

North Eastern Bridge Association

Executive Committee Meeting held on Tuesday November 21st, 2022 at the Durham Bridge Club.

Minutes

Present: Jill Armstrong, Graham Cox, Marion Curran, Adrian Darnell, Sue Davies, Nigel Durie, David Gold, John Portwood, and Dave Thompson

Apologies: Bill March

This Meeting was held to discuss, as the main item, the recent Congress.

1. Congress

Warm thanks to Dave and John and Nigel were formally recorded. The Congress had been a great success and many who had attended had expressed their delight at our running a f2f event.

It was **noted** that the Marriott had proved, once again, a fine venue for the event.

It was **agreed** that:

- a) NEBA would, through DT, make a provisional booking for the Marriott for the same weekend of November 2023;
- b) we would advertise earlier on the EBU website;
- c) JP would, through the NEBA Clubs, construct a larger team of potential TDs (there is a dearth of County level TDs within NEBA);
- d) DT would write a report for all the NEBA Clubs;
- e) DT would alert the EBU of our dates, once confirmed with the Marriott, and ensure this was entered in the EBU online Calendar;
- f) DT and JA agreed to investigate if, for the future Congress (and any other NEBA events) entries and payment can be made via the webpages;
- g) the NEBA duplimator/boards/decks/boxes are best located with the CTD;
- h) DG would alert Brunton of this decision.

2. NEBA competitions

The various NEBA competitions and Trophies were discussed. It was **agreed** that:

- a) regarding the Gazette Cup, the Committee would construct a proposal to be submitted to the next meeting of the NEBA Council;
- b) the Club Teams and Pairs competitions will, by virtue of little interest, be removed from the list;
- c) JP, as CTD, holds the Trophies;
- d) JP will construct an inventory of the Cups etc;
- e) AD will contact the EBU to investigate if the EBU insurance cover includes the Association's trophies (and if, in the case of particularly valuable items, they need to be itemised separately).

3. Council

It was **agreed** to arrange a Council Meeting in March 2023. The dates 1st/2nd/8th/9th were proposed. It was **agreed** that AD would contact Chester-le-Street Cricket Club and explore the possibilities. The format would be an Executive Meeting at 9.30, followed by Council at 11.00 and, if possible, the Club to provide a light buffet lunch at 1.00.

The invitees would be the Club Chairs, Secretaries and, if they have one, the NEBA Representative; attendees should confirm two weeks prior to the meeting. The Agenda will include:

Communications;
The NEBA Webpages;
The Gazette Cup and other NEBA Competitions.

4. Role descriptions.

The descriptions were received and approved with the following amendments

(i) *Competitions*

GC will take charge of the Calendar for 2023/4 and DG will assist him, notably in contacting Clubs to arrange venues.

(ii) *CTD*

To arrange for engraving of cups and trophies

(iii) *Secretary*

To enter NEBA teams for EBU Competitions (Tollemache/Garden Cities/Pachabo/Corwen) and arrange for hotel accommodations as necessary.

(iv) *NBL*

ND is the NEBA contact point for the NBL and he agreed to contact all Clubs for potential players.

(v) *Treasurer*

Add (i) accept payments; (ii) construct reports as required (iii) arrange for the appointment of the Independent Examiner.

(vi) *Webmaster:*

ND will act as a substitute, as necessary, for JA as Webmaster

[Secretary's note: can colleagues modify their statements as necessary and submit them to JA for the Web?]

5. Next Executive Meeting

It was agreed that the next Agenda would include Membership & Recruitment. MC **agreed** to lead a review of teaching capacity and activity within NEBA Clubs and report to that meeting.