

NCBA Management Committee

Minutes of Committee Meeting 10th January 2024

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0. Meeting
Meeting was held via Zoom. Present:
Bill Chadwick (Chair), Rob Miller (Vice Chair), Ross Stacey (Treasurer), Tim Durdin (Secretary), Gary Upton (League Sec.), Trevor Thrower (County Selector & EBU Shareholder), Mark Tilley (Competitions Sec.), Nicki Bainbridge (Rugby), Jane Reeve (Stamford), Derek Wright (Towcester), Graham Dolby (Kettering), Brian Harrison (Orton), Tony Nixon (Wellingborough), Fred Davis (Bourne).
1. Apologies – none received.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting- *agreed* as a true record.
3. Matters arising, not covered under other agenda items -none.
4. Correspondence:
an email has been received from Middlesex CBA advertising their Senior Pairs event on 25th January, 7:30pm on Realbridge.
5. Chairman's Report
(a) The Chairman is seeking to widen the pool of players available for County Selection. He is requesting that all Northants clubs produce a list of partnerships that should be considered for County Selection and send it to him by 13th March. **=>Club reps**
The County Selector is allowed greater latitude to blood more pairs in the C team and is encouraged to give more feedback to pairs after playing.
Policy: all members of clubs affiliated to NCBA are eligible for selection even if Northants is not their county of primary allegiance (provided that they have not played for another Eastern Counties team that season).
(b) The Chairman thanked Rob, Marcus and others for their contributions to the web-site. The NCBA web-site needs a flow of content to be generated so that it remains relevant. The Chairman invites further contributions of articles, general interest items, events and links to results for the web-site from all NCBA members.
(c) The Chairman has published his first NCBA newsletter.
6. Treasurer's Report
Ross circulated his report prior to the meeting.
He recommends no change to NCBA fees charged (2p pay-to-play).
7. League Secretary's Report.
Gary is monitoring League status to ensure progress: the Second division has played more matches than the First division. All matches have to be played by the end of March.
8. County Selector's Report.
This was circulated prior to the meeting, listing the performance records of the teams.
See <http://tinyurl.com/397ccj32>
The C team will defend their National Inter-County League title on 16th June.
9. County Calendar
This has been updated, see <http://tinyurl.com/tk7pv5cs>

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10. Competitions Report:
- (a) Broke Cup & Betts Bowl Semi-finals are scheduled.
 - (b) Lakeland Trophy Feb 18th, at 1pm at Northampton BC.
4 or 5 teams of 8 likely to enter.
 - (c) Kettering Trophy Feb 18th at Kettering BC for teams of 4 with a
limitation to pairs with a maximum mean NGS of 10.
[NOTE: start time changed to 2pm after meeting.]
Club reps to alert their clubs to enter => **Club reps**
 - (d) Eden Cup Feb 4th on Realbridge. Only 3 entries so far.
 - (e) Green-pointed Swiss Pairs event. May 18th at Northampton, maximum of 18 tables.
The treasurer is to propose an entry fee. => **Ross**
A advertising flyer will be created and sent to NCBA
clubs and neighbouring Counties. => **Bill**
Who will receive event entries ? => **Bill**
11. EBU Shareholders report.
The AGM minutes have not yet been published.
Nicki Bainbridge and David Parry were unsuccessful in their attempt to be elected to the EBU Committee.
12. Any Other Business
- (a) Fred Davis asked that the Festival of Bridge be added to the Agenda of the next meeting.
 - (b) Nicki Bainbridge informed us that Rugby will be holding a Blue-point event on 25th May.
 - (c) Broke Cup trophy is currently missing – does anyone know where it is ?
13. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 6pm (Zoom).
An Outlook calendar link will be sent with the minutes.