

**SCBA**  
**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Held online on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**PRESENT:**

Tim Warren (Chair); Trevor Hobson (President); Jeffrey Allerton; Gail Norman;  
 Tony Cherrett;

**APOLOGIES:** Shirley Pritchard; John Gallagher; John Lemmey; June Middleton;  
 Sue Brough

<p><b>1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>          These were agreed. It was noted that neither the AGM Minutes nor the last Committee Meeting's minutes were on the website.</p>	<p>JL</p>
<p><b>2. MATTERS ARISING</b>          Tim contacted the EBU to inform them of our decision on temporarily suspending the County UMS rate of 2p. He was told that we have not been charged since February.          With regard to Play and Coach Tony had not managed to arrange 13<sup>th</sup> August.          It was agreed that the Surrey inter club knockout would start in the New Year.          Shirley to put dates in the calendar for other events.</p>	<p>SP</p>
<p><b>3. SPECIFIC ITEMS</b>          3.1. Membership of League and Cup teams:              i) Affiliation: Tim suggested that we only allow members of Surrey and neighbouring counties to play in the Surrey League and Lady Rose. Trevor quoted the Eligibility section of our on line rules which state 'Unless otherwise specified for a particular event, all our events are open to all EBU members. However the primary intention is to provide competitions for Surrey members and members of Surrey clubs and we would not expect individuals to participate if they are not in a position to travel to Surrey for a face to face event without the explicit agreement of the organiser of that event.' It was agreed this was sufficient and that team captains should be reminded of this.               ii) Payment: There was some discussion about whether we should allow paid professionals to play in the Surrey League and Lady Rose. It was agreed to consult current team captains to obtain their views. Any change in the rules would be applicable from next year.           Trevor will draft a message to David Burch thanking him for the work he has done so far and to address these two things.</p>	<p>TH</p>

<p>3.2 GP Swiss Teams: Swiss teams went very smoothly although there were not as many entrants as last year. However, the Swiss Pairs had serious problems. This was marred by an incorrect set up procedure and the event was scored by using IMPS instead of Match Points. There was no apology to the players. Tim has written to the chief TD but so far has received no reply.</p> <p>3.3 Play and Coach event, 24 Oct: Tony said that so far he has received 14 positive replies. Sally Brock has suggested she might play in the main group. He is still waiting for replies from all categories and will invite another 12. He is aiming for 29 pairs. Tim said we should go ahead even if we weren't able to attract as many pairs as we'd originally hoped.</p>	<p>TC</p>
<p><b>4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT</b></p> <p>We have received nomination papers from the EBU. These are for people willing to put themselves forward as potential candidates for the Standing Committee and this has to be in 2 weeks. Trevor asked if we have anyone to put forward, none were forthcoming.</p> <p>In his Teams Report David Burch has tackled this with a will. There was a conversation about the difficulties in giving sufficient explanations of bids when on BBO and whether we should instead promote RealBridge as that allows a more interactive and personal approach Tony said that less people want to play on RealBridge. Tim asked Trevor to give David his thanks for the report and he will thank Douglas for his contribution.</p> <p>Trevor will speak to Brian Adlam about the promotion of the Dorin Salver which is December 6/7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and to get it up on the EBU website. We need action to get clubs to enter and try wider ways of getting people to play.</p>	<p>TH (for DB) TW (for DW)</p> <p>TH</p>
<p><b>5. COMPETITIONS AND DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p>Tim will speak to Shirley and Sue about more actively promoting our events.</p>	<p>TW</p>
<p><b>6. MATCHES REPORT</b></p> <p>The 20-21 Home Counties League was played online. This was split into 2 divisions, A &amp; B. The B division Surrey group won.</p> <p>Tim to write to Mike Ellis congratulating him.</p> <p>The Tollemache qualifier will be on RealBridge but the final will be live.</p>	<p>TW</p>
<p><b>7. JUNIOR REPORT</b></p> <p>June was thanked for her report.</p>	
<p><b>8. TREASURER'S REPORT</b></p> <p>John was thanked for sending his report.</p>	

<p><b>9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>Tim asked whether the double dummy puzzle should still be included in the newsletter. When Tim had been responsible it had been a fair bit of work but he'd enjoyed doing it. There is only a small number of people doing it and therefore a small number who win a prize. It was decided to put a link in the newsletter to the solution of the previous newsletter's double dummy. Jeffrey wanted to know how many clubs are going to want to enter F2F and he would like more people to use RealBridge. At the moment more competitions are being held on RealBridge.</p> <p>Tim to bring up the question of our default online platform at the next meeting.</p> <p>Trevor said that regarding the Hills and Dales we clearly had a mismatch between the teams we and Yorkshire put forward and if we are to continue we will need to coordinate more closely with them on team selection in future. Tim said he would suggest Surrey organise it next time, in which case he might ask Barry Stoker to be TD. Tim said he would contact Nick Woolven, the Yorkshire Chairman.</p> <p><b>10. NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>Gail will circulate the Committee to find out which days they cannot do before arranging the next meeting.</p>	<p>TW</p> <p>TW</p> <p>GN</p>
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