

Scottish Bridge Union – EAST District
Minutes of the Committee Meeting of September 5th 2019 at 7.15pm at The Melville

Present: Ms. A Perkins, Mrs. J Choudhury, Mrs. K Bailey, Ms. F Greenwood, Dr. J Palmer, Mrs. J Carnegie, Mrs F Davies

Apologies: Mr. W Whyte, Mr. S Kirkwood, Mrs. D King, Mr. A Officer

Minutes:

The minutes of July 4th 2019 were proposed by Dr Palmer and seconded by Ms Greenwood as being a true record of that meeting.

Matters arising:

- Supply of pens – 180 assorted colours have been ordered at a cost of £165.40
- Masterpoints - Ms Greenwood contacted Alison Carmichael re the process for purchasing masterpoints. If wish to purchase more either make BACS payment or send cheque to George who will arrange to upload more points. Currently EDU balance is 733 masterpoints.
- Confirmed that Mrs McGowan is doing the commentary for the Sims Pairs at the beginning of November.
- Mrs Perkins to contact Mrs McGowan to confirm which event the ‘salver’ would be the trophy for.
- Mr Kirkwood still to purchase the salver.
- Mrs Perkins confirmed that there was a Tournament sub-committee set up to produce a document on the remuneration structure for TDs.
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Chairman’s report: Nothing to report

Secretary’s report: Nothing to report

Sub-committee reports:

Finance:

- Mr. Kirkwood had submitted a draft budget for discussion at the meeting. There were a few minor points which Mrs Perkins would relay back. **(Action: AP)**

League:

- Dr Palmer thanked everyone who had helped at the League Secretaries meeting. She also thanked Mr Officer for all his assistance in the background work.
- This year there are 54 teams (lost one and gained two). It was a bumper year for The KO Cup with 31 teams.
- Dr Palmer would upload all the teams/match dates / venues onto the EBU website at the weekend after completing her crosscheck.
- Mrs Choudhury thanked Dr Palmer on behalf of the Committee for all her hard work in the organizing of the League Secretaries Meeting which she has been doing for 10 years.

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Education & Bronze Events:

- The Summer League / Novice - 11 teams played 41 matches in total. The Pentland Panthers won the Summer League and New Tricks won the Novice.
- Next session there will be a charge of £3.00 to cover the Masterpoints.
- The Committee discussed SBU membership for students attending lessons. There was some confusion as to Associate membership of the Club and membership of the SBU. Currently students at The Melville are encouraged to take full membership of the SBU towards the end of Year 2 so that they receive Masterpoints when playing in afternoon tournaments. Ms Greenwood offered to write up a document explain SBU membership. **(Action: FG)**
- Mrs Choudhury also requested if a document explaining the Masterpoints system could be written as many people found it confusing as to what was needed to gain the different levels within the system. Ms Greenwood agreed to write said document. **(Action: FG)**
- Minibridge – Ms Greenwood stated that the lunchtime sessions had started gain at Stockbride Primary with 4 pupils attending. Ms Greenwood and Helen McCormack were actively pursuing other schools and afterschool clubs to offer minibridge.

National Tournaments:

There had been no National tournaments within the East District. The Clarendon Bowl had been won by a team from Stirling.

Forthcoming events:

NEBA: Both A and B teams won their respective tournament.

ED Congress – Mrs Choudhry had produced printed flyers which will be distributed to Clubs within the district. Information will also be put on the website along with an entry form.

Ms Greenwood confirmed the Convenor for each of the ED Tournaments for the following season. List to be issued. **(Action: FG)**

Website news:

Mr Officer had cleared the site in preparation of the new season.

Report from Council:

Mrs Dempsie is the new SBU Secretary.

Valentine Pairs Masterpoints – this has been raised with the Council and an answer from the Masterpoints Committee and the Council should made at the next SBU meeting in September.

AOCB:

- Mrs Perkins suggested that pens be purchased for the ED Congress. This was agreed and Mrs Perkins is taking forward. **(Action: AP)**
- ED Committee Contact list to be updated and distributed. **(Action: CD)**
- TD Training – Dr Palmer is organizing publicity for the event which is a 1 day course being held at the Melville BC. **(Action: JP)**

Meeting closed at 9.00pm with thanks to all for attending.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 31st October 2019 at 7.00pm at The Carlton BC