

SCBA
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on Thursday, 10th October 2019

PRESENT:

Trevor Hobson (Chair): Jeffrey Allerton; Tim Warren; Suleman Akhtar; Gail Norman.

APOLOGIES: Tim Green; Shirley Pritchard; Thomas Lindqvist; Harry Figov; Meena Samani

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	Action
These were agreed.	
<p>2. MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>Trevor confirmed that the rules of the Lady Rose have now been updated to ensure that the Pachabo eligibility criteria match the EBU website.</p> <p>Trevor has emailed Michael Clark and Gwynne Hughes regarding having the strength of field county events shown on the results page of our events in Bridgewebs. The number shown on Bridgewebs is only approximate. The accurate figure can be obtained by individual participants going on to their MyEBU web page and by Committee members that have access to Surrey's MyEBU webpage. Gwynne's comment on providing what we wanted in Bridgewebs was: "This would be a not insignificant amount of development...so still sitting on the 'Suggestions' list."</p>	
<p>3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</p> <p>Richard Banbury had been invited to the meeting but owing to the lack of attendees elected to attend the meeting in February.</p> <p>Oxshott now has WiFi and a big thank you goes to Shirley for all her work in achieving this.</p> <p>As we now collect email addresses on our competition entry form Trevor will update our Privacy Statement to reflect this. Tim Warren will send relevant Junior Bridge privacy matters to Trevor.</p> <p>Shirley has spoken to Phil Harris who has agreed to join the Committee but he could not attend this evening.</p>	Trevor Tim W

Harry has spoken to two possible candidates for the Webmaster job so we are hopeful. He has very kindly said that he is prepared to stay on until the AGM 2021.

4. COMPETITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

Green Point Weekend

The marketing of this event seems to be reaching a wider audience. 143 people played in the pairs this year that did not play in the pairs in 2018. The equivalent number for the team event was 123, also slightly more than 80 people played this year who had not played in a Surrey event before. Nevertheless we were down 5 tables on the Pairs and 3 tables on the Teams, which represented £900 of lower entry fees. The expectation is that this was largely due to the change of date so next year we hope to see a recovery.

Shirley has contacted each of the prize winners and Suleman has contacted all those that were new in 2019 and all those from 2018 that did not participate in 2019. This resulted in very many positive comments about the event, venue and organisation. Nevertheless there were some concerns raised and Trevor has written to the Spectrum and to several of people that raise concerns, in one case getting back a very nice reply. One complaint was about behaviour at the table. Tim Warren suggested that next year the TD should ask attendees to highlight problems immediately. Trevor said he had already raised that, but the TD felt it was unnecessary. Trevor suggested there should be a notice on the tables that emphasised our attitude to poor behaviour at any of our events.

Teams

A new Blue Point Swiss Teams is being introduced on November 10th and Trevor will be writing to clubs to seek their help in increasing entries. Suleman suggested an email to chairmen which could be forwarded to their members. Committee members are asked to publicise this event.

Standby Pair

The Committee agreed to award Gerald Searle an honorarium of £50 pa for all his help during the last 15 years, being a standby for the GP events and County events.

Trevor

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<p>5. TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>Thomas had circulated his Statement of Financial Activities as per 30.9.19 for the half year result from 1.4.19 to 30.9.19. As this was Thomas's first report to the Committee the emphasis was on whether the structure and format was useful for us. It was agreed that: (1) a comparison with the same period of the previous year was of some value; (2) a comparison with the full year budget would be even more useful; (3) even though Thomas was willing to make quarterly accruals there was no appetite in the Committee for creating quarterly budgets; (4) the heading Green Point Events should be changed to Green Point Weekend so as not to be confused with the Lady Rose competition.</p> <p>The Committee thanked Thomas for all his efforts.</p>	<p>Thomas</p>
<p>6. MATCHES REPORT</p> <p>Jeffrey reported that our 'A' team had managed to win the Met Cup in September so hopefully we will be invited to play in the National League Finals next Summer. The 'B' team was 5th (out of 7) and the 'C' team was 3rd (out of 7). Trevor asked about seminars and Jeffrey said that Peter Hardyment was still willing to help out with training if people are interested in coming. Trevor said he would ask Meena about Met Cup Development training.</p> <p>Regarding the Tollemache team for November, the strongest available team has been selected but Graham Osborne is unable to play as he is in the international team that weekend. The Home Counties League is still continuing.</p>	<p>Trevor</p>
<p>7. JUNIOR BRIDGE</p> <p>Tim has decided that Youth Bridge should now be known as Junior Bridge. The efforts of Douglas Wright and Julia Davies have resulted in several new bridge clubs in Guildford and Staines. Unfortunately two other clubs have folded because the bridge teachers have had to stand down, but he has not been able to find replacements. 150 people have been trained over the last two years but this has not been successful in getting people to sustainable bridge clubs.</p> <p>Trevor asked what the bridge community are getting out of Junior Bridge. Jeffrey said it is a long term thing, it could be five, ten or more years or in the future. Tim said there are two types of expenditure: events such as the Schools Cup, and train-the-trainer courses. In his opinion, events were</p>	

<p>clearly worth the expenditure, but training courses needed to be kept under close review.</p>	
<p>8. CHAIRMAN'S CONSULTATION Trevor confirmed that the hall is booked, the lunch has been organised and it will be the same format as last time. Play will start at 11 am, then lunch, followed by discussion on the work being done by several clubs on attracting new members. Meena has agreed to run this session. It was also agreed that Best Behaviour would be a useful topic to cover and Suleman agreed to run that session. [Post meeting note: Richard Banbury will also attend to discuss club TD training.]</p>	<p>Meena Suleman</p>
<p>9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS Jeffrey noted the disappointing attendance at the meeting and asked whether a different day of the week might be more popular for future meetings. Gail said that when the date was arranged everyone was free but various things had arisen since then preventing people from attending.</p> <p>The Double Dummy puzzle in the Newsletter is attracting increasing attention and Tim W was thanked for the effort he is putting into this.</p> <p>It was agreed that Trevor would sign the EBU Membership Campaign Support Agreement</p>	<p>Trevor</p>
<p>10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday, 6th February, 2020.</p>	