



SCBA
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
Held online on Friday 25th April 2025



PRESENT:

Tim Warren (Chair); Gail Norman; Shirley Pritchard; Jackie Hawkins; Tony Cherrett.

APOLOGIES: June Middleton; William Clennell.

IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Banbury.

	ACTION
1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING These were agreed.	
2. MATTERS ARISING Tim said he would review the new eligibility rules with Will during the season. This item is carried over. It was agreed that a policy is required for the reporting of prominent members' deaths on the website. Nothing had been done so far about these 2 items, but Tim hoped to deal with them in May. However, the In Memoriam section of the website has been tidied up. Some items on the website are not being updated. The process needs updating too, but Tim will not have time to do this before he stands down. Tim had written to Wimbledon as agreed about plans for their new constitution, and this matter is now closed. Tim had spoken to the Chairman of the club whose player had been rude during the Chairman's lunch at Bookham. Next time this event is organised, a note will go out to clubs asking them to look to choose less aggressive players for this social event. Graham Osborne had put an article in the last newsletter regarding the criteria used for selection to the Met Cup. He will send out a more focussed message later in the summer.	Tim/Will Tim Gail
3. AGM The date for the AGM was agreed as 6 th July, and it will be held by email again this year. Tim will review the Constitution and do any redrafting necessary before then. Gail will organise the distribution of paperwork as last year.	 Tim Gail
4. UPDATING MEMBERSHIP Trevor has embarked on an exercise to try and reduce the number of incorrect entries in club's databases. He has contacted several clubs, and so far 2 have had over 300 names removed. Gail will contact Trevor to keep in touch with his progress.	

5. COMPETITIONS REPORT

Shirley reported a 35% increase in the numbers attending the County Pairs this year. Only 4 pairs are attending the Corwen.

Entries for the new 9 High Corwen close at the end of April, and Richard suggested we write to eligible candidates and ask them to self-nominate.

Since the information from the EBU does not correlate with the County's, and does not contain contact information, it was suggested that appropriate pairs who have played in the GP, County Pairs and leagues are chosen.

[Post meeting note – Trevor is providing Shirley with this information including email addresses of the relevant players]

Shirley

6. DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Tony reported that the changes to EBED since the appointment of Richard Croote were encouraging. There has been an increase in new learners, and at the Surrey Schools Bridge event there were 158 players playing minibridge compared with 110 in 2023.

Tony is involved with an initiative with Kent CBA which involves a "introduction to minibridge day with refreshments in the village of Ide Hill in Kent.

7. TREASURERS REPORT

Jackie reported the reserves had increased by £2k. 80% less than budget had been spent on Development which includes Junior bridge.

There were some queries on venue hire which appeared to have increased 3 times since last year. Shirley will provide Jackie with her figures to enable her to re-look at them.

Shirley

Jackie

Tim asked for bullet points from the year end accounts for his Chairman's report for the AGM.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Tony proposed that Richard be co-opted onto the committee. This was seconded by Gail.

NEXT MEETING – Fri 11th July 4.30 p.m.