



**SCBA**  
**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Held online on Friday 24th February 2023**

**PRESENT:**

Tim Warren (Chair); Trevor Hobson; Shirley Pritchard; Gail Norman; William Clennell; June Middleton; Tony Cherrett.

**APOLOGIES:** Jackie Hawkins

	ACTION
<p><b>1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>            These were agreed.</p> <p><b>2. MATTERS ARISING</b>            Tim said he had asked Jackie to produce a historical record of the number of players at each Surrey event. Jackie did not readily have access to this information, so Shirley completed the table and sent it to Tim. Jackie has not yet visited the branch of Skipton to update the signatories on the regular savings account.</p>	<p>Jackie</p>
<p><b>3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</b>            Tim mentioned that he had attended the County Chair's meeting and was impressed by the presentation by Giorgio Provenza. He stressed the importance of getting new bridge players as the current age profile of members is almost exclusively 60+. However, the sample only represents 23% of members. Tim said he felt Surrey was well placed with excellent teaching taking place in Wimbledon, Richmond, Caterham, and Three Counties. He wondered how smaller clubs could increase their numbers in the absence of facilities for teaching. Tony gave an example of Selsdon where every pre pandemic member had been phoned to ask if they were still interested in playing at the club. This initiative together with a friendly atmosphere, and using Caterham as a feeder club, had contributed to a rise in average tables numbers from 5.2-8.9 in the past year. Tony gave examples where attendance at clubs where no initiatives have been taken are suffering. Selsdon had also held a match with Purley Oaks B.C who are unaffiliated. With the closure of some clubs post pandemic the number of unaffiliated clubs in Surrey is only 10 fewer than the number of affiliated clubs. Tony felt it is important that we try and get some of these clubs to affiliate.</p>	
<p><b>4. TREASURER'S REPORT</b>            Jackie sent a report that said that the cash reserves had decreased by £3,377 gross over 10 months. There was concern about how this had happened, and Jackie has been asked to check the income and outgoings before the next meeting.</p>	<p>Jackie</p>
<p><b>5. JUNIOR BRIDGE</b>            June had submitted a comprehensive report to the committee following the very successful Schools Cup which had taken place at the beginning of the month. It was held at Richard Challoner School in New Malden, and despite problems caused by the rail strike, it was still the largest School's event in the</p>	

<p>country.  June will talk to the teacher at Notting Hill Prep about hosting an under 14 event in the summer term after exams.  The head of Notting Hill school had volunteered to host a junior event held towards the end of the summer term.  June was thanked for the tremendous effort she had put into this event, and said that if she needed extra funds for organising a second event that wouldn't be a problem.  June then requested £1000 donation for the proposed junior event that will replace Bowles Rock in October this year. This was going to be held at Tunbridge Wells B.C. with accommodation in the local Premier Inn. There would be no extracurricular activities, and the committee felt that an increase of double last year's donation of £500 for fewer activities might be questionable value for our money.  June will talk to the organisers about the format of the event.</p>	<p>June</p>
<p><b>6. DEVELOPMENT</b>  Tony's presentation was disrupted by technical gremlins, so it was agreed that Tony would meet with Tim and Trevor to discuss further and report back at the next meeting.</p>	<p>June</p>
<p><b>7. COMPETITIONS</b>  Shirley reported that the Garden Cities qualifying event had not been a success as it was felt to be too long, and was overwhelmed by two teams from Mayfield. Next year it would become a shorter F2F event and players would be encouraged to enter as if it were a Teams event. Only teams made up from one club could qualify for the Garden Cities.  The committee agreed not to loan the county's Bridgemates to Haslemere as they are now required for the School's Cup annually, and possibly other events.  Shirley will write to Haslemere and let them know our decision.  Entries for our forthcoming events are slightly disappointing, but William will send out another reminder over the weekend. It is felt that an attendance of 12-15 tables for the County Pairs would be good.  William reported that the Leagues and Lady Rose were running OK.</p>	<p>Tony</p>
<p><b>8. STATISTICAL INFORMATION</b>  Trevor had circulated a report showing the changes in membership by month for the past year.  He also said he had been in communication with Tim Anderson at the EBU to try and correct an anomaly whereby EBU figures (using data provided by Tim A) show the date on which they are awarded. For example, the National League master points earned in 2022 were awarded in January 2023.  He has suggested to Tim A that either: (a) the numbers Tim provides are brought on to a consistent basis with the numbers the EBU publish; or (b) the EBU published tables allow selection by both County and Category. Currently the selection can be done by one, or the other, but not both.</p>	<p>Shirley</p>
<p><b>9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p>	<p>William</p>
<p>NEXT MEETING – 28<sup>th</sup> April 3.30</p>	