

## North Eastern Bridge Association

### Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on June 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 10.00 am, Chester le Street Cricket Club.

Present Liz Muir (Chair), Graham Cox, Nigel Durie, David Gold, Norman Gray and Adrian Darnell

1. Steve Ray sent apologies
2. The Minutes of the last Meeting, March 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 were **accepted** as a true record.
3. Matters arising:
  - (i) the Disciplinary Process has been submitted to the EBU, who have no criticisms, and the Process will therefore be submitted to Council (June 12<sup>th</sup>) and then considered by the AGM (June 14<sup>th</sup>);
  - (ii) the revised 2019/20 Calendar was received. It was agreed subject to the following:
    - a) the Butler Pairs event will be at Wearside (but, bridge movement permitting, any seated pairs will be allocated to those with medical need, and are not guaranteed);
    - b) the King Cup will be held in October at Darlington (with thanks to Bev Godfrey for having offered to host this event);  

(action AD & BG to fix this date);
    - c) bringing the date for Inter Club entries forward into July;  

(action AD & GC to fix this date);
    - d) the Inter Club dates were approved, noting that events in 19/20 (Easter is early, and EBU events are set in the Calendar) means that there are three rounds before Christmas;
    - e) to publicise dates for the Inter Club matches for 2020/21 as soon as possible;  

(action AD & GC);
    - f) the possibility of a supervised pairs event had been explored but the chosen venue was not available. A date and venue will be explored to add to the 19/20 Calendar;  

(action AD);
  - (iii) to note, regarding the AGM, that no nominations for **any** positions have yet been received; the current Committee, with the exception of the current treasurer, are all willing to be renominated and will be nominated *en bloc*;
  - (iv) a proposal that the Vice-Chair's role shall "include the responsibility to fulfil any unfilled position within the NEBA" **was considered and rejected**;
4. a report from the Treasurer was received with thanks. The Treasurer was thanked for all his hard and effective work during his term of office.
5. a report from the Chief Tournament Director was received with thanks.
6. To note that the NEBA had no representatives at for either the Corwen or Pachabo Competitions. It was agreed that:
  - a) in the case of the Corwen competition, the winners of the qualifying event would be asked (on the table slips) whether they were playing to qualify or not. The Secretary would then follow up and distribute entry forms from the EBU. The NEBA can submit up to 4 pairs (and will pay for entry fees);
  - b) in the case of the qualifying tournament for the Pachabo, the final two teams would be alerted, by the Secretary, of the qualifying status of the Final, and distribute entry forms from the EBU as appropriate.
7. The Inter Club Secretary gave an oral report on the 18/19 season.
8. The outgoing Chair, Liz Muir, was thanked for her dedication and commitment to the NEBA and for all her hard work over what had, at times, been a challenging period.