

Minutes GBU meeting 12h15 23 March 2024 Links Bridge Club

Present: S Francis V Bloom B Donde T Mayer D Craggs

Apologies: D Chetty

1. GBU teams
 - a. Catering and teas. No lunches. Standard Links teas 1 Saturday 2 on Sunday
action: Sheila
 - b. Tournament director is required for GBU teams. **Action Sheila** To contact Kit Gilmour or Helen Kruger.
 - c. Decided that non GBU members would be eligible to enter but would not be eligible to represent GBU in the interprovincial. Separate scoring tables will be kept for winners of GBU teams and winner to represent GBU in the interprovincial.
 - d. Berkowitz eligibility: Total sum of performance index for the team must be under 1500 points, no grandmasters and no players who have represented SA in the past are eligible for this event.
 - e. Overall format **Action Bernard**
 - f. Recruitment of entries GBU flyer has been constructed **Action Val**
 - g. Suggested entry fees of approximately R80 per session or R250 per person and R1000 per team.
 - h. Budget is required for GBU teams. **Action Tor**
2. Trials 13-20 April 4-11 May 2024. These tournaments must be run and organized by the SABF.
3. Teaching and recruitment of players. Teaching at the Links. Importance of onsite teaching was emphasized. **Action Sheila** To discuss with Duncan Keets and Carol Grunder how to do this.
4. General
 - a. Tournament director courses **Action Sheila**
 - b. GBU membership and subs. Sheila keeping record of membership of GBU. Letter to club owners to update subscriptions regularly. **Action Bernard**
Members may not wish to pay
No play at our clubs unless membership has been paid
People who cannot afford subscriptions – These will be covered by GBU
Allocation of SABF numbers – done by Robert Stephens
 - c. Entry forms for GBU teams to be added to the website **Action Sheila**
 - d. All entrants to GBU events must be paid up members of SABF and GBU
5. New initiatives
 - a. Suggested that a short online tournament followed commentary on Zoom would be appreciated by our members. Action: Val will contact J Sapire to find out if he is willing and able to run such an event. A Zoom link will be sent to players only.
6. Supervised bridge Links – A moratorium on SABF subs and GBU subs will be given until 2025 after which all players must become members.

Meeting closed at 13h30