

Scottish Bridge Union – EAST District
Minutes of the Committee Meeting of April 22nd 2020 at 7.00pm

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

Apologies: Mr. A Officer, Mrs. K Bailey, Mr. S Kirkwood.

Minutes:

The minutes of January 23rd 2020 were proposed by Dr J Palmer and seconded by Mrs Choudhury as being a true record of that meeting.

Matters arising:

- Summer League- this had been put on hold due to the Coronavirus situation.
- Virtual Association – Currently there is no procedure for Virtual Members to join the Melville (who appears to use the Virtual Association membership more than any other club within the District). Melville to have a meeting. FG to forward her paper on this to Mrs King.
(Action: FG)
- Mrs Perkins would continue to raise at the SBU Council Meeting that there should be a more even spread across the country and /or more support from other clubs in the organisation of these events.

Chairman's report: Nothing to report apart from now playing Bridge online.

Secretary's report: Nothing to report

Sub-committee reports:

Finance:

- Mr. Kirkwood had prepared the Accounts ready to be sent to the Auditor once lockdown has been lifted. The Committee in attendance gave their verbal approval of the Accounts.

League:

- SBU ED League - Dr Palmer suggested 5 options (see below) It was agreed Option 1 was the preferred.
What to do about the SBU East District League?
 1. *No rush to make decision at present. Review every 4-5 weeks or once lockdown lift. Run key matches in priority order as required (cancel the rest).*
 2. *Cancel the 2019-20 season. No winners. No losers.*
 3. *Freeze things as pre current table.*
 4. *Combine 2019-20 season with 2020-21. So award winners losers over two seasons.*
 5. *Play remaining matches online.*
- Teams – Dr Palmer had consulted Iain Sime & Paul Gipson who had also agreed that Option 1 was preferred.
- Knock Out – only the final left to play. This can be organised once lockdown over.
- It was agreed to look at next season's League once the lockdown was over.

Education & Bronze Events:

- The ED Bronze Challenge pairs were held on Saturday 1st February with 46 pairs including a reserve pair and a junior. The tournament ran very smoothly with Anne Perkins as TD and assisted by Denise King. We took £667.50 in entry fees, and paid out £160 in prizes. After all other expenses were paid, we made a profit of £237.50. The event was won by Jane and Andrew Carnegie, with Allan Ainslie and Ian McLaren as runners up. Thanks again to Anne and Denise for their help, and Fiona Greenwood for the pre-tournament admin.

MiniBridge:

- Dalry Primary masterclass had gone ahead and been very well received. Mrs McCormack was running this on behalf of Ms Greenwood.
- The National Minibridge Tournament –there had been 6 teams lined up to take part in the district heat. 2 teams each from Stockbridge, Stewarts Melville School and the Melville.

**East District Tournaments – following tournaments have taken place and won by
Bronze Challenge Pairs**

1st Jane and Andrew Carnegie
2nd Allan Ainslie and Iain McLaren

Thea Teale National Bronze Teams heat

Heat 1 winners Margaret Clarke, Venetia Thomson, Sylvia Cooke, Susan Dick
Heat 2 winners Julia Campbell, Rob Hickling, Ian Thomson, David Nisbet

**National Tournaments – following tournaments have taken place and won by
National Mixed Swiss Pairs**

1st Sam Punch and Stephen Peterkin
2nd Derek Sanders and Fiona Greenwood

National Mixed Swiss Teams

1st Abi Milne, Jim Hay, Ross Woodburn and Jean McLeod
2nd George Plant, Gosia Rozman, Charles Outred and Vi Outred

National Mens' Pairs

1st Iain Sime and John Murdoch
2nd Mike McGinley and David Wiseman

National Mens' Teams

1st Roy Bennett, Harry Smith, David Ligatt and Liam O'Brien

**East District Tournaments – following tournaments have taken place and won by
ED National Pairs District Final**

1st Sandy Duncan and Bob McPaul
2nd Liz McGowan and David Ligatt

Allan Fitch – 27 married couples took part.

1st David and Wendy Chambers
2nd John and Sarah Gunn
3rd Heather and Arnot Kidd

Cowan Cup

1st Derek Sanders and Gints Freimanis
2nd Liz McGowan and David Ligatt

Atholl Plate & Cup – Matches have been taking place on-line.

Forthcoming events: Preparation for forthcoming events on hold due to lockdown.

There was discussion regarding payment of venues and it was agreed to pay however the Club wished either on day or by invoice. If payment over £350 then a receipt should be obtained. All payment details to be passed to Mr Kirkwood.

Website news: Nothing to report

Report from Council: There had been 3 Council Meetings to date this year (2 by virtual).

Points to be aware of:

Overseas Congress – individuals to claim back for hotel etc. The tournament will be held next year at the same venue.

SBU AGM – delayed until further notice

Diaries – due to the timing of the pandemic and the lead time for printing, there will be no diaries printed this year. An option of online calendars will be looked at when Clubs can be opened again.

AOCB:

Vice Chairman – as Bill Whyte had stepped down, Mrs Perkins would discuss with Mrs Bailey whose name had been suggested. (Action: AP)

The ED AGM -delayed until further notice.

Calendar - delayed. When Clubs are open again the 2020/21 calendar can be discussed (probability of using the same as 2019/20).

Tournament Guide – Ms Greenwood had a few comments and would liaise directly with Mrs Choudhoury

Meeting closed with thanks to all for attending.

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 22nd July 2020 at 7.00pm.