

NCBA Management Committee

Minutes of Committee Meeting 13th March 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.), Mark Tilley (Competitions Sec.), Nicki Bainbridge (Rugby), Jane Reeve (Stamford), Graham Dolby (Kettering), Tony Nixon (Wellingborough) Trevor Thrower (County Selector & EBU Shareholder).
1. Apologies for absence received from Derek Wright and Brian Harrison. Apologies for lateness received from Trevor Thrower.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting- *agreed* as a true record.
3. Matters arising, not covered under other agenda items: the Broke Cup has not been located.
4. Correspondence:
(1) The EBU sent an email informing us that the Garden Cities Final and Corwen Final will swap dates in June. This has inconvenienced one of our Pairs which has qualified for the Final. The Chair complained to the EBU; Gordon Rainsford apologised and offered restitution to the inconvenienced pair. We will be sending two pairs to the Corwen this year.
(2) David Stevenson has invited us to enter a Team of 8 for the Presidents Cup, to be played on Realbridge on 6th & 7th July. Trevor Thrower has reported that there is little enthusiasm for this event.
5. Chairman's Report
(a) The Chairman enjoyed the Lakeland Trophy, played by 6 Northants teams face-to-face at Northampton BC. Kettering won the Trophy. The Chairman thanked Trevor Thrower and Mark Tilley for organising the event.
(b) 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**
(c) The Chairman invites further contributions of articles, general interest items, events and links to results for the web-site from all NCBA members.
6. Treasurer's Report
Ross circulated his report prior to the meeting. There were no questions relating to it.
7. County Calendar
This has been updated, see <http://tinyurl.com/tk7pv5cs>
It is being proposed to move the Eden Cup next year to a later date, to avoid fixture pile-up in February. The Eden Cup will be on 6th April 2025, to be held on Realbridge in line with the Corwen final. The Lakeland Trophy will be on 16th February 2025, face-to-face.
8. Competitions Report:
(a) Eden Cup Won by Malcolm Orr-Ewing & John Blakesley.
(b) Lakeland Trophy Won by Kettering BC.
(c) Broke Cup The Final between Chadwick and Schnalke will be played on April 3rd at 6pm at Stamford BC, with David Banks directing.
(d) Betts Bowl Team Miller is scratching, so Prior has a bye to the final.

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Competitions report continued...

- (e) Green-pointed Swiss Pairs May 18th at Northampton, maximum of 18 tables.
The Chairman proposed an entry fee of £35 per pair.
The treasurer will model the viability of this fee. => **Ross**
An advertising flyer will be created and sent to NCBA clubs and neighbouring Counties. => **Nicky**
Mark will provide an email distribution list to Nicky and will set up an entry form on the Northants web-site. => **Mark**

9. Festival Of Bridge / County SIMS event
There has been enthusiasm for Nicky's idea of a County-wide SIMS event on 9th September.
The ECATS cost is 60p+VAT=72p per person.
Rob Miller agreed to provide a Commentary.
The entry fee, to include a charitable donation, will be set centrally by NCBA and the donation will be made by NCBA. Cancer Research is the beneficiary.
The Chairman will write to the clubs to publicise this event. => **Bill**
Tony Nixon wondered if stratification is possible. The Committee thought that this would be a good idea. The Chair will contact ECATS. => **Bill**
10. AGM 17th April 2024
The agenda items for the AGM are:
Minutes of the Last AGM
Chair's report
Treasurer's report
Election of Officers.
The quorum for the AGM is 12 persons. The AGM will be on Zoom.
The Chair will publicise the AGM in his next newsletter. => **Bill**
The Treasurer will complete the Accounts and have them examined by the Independent Examiner (Roger Morton) prior to the AGM. => **Ross**
There will be an NCBA Committee meeting of the new Committee following the AGM.
11. Any Other Business - none.
12. Date of AGM and Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 6pm (Zoom).
An Outlook calendar link will be sent with the minutes.