

SCBA
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
Held online on Thursday 10th September 2020

PRESENT:

Tim Warren (Chair); Shirley Pritchard; Jeffrey Allerton; Trevor Hobson;
 Gail Norman; John Lemmey; June Middleton; Suleman Akhtar; Tony Cherrett; John
 Gallagher.

APOLOGIES: None

	ACTION
<p>1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING These were agreed.</p>	
<p>2. MATTERS ARISING <i>Most improved NGS</i> Trevor will download the EBU database and run the program monthly so that there is a ranking each month or YTD. Tony suggested that the most movement between the end of the year and any given month would be better. Suleman said that monthly figures would look good on the website to encourage people. Trevor will put forward a proposal for consideration. <i>Potential change of bank account</i> John G said that he thought that HSBC were not suited to our sort of organization but more for big business. He said that if a change was made after discussion, the existing bank account would be kept open for members to pay into for a reasonable period of time. <i>Trophies</i> Trevor said that a decision on the future of trophies was not urgent. All the current trophies were held with those who won them in the last season. There was now no space on the VL trophy for any further names.</p>	<p>Trevor</p>
<p>3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Tim mentioned that Giorgio Provenza who is the new CE of EBED had said that no one is currently teaching F2F. Tony and June wondered if there was mileage in approaching golf clubs who play bridge; Tim said he would approach his teammates who were all golfers and ask their opinions. Tony agreed to do a note on his "over the shoulder" approach to teaching. Tim asked if Shirley could provide an estimate of the net income and costs which could be received from the GP event. He thanked John G for his comprehensive financial reports.</p>	<p>Tim Tony Shirley</p>
<p>4. JUNIOR BRIDGE June reported that It looked unlikely that it would be possible to run the Surrey's Schools cup as planned as F2F bridge appeared someway off, or to hold any F2F teaching such as the Junior Teach in. However, she was planning to contact the schools in the next week or so when they have had chance to settle into their new regimes and see what help can be provided e.g. setting up a team's league on line.</p>	<p>June</p>

5. COMPETITIONS REPORT

Shirley said that this Autumn we were only planning to run the two main blockbuster events which were mentioned at the last meeting. There were no plans to run any regular F2F events online. The weekly pairs event which we had been attempting to run since July has not had any entrants for a month, so it is proposed to discontinue it. This was agreed.

Richard Banbury joined the meeting briefly at this point to say that other counties had achieved successful regular pairs sessions of around 12 tables even over the summer, and numbers were now picking up again.

6. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Tim said that he wondered if we should revise the methods of communicating with county members. He felt that the newsletter could be a bit intimidating, and wondered if using Facebook or Twitter might be preferable. Facebook is used by people in the age range 40-70, and we would require an organiser to keep it updated. June was against this proposal. She said she was not alone in not trusting Facebook, and also, she thought that any content should be available to all members regardless of whether they want to sign up to a particular platform or not.

Tim wondered what other counties were doing to publicise their work.

7. DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Suleman had sent round a list of questions regarding the 2020 Strategic Plan which he hoped everyone would look at and respond to.

It was agreed to convene a Working Party made up of Tim, Tony and Suleman to develop the Strategic plan in more detail.

The Chairman’s consultation will take place online with a target date of Wed 18 Nov. Shirley said she was impressed that at the County Chairmen’s meeting last week Yorkshire had reported that they had telephoned all their clubs to see how they were coping with the absence of F2F bridge. She felt this would be a good PR exercise, as not all Surrey Chairman attended our consultation, and some never said anything if they did.

Trevor agreed to provide a list of topics and Tim would provide club details in order to phone them.

The phoning would be divided among members of the committee.

We would only include affiliated clubs at present, but might include non-affiliated clubs later.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING - 19:30 on Tuesday 3rd November 2020

All

Trevor/Tim