

MINUTES OF THE A.G.M. OF SURREY COUNTRY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
Held on Sunday, 30th June 2019
Oxshott Village Centre

APOLOGIES: Shirley Pritchard, Jeffrey Allerton, Tim Warren

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS YEAR

The Minutes of the 2018 AGM were agreed. Proposed by Julia Brough and seconded by Jane Green.

MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:

Tim Green welcomed everyone to the meeting and said he was particularly pleased to see two younger members present. He thanked everyone who supported Surrey's Charity Sim Pairs raising £2,000-£3,000 and thanked them for their continued support. He asked members what they thought about the county administration – what does the SCBA stand for, where does it fit in with the EBU. A lot of effort has been put in in encouraging bridge for young people. It is helpful when people offer to help with the administration and new faces would be very welcome. He thanked everyone who helped with the SCBA and if anyone else would like to offer their support would they please make themselves known to the Chairman.

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2019

Mike Clements had prepared the accounts but has now retired and these were presented by Trevor Hobson. There were two unanticipated contributions. One was from EBED which donated £500 towards the Surrey Schools Cup. The other was from HSBC which paid SCBA £200 for inconvenience the Association had suffered. The Representative events expenditure has gone up because the county had participated in the finals of the National League and the Tollemache.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Graham Cunningham and seconded by David Burch.

Julia Brough proposed a vote of thanks for Mike Clements for his years as Treasurer.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

Copies of the Appendix were distributed to the meeting. This matter came up last year which brought to light discrepancies and recommendations from the EBU. The previous DCP was only applicable to matters which occurred in county events. It is also clear that the EBU want the counties to take control in these disciplinary matters, and for this reason we have provided a new procedure consistent with that of the EBU.

Roger Pratt thought that the deposit was out of line with that of the EBU. It was explained that it was exactly the same as that required by the EBU and that it would be returned if it was felt the appellant had a strong basis for the appeal.

Athar Akram questioned whether the scope of the procedure should allow for a *de novo* hearing. It was explained that while such a hearing was unlikely the Association did not wish to impose constraints on what the Disciplinary Committee may wish to do in the future.

The Appendix was put to the room who voted that this should become part of the Constitution.

ELECTION OF NEW PRESIDENT

Tim Green said that he had identified a new President but unfortunately logistical considerations made this not practical. He is currently pursuing an alternative successor and asked that the AGM be prepared to ratify the appointment at the next AGM. This was agreed.

ELECTION OF HON.AUDITOR

John Manches, our Auditor, has indicated his willingness to carry on.

Proposed by Graham E. Osborne, seconded by Easter David.

Tim introduced Thomas Lundqvist to the AGM as our new Treasurer. Thomas said a few words and said he was an Honourable Life Member of Wimbledon Bridge Club, and had been Treasurer of Dorking and Wimbledon, and was welcomed.

Meena Samani has also joined the Committee but was unable to be present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers was agreed as follows :

<i>President:</i>	
<i>Chairman:</i>	<i>Trevor Hobson</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Gail Norman</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Thomas Lundqvist</i>
<i>Match Secretary:</i>	<i>Jeffrey Allerton</i>
<i>Competition Secretary:</i>	<i>Shirley Pritchard</i>
<i>Youth Officer:</i>	<i>Tim Warren</i>
<i>Web Manager</i>	<i>Harry Figov</i>

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

The committee was proposed en bloc by Peter Exworthy and seconded by Athar Akram.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bob Simonis asked about the dates of the Green Pointed Weekend. Trevor explained how a confusion between the third weekend of September and penultimate weekend of September had led to the confusion over the dates for 2019. This has all been sorted out and in 2020 it will be back to normal [September 26th/27th].

Bhuma Rangarajan asked about the new starting time of competitions at 11 am instead of 1 pm. Trevor explained that the means for charging for the hall at Oxshott was changing with

the result that if we kept to current practice our costs would go up and that would need to be reflected in the entry fees. To gauge the views of the membership a question on this topic was included in the recent Members Survey and a majority of respondents preferred the earlier start.

Trevor finished the meeting by reiterating his thanks to Mike Clements, and also to Douglas Wright for all his work on the Committee and to Tim Green for his presidency.