

# North Eastern Bridge Association

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at 9.15 by ZOOM

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

Apologies: Bill March

This was a single Agendum meeting, convened to consider arrangements for the 2022 Congress. The Committee engaged in an extensive discussion which focussed on a number of issues, notably:

- a) the significant differences between an f2f and an online event;
- b) the constraints regarding the Green pointing of an online Congress;
- c) the financial viability of a face-to-face Congress;
- d) the beneficial aspects of f2f as it provides many more social aspects of bridge;
- e) the need for additional organisation in an f2f event (notably transporting tables, cloths, bidding boxes, bridgemates etc, and especially the preparation of the boards);

After much deliberation, and informed by the Treasurer's observation that NEBA's reserves exist to support our activities, it was **decided** unanimously (one member voted against an f2f Congress, all others voted in favour) to hold the 2022 Congress as a face-to-face event.

The Committee **resolved** to work hard collectively to make this a success.

It was **noted** that

- a) on current figures, it would not be financially viable to engage an external company and so will do all the organisation ourselves;
- b) Norman Gray had prepared boards for the (postponed) 2020 Congress and it is believed has stored them; this will obviate the need to duplimate boards for 2022;
- c) NG also holds NEBA's tables;

DT agreed to contact NG to explore these issues.