

## North Eastern Bridge Association

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019,  
Durham Bridge Club

### 1. Present & Apologies

Present: Nigel Durie (Chair), Graham Cox (Inter Club Secretary), Sue Davies (Vice Chair), Norman Gray (Chief Tournament Director), Bill March (Treasurer), Liz Muir (Congress Secretary) and Adrian Darnell (Secretary). Apologies were received from David Gold.

### 2. Received: the Minutes of the last Executive Meeting, August 15<sup>th</sup> 2019 (Doc A)

### 3. Matters arising:

Item 5: (i) The Executive has previously said that the minimum viable number of tables in a competition is 10. As 8 tables competed for The King Cup the future of this competition remains under consideration.

(ii) there is considerable enthusiasm for a County event open to current 'novices' and 'supervised' players. This will be progressed.

Item 6 The new website is working well, and many thanks were extended to Pauline Durie for her successful hard work in making this possible. A permanent licence would now be explored.

Item 10 The Secretary has written to the Newcastle Bridge Club but received no reply to date.

Item 13 The team for the Tollemache has been selected and the Secretary and Treasurer have, between them, made the accommodation booking and submitted the entry to the EBU.

### 4. Received reports on:

#### (i) NEBA Finances

The financial position remains sound, and the Congress is expected to make a positive contribution to the net position.

#### (ii) The Congress

LM reported on the current situation. Pleasingly, and importantly, there has been strong interest and there are, presently:

17½ tables in the Open Pairs;

31½ tables in the Swiss Pairs;

30 tables in the Swiss Teams and

9 Tables in the Newcomers section.

The numbers are likely to increase a little more, and this will represent an increase on 2018.

The Prizes were discussed and agreed.

It was agreed that the NEBA would purchase a number of second-hand tables from the Durham Bridge Club @ £5 per table.

The Congress Secretary, Liz Muir, was congratulated and thanked for all her hard work.

#### (iii) The Chief Tournament Director

Norman's report is filed with the minutes. It was confirmed that the NEBA is, subject to precise timings, happy to rent a dealing machine to Chris Benneworth at a rate similar to that charged by the EBU.

### 5. AOB

The nature of the Kempson Cup was discussed. As per previous discussions the Kempson Cup is confirmed as a league competition (not a knock-out) and the winning team will represent the NEBA in the Pachabo competition. The small field was noted as a matter of concern.

**Agreed** that ND would talk to DG about the Kempson Cup publicity and other matters.