

Suffolk Contract Bridge Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 16th May 2010

At Stoke-by-Nayland Golf Club

In attendance:

Andrew Moore (AM)	Chairman
Eric Newman (EN)	Treasurer & Summer League Secretary
Rick Waters (RW)	Competitions Secretary
David Price (DP)	County Captain
Malcolm Carey (MC)	Chief Tournament Director
Joan Mayhew (JM)	Committee member
Jeff Orton (JO)	Vice Chairman & General Secretary
Alan Green (AG)	Youth Development Officer
Richard Evans (RE)	Table Talk Editor
Mike O'Reilly (MO'R)	Summer League Secretary

Plus 23 members.

Apologies for absence:

Pauline & Con Hanson, Claude Stokes, John Standley, Janet Easton, Stephen Lawer, Chris Chambers, Jim Gobert, Jonathan Green, Colin Bamberger, Robert Green, Jill & Roger Tattersfield, Judy Birley, Debbie & Peter Sutcliffe, Anne Wilmer, Jane Moore, Marie Coates, Binkie Andrews, Elaine Green.

- 1) **Minutes of last AGM (31st May 2009)** were adopted unanimously (proposed Alan Green, seconded Charles Parker).
- 2) **Matters Arising** – None.
- 3) **Chairman's report** – The full text of the Chairman's report is appended.
- 4) **Treasurer's report** – EN presented his report, independently examined by Michael Sherer, which showed a surplus of £2,589 over the year, largely due to the profits from the Felixstowe Congress and the biennial Green Point event. Details of the accounts are appended.
- 5) **Adoption of the annual accounts** – David Haig-Thomas commented that the duplimating costs were too high for regular club duplicate, and suggested that a lower cost might increase uptake and generate higher revenue. The Chairman explained that this subject had been discussed at length in committee, and that changes to the duplimating service were imminent with the likely purchase of a second machine. There were no further questions and the accounts were accepted unanimously (proposed Mike Del-Bo, seconded Charles Parker).

6) **Election of Committee members & Independent Examiner**

Joan Mayhew is standing down from the committee, and Eric Newman has relinquished his role as Treasurer but will remain a committee member. The Chairman reiterated his comments in his report, thanking them both again for all their hard work on behalf of the SCBA. All other committee members were willing to continue in their respective roles; there were no new nominations.

The Chairman therefore suggested that the current committee be re-elected *en bloc*. This was proposed by Fleur Waters, seconded by David Haig-Thomas and accepted unanimously.

Nominee	Position
Andrew Moore	Chairman
Jeff Orton	Vice-Chairman & Secretary
Eric Newman	Committee member
Chris Chambers	Membership Secretary
Rick Waters	Competitions Secretary
Rick Hanley	Winter League Secretary
Alan Green	Youth & Development Officer
David Price	County Captain
Mike O'Reilly	Summer League Secretary
Richard Evans	Table Talk Editor
Malcolm Carey	Chief Tournament Director

The Chairman proposed that Nick Farr be invited onto the committee as Treasurer; Nick is a Chartered Accountant and ideally qualified for this role. This was proposed by Andrew Moore, seconded by Malcolm Carey and accepted unanimously.

Michael Sherer was proposed as Independent Examiner by Andrew Moore, seconded by Jeff Orton and accepted unanimously.

Alan Green kindly volunteered to take over Joan's responsibilities in organising the Suffolk Pairs.

- 7) **Award of Trophies & Prizes** – Winners of the various competitions were announced by Rick Waters and prizes presented by Fleur Waters. Details appended.

8) **Any Other Business**

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 3.30

Appendix 1

Chairman's Report SCBA 2010 AGM

Good afternoon everybody and welcome to the SCBA 2010 AGM.

Firstly, I'd like to thank all the committee for the hard work put in over the last year. I think I'm probably one of the luckiest chairmen of any EBU county in having such an energetic and intelligently active, strong committee. Most of them just get on with it and do a very good job for you in their respective fields.

The Felixstowe Congress, after years of being thought to be in its death throes, came back to life with a vengeance last year and did very well for us financially too. These resurgences don't just happen. They are the result of people making them happen. Many on the committee gave valuable assistance to make it run smoothly but I should like to single out **Jeff Orton** in particular for his efforts in making it a success and producing the resurgence in attendance. It's good to work with people who go the extra mile in the effort they put in. Thanks Jeff. Thanks also to **Peter Gemmell's** firm Dunnetts for generously sponsoring the congress.

The same applies to the revamped Table Talk now edited by **Richard Evans**. Richard has now produced two issues. I have heard only good feedback for the new style magazine. The only adverse comment was whether the standard could be maintained in the future. Richard, who is himself a bridge teacher, has been very proactive in seeking out contributors to the magazine so that we now enjoy a very wide style of content, as well as advertising which, so far at any rate, has defrayed the extra costs involved in producing both the extra content and the increased copies following the decision to circulate the magazine more widely. **Norman Less** has continued to give support in terms of technical editing, assistance I know Richard has found valuable. Thank you Richard for what must be one of the best county magazines in the UK.

Alan Green who joined us a year ago and has taken the position of Youth and Education Officer has also been proactive in trying to further interest in Youth Bridge in the county. He has sought to introduce bridge to schools in the county and has had some success in Bungay and elsewhere as well as seeking to reintroduce bridge to Essex University. He will need some assistance in the future if he is not to end up spreading himself too thinly. As a result of Alan's enthusiasm, the EBU has selected Suffolk as a pilot county for the intended introduction of its 'EBU teachers' training scheme'. The EBU's intention is to seek to train bridge teachers to teach in affiliated clubs following the introduction of P2P. It is early days yet but I hope the scheme prospers.

Our County Captain **David Price** led the Suffolk team to victory this year for the first time ever in the qualifying round of the Tollemache competition where Suffolk came first in its group thus reaching the final for the first time ever. Sadly it was downhill thereafter but hopefully it gives us a platform to build on in the future. I hope that squad training evenings, or possibly debriefs for the county team after each county match as happen in some other counties, may be introduced in the future. Thank you David for captaining Suffolk.

I am sure many of you will have seen the revamped website. The website was set up originally some 10 year ago and managed by **Din Gudka**. We all owe Din a huge thank you for the work he did over the years. Din is not a man to seek acclaim; he just quietly got on with matters. Thank you Din for all you did for the Suffolk website over so many years. During the year Din decided to relinquish management of the website and the web master is now **Chris Chambers**. Chris puts in an enormous amount of time on behalf of Suffolk. In addition to acting as webmaster he produces

the monthly e-newsletter, looks after the membership records for the county and generally is willing to take on tasks that need doing. Thank you Chris.

The competitions we all play in don't just happen. They need organising and there is a lot of work required in this. We are all deeply grateful to **Rick Waters** for dealing with this aspect so efficiently. Thank you Rick. Recently Rick has been seeking new venues for some of our competitions following complaints over the standard of tea we have received here on some occasions. In that connection Rick has spoken to the relevant people here and that particular aspect has improved recently I understand.

Another hard worker for the County is **Mike O'Reilly**. He has taken over the role of summer league secretary for this coming year. But in addition to this he has been seeking the co-operation of clubs in hosting some of our tournaments. As most of you will know the Seniors has, since its inception, been hosted by Clare. And this year, Framlingham hosted the novices' event. The idea is that clubs host a particular event providing the venue themselves. Financial and general responsibility for the running of the events will still remain with the county but it will relieve us of having to worry about the venue. There will also be the added advantage that members of clubs that are hosting events may be more likely to enter the competition and it may prove a booster to people playing in county events who have not done so previously. Mike tells me that clubs' initial reactions have been favourable to the suggestion so watch this space.

Joan Mayhew who has been on the SCBA committee for many years now has decided to stand down this year. Joan has been responsible for organising the county pair's event and on behalf of us all I thank Joan for her efforts in this regard. Alan Green has kindly agreed to take over this function.

Rick Hanley organises the Winter League – thanks Rick.

Eric Newman, who has been our treasurer for four years now, has decided to stand down this year although he will remain on the committee. Our thanks to Eric for his efforts over this period.

Finally, **Malcolm Carey**, Suffolk's equivalent of a CEO. He is our chief TD and we thank him for his good direction; although Malcolm is paid for his directing I doubt it's a market rate so thank you Malcolm.

With the introduction of P2P, every Suffolk affiliated club had the option of affiliating to the EBU or not. Of the 19 clubs in Suffolk 4 chose not to affiliate, Colchester Castle, Stratford St Mary, Tally Ho Colchester and Woolpit Friendly Bridge Club. Their members, unless they are also members of another club affiliated to the EBU are no longer able to play in Suffolk events save for those, e.g. novices, where affiliation is not required.

Following the introduction of P2P the EBU is planning to introduce:

- A new voting structure. Counties retain their present votes but affiliated clubs will each have one vote thus increasing their profile. One member one vote was a step too far, at any rate initially;
- A grading 'handicap' scheme for all members
- A 'Club committee' giving direct access between clubs and the EBU

Finally, Suffolk is considering obtaining a second Duplimate machine to enable duplimate boards to be more widely available. Mike O'Reilly has demonstrated a different make to the committee earlier this afternoon.

That's it from me. Thank you all for attending
Andrew Moore

Appendix 2 - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Income	£	£
Subscriptions	690	655
Clubs	1,628	1,707
Members	<u>2,318</u>	<u>2,362</u>
Profit On Competitions	96	- 86
Profit On Greenpointed Event	539	-
Profit On Felixstowe	2,506	905
Table Talk Advertising (£625 for adverts in next edition)	1,390	1,130
Net Income on providing Duplimating services to clubs	218	72
Bank Interest Received	213	151
	<u>7,279</u>	<u>4,534</u>
 Expenditure		
Costs of County Team	638	973
Committee and EBU Council meeting expenses	383	185
Pre AGM Lunch	75	82
Printing and stationery		
Table Talk	1,348	2,433
SCBA Brochure & Newsletter	124	122
General	57	164
Website	77	34
MasterPoints	294	138
Dep Felixstowe 2011 (2010)	30	30
Club Secretaries Meeting	135	
New Duplimate Boards & Cards	782	-
Glasses For Prizes	429	
Scorebridge for Directing		18
Trophy Engraving	6	-
Teaching & Promotion	312	
Chairmans Gift		47
Insurance	-	133
	<u>4,690</u>	<u>4,359</u>
 (Deficit) Surplus For Year	 <u>2,589</u>	 <u>175</u>

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2010

Assets and Liabilities	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Assets	£	£
Debtors	349	
Unused Masterpoints	16	16
Deposit Account	9,475	9,263
Bank Account	2,283	1,003
Cash	285	56
	<u>12,408</u>	<u>10,338</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors and income received in advance	-	519
NET ASSETS	<u>12,408</u>	<u>9,819</u>
	Represented by:	
Accumulated Fund		
At the beginning of the year	9,819	9,644
(Deficit)/Surplus for year	2,589	175
At end of year	<u>12,408</u>	<u>9,819</u>

Auditor's Certificate

I have examined the above Income and Expenditure Account of the Suffolk Contract Bridge Association for the year ended 31st March 2010, and the Balance Sheet as at that date, together with the books, records and supporting vouchers and I verify them to be correct in accordance therewith.

Signed

Professor Michael Sherer FCA, MA(Econ) 10th May 2010

COMPETITIONS 2009/10

	Income (Net prize vouchers)	Prizes	Venue & Catering	Directing	Boards	Profit 2009-10	Profit 2008-09
AGM Pairs	180.00		200.00	20.00	4.80	-44.80	-207.20
Club Teams of 4	440.00		392.50	61.50	6.72	-20.72	31.30
Club Teams of 8	720.00		670.00	40.00	15.04	-5.04	16.80
K.O. Teams	520.00		444.50		17.24	58.26	-5.00
Married Pairs	168.00		147.00	20.00	3.64	-2.64	25.36
Pivot Teams 2009	400.00		366.50	61.50	5.60	-33.60	
Mens & Ladies	336.00		90.54	47.00	6.40	192.06	142.10
Mid Anglia	520.00		431.50	61.50	11.84	15.16	61.80
Mixed Pairs	288.00		347.00	20.00	5.20	-84.20	71.80
Newcomers Pairs						0.00	
Novice Pairs	330.00		360.00			-30.00	-70.37
Pivot Teams	360.00		340.00	61.50	9.60	-51.10	0.75
Seniors Pairs	290.00		96.09	38.00	5.60	150.31	157.55
Suffolk Simultaneous	438.00	56.00		40.00	115.01	226.99	179.18
Singles	120.00		49.00	46.00	4.80	20.20	-8.29
Pairs Final	480.00		418.50	47.60	11.00	2.90	-55.35
Refund from SbN			-149.00			149.00	
Pairs Semi	260.00		166.00	37.00	8.72	48.28	171.00
Winter League	200.00			15.48		184.52	138.00
					TOTAL PROFIT	775.58	649.43
					LESS ENTRY FEES FOR:		
					Garden Cities	0.00	183.00
					Pachabo	196.00	0.00
					Corwen	164.00	252.00
					Tollemache	320.00	300.00
						95.58	-85.57

Appendix 3 - Competition Trophies

<u>Competition</u>	<u>Trophy</u>	<u>Winners: 2009/10</u>	<u>Prize</u>
AGM Pairs		Rosemarie Mascall & Norman Denny	Certificate
Married Pairs	Lang Cup	Andrew & Jane Moore	Certificate
Senior Pairs	Stokes Trophy	Andrew Moore & David Price	Wine glasses
	Veterans Prize	George Moody & Cyril Saunders	Certificate
Ladies Pairs	Ladies Bowl	Sue Flin & Helen Mason	Certificate
Men's Pairs	John Gudge Trophy	Alan Green & Roger Tattersfield	Certificate
Club Championship	Abbeygate Shield	Colchester	
Suffolk Teams CH	Jim Pettit Cup	Peter* & Debbie* Sutcliffe, Peter Gemmell, Jim Gobert, Maria Allnutt* & Chris Chambers	*Whisky glasses
	The Plate	Colin Bamberger, Robert Green, Graham Beeton & Jeff Orton	Certificate
Mid Anglia	Mid Anglia Rose Bowl	Mike O'Reilly & John Ede	Certificate
Suffolk Singles	Waters Cup	Joan Mayhew & Richard Evans	Certificate
Club Teams of Four	Thornaway Cup	Peter & Debbie Sutcliffe, Maria Allnutt & Peter Gemmell	Wine glasses
Suffolk Pairs	Alexander Cup	Marie Coates & Mike Del-Bo	Whisky glasses
Pivot Teams	Ida Frost Bowl	Claude Stokes, Din Gudka, David Morran & Julian Lang	Wine glasses
Mixed Pairs	Ringer Cup	Janet Fleming & Graham Beeton	Certificate
<u>Winter League</u>	Premier Division	Robert Green, Colin Bamberger, Graham Beeton & Jeff Orton	Certificate
	Second Division	Norman Less, Andre Gray, Helen Mason & David Mathews	Certificate
	East Division	Lewis Johnston, Elizabeth Johnston, Sylvia Baker & Kay Linley	Certificate
	West Division	Not this year.	