

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

Present: Ms. A Perkins, Mrs. J Choudhury, Ms. F Greenwood, Dr. J Palmer, Mrs F Davies, Mr. A Officer, Mrs. K Bailey, Mr. S Kirkwood, Mrs S Gunn

Apologies: Mrs D King, Mrs. J Carnegie, Mrs M Evans

Minutes:

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

Matters arising:

- Virtual Association –FG confirmed paper had been sent to Mrs King.
- Mrs King had not received papers re the meeting. This has been corrected and copy of papers sent.
- Ms Perkins confirmed that Mrs K Bailey had accepted the position of Vice Chairman.
- A receipt should be gotten for all payments made regardless of the amount and passed to Mr Kirkwood.

Chairman's report: Playing Bridge online and since being taken off furlough undertaken training to become an online tournament TD. Ms Perkins has also recently set up matches against South Africa for aspiring and current international players with much help from Paul Gipson. Also enjoys playing in the Lockdown Swiss Team event, thanks to Harry Smith and Paul for organizing this twice weekly.

Secretary's report: Nothing to report

Sub-committee reports:

Finance:

- The accounts for 2019/20 have been prepared and agreed by the Committee in April.
- Honorariums had been paid.
- A budget of Accounts has not been created as yet due to the lack of events arranged. There is money in the bank and the East District can survive without an income at present.
- There followed a discussion regarding organizing East District Events – see under forthcoming events.

League:

- John Hamilton had asked if the remaining matches could be played on BBO. Dr Palmer had confirmed that the decision had been taken that the League matches would be completed once the Clubs were open.
- Knockout – McLaren – see under Forthcoming events
- Dr Palmer informed the meeting that she was hopefully due to start virtual TD training in the very near future.

Education & Bronze Events:

- Ms Perkins introduced Mrs Sarah Gunn and Mrs Marina Evans (not in attendance) as the new Education Convenors. Mrs Gunn will be responsible for Adult Education whilst Mrs Evans will look after Schools and Minibridge.
- Mrs Gunn reported the following
 - the SBU has appointed Sam Punch as SBU Education Convenor
 - SBU Educational Materials – SBU championing 2 approaches to teaching bridge in Scotland
 - (a) The “Perth” course which (in effect) is a condensed course in 1 year, covering a lot of material but not all and with a couple of nuances not followed in other approaches, and

(b) The MBA course, currently being revised by Nigel Booth and David Briggs

- Intends to compile a list of tutors in the East District including private, Club and Council teachers. Ms Greenwood and Dr Palmer would send the current Newsletter to all Clubs & League teams within the East District requesting that information about teachers be passed to Mrs Gunn. (Action: AP/FG/JP)

MiniBridge:

- Ms Greenwood would contact the schools on their return to establish if they will continue the mini-bridge.
- Gertrude Mallon of Dunfermline BC had suggested that it is possible to run lessons through BBO chatline – this however is very cumbersome.

National Tournaments - nothing to report

East District Tournaments – the East District A Team lost to NEBA A Team, but the East District B Team beat the NEBA B Team in the annual event held this year online and in a condensed format.

Forthcoming events:

- It was agreed that there was vacancies during the week for the East District to run on-line tournaments such as the McLaren KO teams and possibly the McGregor Mixed pairs.
- The McLaren could be run as teams of 4 with each team setting their own matches and could be played through the free part of BBO.
- The McGregor Mixed Pairs could be open to all SBU players on a Friday evening possibly in September. This could be run through the SBU East District BBO log-in at the normal cost per person. Master points would be awarded – Ms Greenwood to check with Alison Carmichael.
- Swiss Pairs could also be run with people registering in advance – again possibly starting in September.
- Ms Greenwood agreed to put together a schedule of events once the plans of the SBU (next Council meeting scheduled 29/7/2020) are known. These would be run through the SBU ED BBO log-in and a share of income would be refunded back to the East District from the SBU in due course. (Action: FG)

Website news: Mr Officer had upgraded the East District website to make it more user friendly and gave a presentation. He requested the committee to play-around on it and give feedback before it goes live, <https://dev.sbueast.org.uk>. The new website will enable those that have a log-on to upload articles etc.

Report from Council:

Several document have been produced for on-line playing behaviour by Anne Coles
SBU aware of issues arising from playing on-line – payment/training of TDs
Clubs are not awarding trophies / prizes due to the issues around Covid 19.

AOCB:

Dr Palmer shared documents from Anne Coles regarding the payment breakdown guideline for TD's following request from Mrs Choudhury. Dr Palmer will also request Anne Coles to share information going forward with Ms Greenwood and Mrs Choudhury (Action: JP)

Meeting closed with thanks to all for attending.

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 2nd September 2020 at 7.00pm.