

Minutes of a meeting of the South African Bridge Federation Committee,
held via Zoom on 31 January 2021

Present: James Grant (President)
Jocelyn Grant (Vice- President)
Philip Feinstein (Treasurer)
Kit Gilmour (Secretary)
Roz Bernstein
Helen Kruger
Ann Sturrock
Graham Burrow
Annie Allen
Ice Peents
Apologies from Arie Ridderhoff

James welcomed everyone to the meeting, and asked if there were matters arising from the previous meeting, which there were not. A discussion immediately began regarding the dates for Congress, and SAWBA. This resulted in the following; SAWBA shall be 2-5 May. Interprovincial teams 2 and 3, National pairs 4 and 5. National Teams will be 8-12 May.

National Congress shall be: 16-19 June National Pairs,9-12 July national teams. Interprovincial teams 30 July-1 August. Interclub shall be 5-7 November. All these dates to be put on SABF Website, and circulated as soon as possible to all members.

The PE Mini Congress shall be 27-29 August.

Thereafter, the costs, personnel etc have to be decided. A budget has to be drawn up. A Congress committee was appointed, comprising Jocelyn Ashberg (Convenor) Philip Feinstein, Roz Bernstein and Helen Kruger.

A problem arises holding Congress on Real Bridge, which is regarded as the superior platform. There is a clause in our contract with BBO

expressly forbidding our holding SABF events on another site. James has asked for this to be removed, but to date has had no success.

AGM: It was decided to hold the AGM, which is due in March, via Zoom, on Thursday 25 March. A letter has to be sent to the Unions, notifying them of the meeting, and asking for nominations for the Committee. Of the current committee, Ann wants to stand down, but will continue to maintain the website. All others, whose terms have finished, are willing to stand again.

Graham Burrows volunteered to check the diary, collating all the abovementioned events.

Ice particularly mentioned that NGBU had had its' meeting, and he was asked to thank the SABF for its' efforts in establishing our Virtual Clubs. The SABF Bulletin was discussed, as with the sad demise of Stephen Rosenberg, someone has to be appointed to produce it. James suggested Nicky Stephens, as she is going to do it for GBU. This was agreed.

Jocelyn brought up Hennie's lessons from last year, which gave rise to discussion about offering something online. Helen volunteered to find speakers and fix a time once a month, or so, in the way that GBU was doing before the pandemic.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12h10.