

**SCBA**  
**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Held online on Monday 24th May 2021**

**PRESENT:**

Tim Warren (Chair); Trevor Hobson (President); Shirley Pritchard; Jeffrey Allerton; Gail Norman; Tony Cherrett; John Gallagher.

**APOLOGIES:** June Middleton, Sue Brough; John Lemmey.

Tim mentioned that Sue Brough had taken over from Ron Rustein as Communications and Marketing Officer. She was unable to attend the meeting tonight.	ACTION
<p><b>1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b></p> <p>These were agreed. In future Gail will include a link to the minutes from the website to save sending out copies to the members</p>	Gail
<p><b>2. MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p>June had requested £500 for the South Eastern Counties Junior Bridge Camp which is being held in the Autumn half term this year. This was agreed.</p> <p>It appears that the final for the B team who had come first in the Met Cup is now going ahead on 11<sup>th</sup> July. The team have all confirmed they are available on that date. Jeffrey said that final confirmation had yet to be received.</p> <p>Tim commended John on the clarity of his financial reports, and said it was the first time he had really absorbed the information.</p> <p>Tim said the Strategy Review should now be put on the website.</p> <p>For the Hills &amp; Dales match, Trevor suggested that players be chosen for the September event in the following order: winners of a) the Surrey Leagues; then b) Lady Rose; then c) Mary Edwards; then d) by NGS. He confirmed it would be run on Realbridge as this gives the event a social element.</p>	
<p><b>3. DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p>Tony proposed that the County run an annual event with prizes, and a cup which would be free to the qualifier. This would be run in late September early October and be based on the Masterpoint/NGS figures from the previous season ending in March of that year.</p> <p>In order to qualify the player must be one of the top 30 players from categories 4, 5 and 6 in the annual masterpoint list. The event would be held at Caterham (assuming F2F bridge is allowed). The qualifier can choose a regular partner to play with.</p> <p>Tony would actively approach people to play, and he has discussed it with other teachers.</p> <p>He said the costs would be paid from the Competitions budget – he was asked to produce a costed proposal for consideration. It was felt that the invitation to such an event would be a prize in itself, so prizes would not be given.</p> <p>Tim mentioned that Yorkshire have produced a comprehensive report for this week's EBU Chairmen's meeting which included payment to an individual to organise teaching in the county as finding volunteers had proved difficult.</p>	Tony

<p>It was felt that Surrey shouldn't pay someone to take on this role, and John suggested using Reach which is an organisation that provides qualified people with free time to take on <i>pro bono</i> work across a range of organisations.</p> <p>Questions were asked as to whether the County should be involved as the focus in Surrey is left to the club teachers.</p> <p>Trevor said that each month 30/40 new people became members of Surrey, and he offered to give the committee a breakdown of the number of student members. [He subsequently emailed to say the number was currently 67]</p> <p>Tim said he would talk to Sue about the possibility of radio advertising.</p>	Tim
<p><b>4. COMPETITIONS REPORT</b></p> <p>Shirley reported that the 90 pairs had played in the County Pairs this year compared with 52 in 2019.</p> <p>It was agreed that county events that were qualifying heats for an EBU event would be played F2F next season. Dependant on numbers this might involve using a club when it is open for a normal session. At this time there is too much uncertainty about the take up of F2F bridge to make any firm plans.</p> <p>The committee wished the Mixed Pairs event to continue, and also the Nine-High event where entrants in this event who were NGS&lt;9 were given free entry. There was discussion about the county organising specific events for 9 High players, and it is still felt that they respond best to personal invitation rather than emails, though all means at our disposal should be used to attract players so emails should not be ruled out.</p> <p>Tim suggested that Shirley should contact Julia Davies at Richmond to get her view on whether Nine-High events are more suited to be run by clubs or counties.</p> <p>The County will be taking advantage of the innovation which has been developed with the increasing use of Realbridge by taking credit card payments for all events from next season. This reduces the amount of admin work involved in chasing payments, and allows easier booking of events by players as it will be only one transaction.</p> <p>It was agreed to cancel the proposed June Charity Simultaneous Pairs event. The Dorin Salver only had 2 nights where more than one club had entered, and it is felt that currently the lack of normal club admin procedures makes communication with their players more difficult.</p> <p>Tony asked if there would be any appetite amongst clubs for the return of the Club Pairs Challenge and asked Shirley to write to clubs and ask them.</p>	<p>Shirley</p> <p>Shirley</p>
<p><b>5. AGM</b></p> <p>Tim asked if the President had to Chair the AGM, but was reminded that the Constitution says that it is the role of the President.</p> <p>The date of 4<sup>th</sup> July was confirmed, and Gail will liaise with Jeffrey about sending out the papers 3 weeks in advance. John would ensure the audited accounts would be ready by then.</p> <p><b>6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>Trevor gave an update on the trophies. He had presented the County Pairs trophy to Arun Suri, and had retrieved the Mary Edwards trophy and it was being engraved.</p> <p>He said he had documented all of his SCBA related computer programs on the shared data drive, and suggested putting it on the website.</p>	

Tim said he would like to thank Suleman for the help he continued to give Sue behind the scenes.

NEXT MEETING - 19:30 on Monday 26th July 2021. AGM 4<sup>th</sup> July.

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