

SCBA
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
Held online on Friday 10th June 2022

PRESENT:

Tim Warren (Chair); Trevor Hobson (President); Shirley Pritchard; Gail Norman; Jackie Hawkins; Tony Cherrett; June Middleton.

APOLOGIES: William Clennell; Jeffrey Allerton.

	ACTION
<p>1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING These were agreed.</p>	
<p>2. MATTERS ARISING The action to transfer the "spare" share to Tim will be carried over again to the next meeting.</p>	
<p>3. COMPETITIONS & MATCHES REPORT Shirley reported a disappointing fall in entrants to the Wanborough and Mary Edwards this season. Only 3 pairs took part in the Corwen trophy this year instead of the 5 which Surrey are able to send. It was suggested that with events which involve travelling to a central location proving unpopular nationally, that heats for the County Pairs should be played in clubs throughout the County. There were some objections to this based on the differing rates of NGS at various clubs, although visitors will be able to attend. Trevor suggested that to reduce the costs of hiring a venue for the F2F final of 7 tables, the Plate event should be re-introduced.</p>	
<p>4. PLAY AND COACH Gail reported that so far only 11 pairs had signed up to play. Tim agreed to chase those that haven't yet replied. Because of the complexity of the number of boards required, the cut-off date for attendees to register is Monday 20th June.</p>	Tim
<p>5. JUNIOR BRIDGE June reported that EBED are organising a F2F event for Juniors in early September. Bowles Rock is in October, and she hoped to organise an event at Wimbledon in November. It is hoped to run the Schools Cup again sometime between January and March. She will talk to Giorgio about the possibility of using Smartbridge for Junior teaching.</p>	June
<p>6. EBU MARKETING CAMPAIGN Trevor said he had spoken to Tony Russ about Smart Bridge and with Cath Fox about their Marketing Campaign. A live trial of Smart Bridge has been held and the lessons are now being recorded. In September these video lessons will be trialled with clubs from Kent with the intention of rolling out Smart Bridge more widely in the New Year. On the marketing campaign the</p>	

EBU has made available to clubs, leaflets for local distribution with blank spaces so that clubs can insert their details.
 He said that the EBU are in the process of updating the teachers' lists.
 The EBU wish the counties to make the clubs aware of this marketing, but it is felt that the energy has to come from the clubs.
 Tony said he thought that the EBU's role should be more general marketing e.g., local radio interviews and other media.
 [Post Meeting Note: Trevor subsequently spoke with Douglas Wright who suggested that Surrey could use the EBU marketing material, add the contact details of a single Surrey contact, get clubs to distribute those leaflets in assorted locations: waiting rooms, libraries etc. in their local area and that the county focal point would direct any enquiry to the appropriate teacher or teaching organisation in the County. If no one else is willing to take on that role for Surrey then he, Douglas, is willing to do it.]

Thanks to Trevor's initiative, the EBU will be giving us access to cumulative master points for individuals at some point in the future.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jackie confirmed that Sue Preston had agreed the accounts and she asked what format was required for their presentation to the AGM.
 Trevor suggested last year's format was used.
 Jackie was asked to send the accounts to Gail so they could be circulated to all members with the agenda, and Zoom link, and an RSVP to get an idea of the numbers who would be attending.
 Jackie also reported that the Skipton Building Society were still not happy with the format of the minutes which were supplied showing the change of Treasurer. She will continue to follow this up.
 She also reminded the committee that the two bonds which are held with Skipton to a combined value of £20k will expire in November, and at the next meeting members needed to let her know what should happen to them on expiry.
 There were a couple of loose ends regarding information provided by the EBU which Jackie had not received from John on handover. Shirley promised to send Jackie the details after the meeting.

Gail

Jackie

All

8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Tim said he had received a request from Patrick Shields of Gloucestershire as follows:
 "I am currently engaged in discussions (so far only EBU Board) about the structure of EBU competitions in the future, and of course that must fit in with the character and structure of county-association-organised competitions. Replicating the past is impossible, and it's not clear that where we are currently drifting will be sustainable either. The group wants to expand the inputs and viewpoints on show by getting a handful of people from County Associations engaged in the discussion. It feels right to have someone from (active in, or experience of) a large county like Surrey to participate."
 Tim said that he had asked William Clennell to be our representative.

 Tim confirmed that Julia Brough had signed up to produce 3 newsletters.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Trevor said that he and John Lemmey were engaged in a complete check of

our competition rules to ensure there were no errors or duplications.

NEXT MEETINGS – AGM Sunday 3rd July at 2 p.m.

Friday 2nd September at 3.30 p.m.