

Suffolk Contract Bridge Association

NOTICE OF THE 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT STOKE-BY-NAYLAND GOLF CLUB ON SUNDAY 18 MAY AT 3.00 PM

The AGM will be held for the purpose of conducting the following business:

1. Apologies
 2. Adoption of the minutes of the 2007 AGM [overleaf]
 3. Matters arising
 4. Chairman's report
 5. Treasurer's report
 6. Adoption of the annual accounts
 7. Election of officers:
 - i. Chairman
 - ii. Vice Chairman
 - iii. General Secretary
 - iv. Treasurer
 - v. Membership Secretary
 - vi. Competitions Secretary
 8. Election of committee members (up to 5)
 9. **Proposed Motion:** "This association believes that the English Bridge Union 'Pay to Play' scheme is ill considered and likely to have a detrimental effect on organised duplicate bridge. The SCBA shareholder should therefore be mandated to vote against the motion at the EBU meeting on 4th June."
- Proposed by: Graham Beeton, seconded by: Peter Markwell
(See notes below as to the SCBA committee's views on this motion)
10. Appointment of honorary auditor
 11. Prize Giving
 12. Any other business

Pauline Hanson
Secretary SCBA
20 April 2008

Notes:

No member whose subscription due on 1st April remains unpaid may vote at the AGM. Nominations for committee membership are welcomed. They should be sent to the Secretary (21 Hardwick Close, Rushmere St. Andrew, Ipswich IP4 5XB) or notified to her prior to the AGM. Any nominations should be proposed and seconded and have the consent of the nominee.

The motion submitted by Graham Beeton:

The SCBA has spent some considerable time considering the merits or otherwise of the EBU's radical proposed changes to its membership structure. On balance the committee believe:

1. It is for each club to take the decision as to whether or not to continue to be affiliated to the EBU
2. Whilst any radical change brings winners and losers, the considered view of the SCBA committee is that, on balance, the proposed changes will be good for the game, the EBU and its members.

For these reasons the committee urge members to vote against the motion.

After the AGM there will be an AGM pairs competition. If you are staying for the pairs please notify Rick Waters on 01379 870291 or by email: rickwtrs@talktalk.net