

SCBA
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
held online on Friday, 8th March, 2024

PRESENT:

Tim Warren (Chair); Tony Cherrett; Jackie Hawkins; Gail Norman; William Clennell (part)

APOLOGIES: Shirley Pritchard; June Middleton

	ACTION
<p>1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING These were agreed.</p>	
<p>2. MATTERS ARISING Jackie is still trying to find someone who would be suitable for the role of Accounts Reviewer. Tim suggested Jackie advertise it in the next newsletter. He said this had been successful in the past, and he would look back to see what wording had been used. Tim reported that John Manches has said he would fill this position temporarily if necessary. Tim to speak to him. Will accepted the role of EBU shareholder. Tim will write to the EBU. Will's action re a casual friendly event in Spring 2025 to be carried over.</p>	<p>Jackie Tim Tim Tim Will</p>
<p>3. AGM/SGM Gail reported that it could be possible to hold the AGM by email and said that Herefordshire had done this by sending out a Notification well in advance of the AGM, explaining the process with a request for nominations and motions. Then the actual AGM request for voting was sent out with links to documents that were on the website (Chairman's Report, Accounts and Treasurer's Report). The Committee were happy to go ahead with this; Tim to action, with Gail.</p>	<p>Tim/Gail</p>
<p>4. CHARITY DONATIONS A charity called Sensory Services by Sight for Surrey had approached Gail asking whether they could be a chosen charity for one of our competitions. The team agreed we should be open to looking at an alternative to the QEF and that this could be for a weekend next spring. Jackie will look into this.</p>	<p>Jackie</p>
<p>5. BUDGET BIDS Jackie had assembled the Draft Budget for 2024/2025, which projected a surplus of £1454. This was accepted. Tim suggested that the UM amount of 2p might be reduced to 1p, but Tony suggested it would be better to use that surplus to promote bridge development in Surrey. He agreed to come up with some ideas for how to do that.</p>	<p>Tony</p>
<p>6. MATCHES Tim congratulated Will, with Dom, on their excellent achievement in the recent Tollemache. In the X-IMPs table, they came 4th/35, and indeed were the only Surrey pair to have a positive score.</p>	

<p>7. LEAGUES Will reported that everything is on schedule and he is looking to use the same approach next year as this for running the Lady Rose and the leagues.</p>	
<p>8. COMPETITIONS The EBU have asked whether we would be prepared to run an online qualifying event for a 9 high event and Shirley suggested a budget for F2F in case we thought that format was preferable. Tony said that it requires venues for these events to take place but that this should be encouraged. Shirley was asked to come up with suggestions and then pursue it. Subsequent note from Shirley: Paul Gibbons at the EBU has agreed to our proposal to hold an all-club qualifying event similar to the National Pairs, to take place in a specific week. The top x from each club would then go forward to an online qualifier (the national final will also be online). This enables all players to be involved and in familiar surroundings. Running the qualifying in venues would have meant some players being reluctant to take part because of the journeys involved.</p>	Shirley
<p>9. YOUTH BRIDGE June had submitted her report. It is great that we have another venue offering to host our Schools Cup. We need to come up with a new junior representative. June would like someone to shadow her next year with a view to them taking over the following year. If anyone knows of any bridge contacts who might be interested in taking on a junior role please contact June. Tony is looking at putting on a junior event at Woldingham School in October, and will provide a team of five teachers to cover the beginner and intermediate levels. This would be run as a Surrey event on behalf of south eastern counties. The committee agreed this would be a good idea. Tony will pursue this with Mark Humphris and speak to Gail about helping with administration, when it is clear what is entailed.</p>	ALL Tony
<p>10. TREASURER'S REPORT Jackie said the accounts are now complete up to the end of February, showing a loss to date of £1300. This includes an unintentional surplus of £300 from the Dorin, which Jackie will be passing on to the QEF. She will get the accounts out after the end of March.</p> <p>NEXT MEETING – Friday 17th May 3.30 pm.</p>	Jackie