

# North Eastern Bridge Association

Executive Committee Meeting held on Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Durham Bridge Club.

## Minutes

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

The Chair **welcomed** Jill to her first meeting of the Committee, and noted that her co-option had been unanimously **agreed** by the Committee by email following the last Council Meeting.

1. Minutes of the Executive Meetings of May 19<sup>th</sup> (Doc A); June 6<sup>th</sup> (Doc B) and Council (Doc C) were received. After small amendments and additions they were **agreed**.
2. There were no matters arising from these Minutes (not otherwise on the Agenda)
3. The Calendar (Doc D) was received. In discussion regarding the entry conditions it was agreed to modify the decision made at the Executive Meeting of Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022. **Agreed** that the last entry date for all direct entry competitions would be shortened and members would be asked to please submit their direct entries 1 calendar week prior to the event itself (this had previously been 2 weeks).  
**Agreed** that any later entries would be accommodated if possible.  
**Agreed** that, given the decision to run f2f competitions 20 22/23, the Committee would review the Calendar in April 2023 (after the Kempson Competition) in readiness for the 23/24 season.  
**Agreed** that the review of Competitions would seek the views of Clubs and members.  
**Agreed** that the Congress would be reviewed in late November.  
**Agreed** that the Marriott will be booked, provisionally, for a Congress in November 2023.
4. Trophies  
**Noted** that the NEBA Trophy Book is kept by JP (as CTD) and that he keeps it up to date.  
**Agreed** that the NEBA practice is normally to present trophies at the event in question, and the trophies for the InterClub League are presented at the NEBA AGM.
5. Role descriptions  
This item was deferred to the next meeting.  
**Noted** that AD declared he would not be standing as the NEBA Secretary at the 2023 AGM.
6. The Congress  
DT reported on the Congress, including entries.  
**Agreed** that NEBA would place an advert on the EBU website.  
**Agreed** that there should be a full inventory of the equipment owned by NEBA, to include:  
duplimator(s)  
bridge tables  
cloths  
bidding boxes  
boards and cards  
laptop, server and bridgemates  
stationery etc.  
**Noted** that:
  - a) JP has the boards for the Swiss matches (Saturday & Sunday), to be dealt by Peter Avery;
  - b) JP will direct on Friday;
  - c) JP and Dave Armstrong will direct on Saturday;
  - d) JP and ND will direct on Sunday.

**Agreed** that:

- (i) JP will liaise with NG to transport equipment (but not tables) to the Marriott on the Friday afternoon;
- (ii) AD will arrange for the transport of 20 tables to the Marriott on the Friday afternoon;
- (iii) JP will arrange for the transport of all the equipment from the Marriott to his home on the Sunday, and then for the 20 tables to be transported to Durham Bridge Club on the Monday morning;
- (iv) AD will order score cards (for 49 boards) from the EBU.

**Noted** that:

The Committee will review the duplimating arrangements for NEBA events. Peter Avery, who currently holds the duplimator, has agreed to duplimate the boards necessary for NEBA Competitions (not including, of course, Club-based heats).

The Committee **recorded** its grateful thanks to Peter for this service.

7. Bridge classes

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

8. Website

The Committee **recorded** its grateful thanks to Pauline Durie for having managed the website most recently and to JA for having taken it over and having developed it in the last few weeks.

9. Tollemache

**Noted** that MC had selected a team to represent NEBA in this year's Competition.

**Agreed** that AD would complete the form (adding EBU numbers, notably) and submit it to the EBU Competitions Secretary and ensure that BM was aware and could transfer the entry fee.

10. County Chairs

SD reported on the last meeting of County Chairs. It had focussed on the importance of Club and County websites in attracting new members and keeping current members fully informed and on the imperative of teaching bridge to newcomers and then facilitating new students to move from classroom to clubroom.

**Agreed** that this would be a major item on our next Agenda.

**Agreed that the next NEBA Committee Meeting would be Monday November 21<sup>st</sup> at 10.00 at Durham Bridge Club.**