of other members (20 or more) must be submitted to the Hon. Secretary (Dick Wheeler) by 28 March 2026 to allow time for publication to clubs and on the website, and the possible subsequent submission of amendments by 12 April 2026.

SCCBA

ROLE OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (MC)

Introduction

All members of the SCCBA are jointly and severally responsible/liable for the activities of the organisation and the Officers and Members of the MC are elected at a general meeting to take the leading roles in relation to that responsibility/liability, particularly

- The overall governance and strategic direction of the SCCBA
- Its financial health
- The probity of its activities
- The development of the aims, objectives and goals in accordance with the SCCBA constitution and legal and regulatory guidelines

Main Responsibilities

- To ensure that the SCCBA and its representatives function within all legal and regulatory requirements and operate in line with the SCCBA constitution, continually striving for best practice in governance.
- To take appropriate professional advice on all matters where there may be a material risk to SCCBA.
- To identify, manage and regularly review risks to the SCCBA and its activities
- To determine the overall direction and development of SCCBA
- To ensure that robust systems are in place for internal financial control and the protection of the SCCBA's funds and assets.
- To manage and use the resources of the SCCBA to optimise their potential.
- To provide appropriate induction to MC members on appointment and on-going training as appropriate.

The SCCBA has a large membership and no permanent staff. MC members will be expected to undertake one or more of the executive roles or posts listed at the annex.

Accountability

The Chair of the MC is accountable to SCCBA members as laid down in the constitution; and on a day-to-day basis other Officers and MC members are accountable to the Chair for their actions.

Data Protection

The personal information provided by those who apply to become Officers or Members of the MC, and those who propose and second their applications, is collected, stored, used and protected in line with the SCCBA Privacy Notice published on its website.

Personal Liability

All members of the MC are jointly and severally liable in respect of the SCCBA's activities. Insurance arranged through the EBU provides cover for MC members and others acting on behalf of the SCCBA. Provided those concerned have acted in good faith and in line with the requirements laid down in the SCCBA constitution, the extent of individual liability should be zero.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - Summaries of posts currently filled**1. Officers**

Under the constitution there are four officer posts – Chair, Vice Chair, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary. Detailed job descriptions are available from the Hon. Secretary to inform those who wish to be elected to one of these posts.

2. Chair Tournament Committee

- Chairing regular meetings of the Tournament Committee
- Overseeing the organisation and implementation of all county events
- Recommending organiser appointments to the MC
- Reporting to the MC on tournament issues

3. Chair Selection Committee (currently filled outside the MC)

- Chairing regular meetings of the Selection Committee
- Working with the other Selectors to choose the county's representative teams
- Liaising with players to check on availability for selection
- Reporting to the MC on selection issues

4. Chair Conduct Committee

- Chairing meetings of the Conduct Committee as required
- Fielding disciplinary cases referred to the county
- Initiating the assembly of independent panels to deal with the investigation and subsequent ruling of disciplinary cases
- Considering the need for referral to the EBU
- Reporting to the MC on conduct and disciplinary issues
- Liaising with EBU officials as appropriate

5. Education Co-ordinator

- Monitoring related projects and the achievement of value for money
- Reporting progress to the MC
- Reviewing the need for further projects as appropriate

6. Membership Secretary

- Maintaining the county's overall membership database and the subset used for electronic communication.
- Issuing e-mail communications with members as required, e.g., regarding upcoming events.
- Responding to membership enquiries as required.
- Reporting to the MC on membership issues.

7. Webmaster*

- Maintaining the county's website and its links to other sites as required
- Reporting to the MC on web site and related issues.
- Liaising with Officers, MC Members and others to consider ideas for website enhancement/improvement.
- Responding to enquiries about the county website as required.

8. Master Points Secretary*

- Overseeing the award of master points at county events
- Providing advice to competition organisers and clubs on MP issues.
- Reporting to the MC on MP issues.
- Liaising with EBU officials as required

***A detailed description of the actions carried out by the Webmaster and the MP Secretary in support of county events is available from the Hon. Sec.**

9. Charities Coordinator

- When required, trawling clubs for nominations of local charities
- Reviewing annually the candidates for the county's charitable contributions and seeking MC selection.
- Liaising with the Hon. Treasurer to make the awards agreed
- Reporting to the MC on charity issues

10. Equipment Coordinator

- Maintaining asset lists of the county's bridge equipment
- Conducting reviews of assets in order to recommend timely replacement when required
- Transporting county equipment to/from county events as required
- Maintaining arrangements required to store county equipment
- Reporting to the MC on equipment and storage issues

11. Trophy Coordinator

- Maintaining list of county's trophies, including contact information about current holders.
- Arranging return of trophies to event organiser in time for presentation for next year's event.
- Checking that engraving has been completed.
- Arranging repairs when necessary.

12. County Youth Officer and Single Point of Contact (SPOC)

- Receiving and sharing information on youth bridge policies and activities as appropriate.
- Liaising with EBU and EBED contacts as required.
- Enabling reports to the MC on national and county youth bridge.