

**SCBA**  
**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Held online on Thursday 23rd April 2020**

**PRESENT:**

Trevor Hobson (Chair); Tim Green; Shirley Pritchard; Jeffrey Allerton; Tim Warren; Gail Norman; John Lemmey; Meena Samani; Suleman Akhtar; Thomas Lundquist.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Phil Harris; Tony Cherrett (up to item 3)

**APOLOGIES:** None

<p>The meeting was held virtually using Webex resulting in some poor connections. Thomas in particular, although visible could neither hear or be heard.</p>	<p>ACTION</p>
<p><b>1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>          These were agreed with one amendment. Under Youth Bridge the second paragraph should have read: Tim W reported there have been 108 entries for the School's Cup which is an increase from 89 last year and 52 in 2016. Shirley to provide John with a revised set of minutes for the website.</p>	<p>Shirley</p>
<p><b>2. MATTERS ARISING</b>          Trevor reported that he had written to clubs regarding the items mentioned under the report of the Communications subcommittee. There has been no action on any of these so far. John also confirmed that he had been unable to buy the old domain name.          In view of the current coronavirus situation no action has yet been taken on creating an award for the most improved NGS over a year. This will carry forward as an action for Trevor.          The question of tax treatment of bank interest will be carried over to the new Treasurer.</p>	<p>Trevor</p>
<p><b>3. NHS SIMS/ONLINE BRIDGE</b>          Most of the rest of the meeting was taken up with discussion about the practicalities associated with the online Sims for the NHS which is being run w/c 27<sup>th</sup> April. It was agreed that it would be called NHS Caterham or NHS Surrey to enable ease of logging in.          Trevor said that he was disappointed with the lack of entries from Surrey members.          Trevor asked the committee if he thought the County should be involved in the virtual events which the EBU have written to counties and clubs about. It was agreed that they should, but the format is not able to be agreed at the moment. All agreed that the normal county calendar cannot be duplicated because of the restrictions on movements placed by BBO.          It was agreed to postpone this discussion until the national picture becomes clearer on 7<sup>th</sup> May.          It was also agreed that any proposal to run an online AGM would also be postponed at this stage.          Suleman was asked to prepare a newsletter for the end of May to update members on our plans.</p>	<p>Suleman</p>
<p><b>4. TREASURER'S REPORT</b>          Thomas had encountered problems logging into the meeting, and was</p>	

therefore unable to take questions on the accounts. Trevor complimented Thomas on the clarity of his summary of the full year results. Jeffrey had some questions on the balance sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 which he will raise with Thomas separately. While the annual deficit still remains manageable, if it were to continue a future Committee should consider an increase in UMS to 4p from the current 2p which would bring Surrey into line with neighbouring counties. This suggestion was not discussed at the meeting. The reduction in P2P caused by the current coronavirus shut-in was a cause of concern.

Jeffrey pointed out that some of the expenditure would be reduced for the same reason; he also pointed out that the Association still had a significant level of reserves which could be partly utilised if there were to be a deficit in 2020/21. The financial plan for 2020/21 will be discussed at our next meeting.

It was reported that Thomas had contacted several candidates who had expressed an interest in taking over the Treasurer's role from him, and would make a recommendation about the most suitable candidate. Trevor will arrange a conversation with the individual next week. Suleman will circulate the summaries of the conversations he and Thomas have had with the candidates to the committee. Once appointed the new Treasurer will have one to one meetings with each committee member as part of an on boarding process to ensure that the new Treasurer has sufficient knowledge of the workings of the county and bridge in general.

Suleman

#### **5. MATCHES REPORT**

Jeffrey reported that the 2019/20 Homes Counties League is still in progress, but it's not clear when the remaining matches will be played. Surrey finished in a respectable 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Tollemache Final in February. Due to COVID 19, the EBU has cancelled the Garden Cities, Corwen Cup and Pachabo for 2020. A later than usual date has been announced for the Metropolitan Cup (28<sup>th</sup> November 2020).

#### **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Suleman asked Phil if he had a particular skill which he felt he could bring to the committee. Phil mentioned the teaching which he was doing with Tony Cherrett at Caterham.

After further discussion it was agreed that no decisions can be made until the Government's proposals for lifting the lockdown are made available.

It was therefore suggested that we meet more frequently over the next few months while the situation remains fluid.

The next meeting will therefore be the 7<sup>th</sup> May.

NEXT MEETING - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May

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