



SCBA
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
Held online on Friday 17th January 2025

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: June Middleton

	ACTION
<p>1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING These were agreed.</p>	
<p>2. MATTERS ARISING Jackie had put a job description for the Accounts examiner in the both of the most recent newsletters. Paul Green who is currently the Treasurer at Kenley B.C. is an ideal candidate. Unfortunately, he is shortly moving to Sussex, but most of the work can be done via email so his appointment was agreed. 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. The figures shown in the last minutes for the decline in the Lady Rose applicants were wrong. It should have been a decrease from 35-32. Will reminded the meeting that this year was the first with paid entries.</p>	<p>Tim/Will</p> <p>Tim/John</p>
<p>3. WIMBLEDON DISCIPLINARY APPEALS Wimbledon B.C. are looking to move towards becoming a company limited by guarantee and, as part of this, new governing documents are being drawn up. Following discussion it was agreed to send the following statement to Wimbledon. "We're content in principle to be the first stage of your appeals process. This would be subject to us being able to decline to consider a situation that lay sufficiently outside the boundaries of 'bridge-related' that we feel it's beyond our reasonable capabilities."</p>	<p>Tim</p>
<p>4. SELECTION PROCESS FOR REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES Following the comment in the previous minutes that Surrey did not enter a team in the A section of the Met Cup last year, Tim received some correspondence with a Surrey member who complained about the lack of transparency in the selection process. Following discussion with Graham Osborne, it appeared the reason for this was a late change in the date for this event which meant that 8 out of the 10 players who had been selected were unable to play. It was agreed that the committee should have been informed about this at the time. It was agreed that the procedures for selection of teams should be better publicised, both in newsletter and on the website Biographies of the A team will also be included. The date for the Met Cup this year is 27th September.</p>	

<p>5. CHAIRMAN'S CONSULTATION</p> <p>The event was a success with 24 pairs attending from clubs. There was unfortunately evidence of rudeness from one member of a club, and Tim will contact the Chairman of that club to let him know.</p> <p>If possible, Surrey will arrange for a County director to run this event in the future. Tim received a request for Surrey events to be held at Bookham.</p> <p>Shirley will liaise with Jerry Broers the Chairman of Bookham to see if this is possible.</p> <p>6. COMPETITIONS REPORT</p> <p>The Teams of 8 had the largest attendance in recent years – 17 teams. 2 additional teams who had booked dropped out. It was agreed that next year we will adopt a “policy of first come first served”, and ask the larger clubs with multiple entries to be aware that their lower ranked teams may have to drop out to allow teams from smaller clubs to enter.</p> <p>It was agreed that the rules of the Dorin Salver will be changed to award the Salver to the leading Surrey Pair. This year it was won by a pair from Settle B.C. in Yorkshire.</p> <p>Tony asked if entry forms for future events could be put on the website under “coming Soon” much earlier in order to encourage entries.</p> <p>Shirley will discuss with John.</p> <p>7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Derek Thrumble will be taking over as Junior Bridge organiser from June who is leaving the committee at the AGM.</p> <p>Jackie reported a surplus of £2175 on the latest accounts.</p> <p>Tony said that EBED will pay for training weekends, and the Autumn Camp. They will bring all the Junior camps under one umbrella.</p> <p>Therefore, the budget is now £5k.</p> <p>NEXT MEETING – Fri 4th April 3.30 p.m.</p>	<p>Tim</p> <p>Shirley</p> <p>Will</p> <p>Shirley</p>
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