

North Eastern Bridge Association

Executive Meeting, 10.00 am – 11.00 am. January 30th 2019,

Minutes

1. Present:

Liz Muir (Chair), Graham Cox, Nigel Durie, Norman Gray, Steve Ray, David Gold and Adrian Darnell. There were no apologies.

2. Graham Cox, the Inter Club League Secretary, was welcomed to the meeting. It was reported that not all Clubs alert the NEBA of the Inter Club results within the prescribed timetable.

3. Received and Approved:

Minutes of the November 14th 2018 meeting (Doc A, filed with the papers of the meeting).

Resolved

The Secretary would in future submit the draft Minutes for publication on the NEBA website once approved as such by the Chair.

4. Matters arising

- (i) A potential membership drive

Resolved

To defer this item pending the arrival in the North East of a new member who has expressed interest in developing and supporting youth bridge.

- (ii) A revised (and shortened) Disciplinary Process (Doc B, filed with the Minutes) was received and approved (subject to some small editorial amendments).

Resolved

The Secretary would forward the document to the EBU for their comment.

- (i) the Secretary reported that Doc G from the last meeting (concerning the EBU's consultation on the refusal or revocation of membership) had been forwarded to the EBU.

- (ii) the Secretary reported that the NEBA's response to the EBU re the Tollemache Cup had been forwarded to the EBU as per the Minute 7c.

5. Business Items

- a) **received** a report from the Treasurer for the 9 months to December 2018 (Doc C filed with the papers of the meeting).

Noted

the finances, generally, remain in a very healthy state, due in significant part to the continuing success, financially, and otherwise, of the NEBA Congress.

Agreed

- (i) as recorded in Doc D (which refers to item 6 below), the Club Membership subscription, currently £5.00, will be dropped with effect for 2019-20;
 - (ii) the NEBA will reimburse NEBA Clubs for the cost of one member per Club who attends all 4 sessions of the upcoming Directors' Course in 2019 (see item 8 below);
 - (iii) The NEBA will reimburse the table monies for one team of 8 representing the NEBA in the Northern Bridge League with effect from the 2019/20 season (at current prices this will amount to £12.50 per participant per game, i.e. £400 (8 × £12.50 × 4 matches).
- b) **received** a report from the Chief Tournament Director (Doc E filed with the papers of the meeting).
6. **Received:** The Pro Forma setting out the County Subscription information (Doc D filed with the papers of the meeting). This has been sent to the EBU.
7. **Considered** the arrangements for the 2019 AGM
Agreed
- (i) The current date of May 10th 2019, as advertised, is not ideal with respect both to the timetabling of NEBA Competitions and to the availability of NEBA Officers;
 - (ii) an alternative date, June 14th, would be put to the NEBA Council (this is required as only Council can authorise an AGM later than May 31st of any given year);
 - (iii) once a new date has been resolved the Secretary will advertise this, widely, and write to all Clubs to invite nominations for all positions.
8. **Reported** a Directors' Course for 2019 will be held at the College of St Hild and St Bede, Durham City, on dates as advertised on the NEBA and EBU websites.
Agreed
- (i) The NEBA will reimburse as per 5(ii) above;
 - (ii) The Secretary will write to Cumbria and Kendall drawing their attention to this Course.
9. **Considered** a proposal to change the Inter Club Competition Rules.
Agreed
That as from the 2019/20 season 'all will play all' in all Divisions (currently the Rules only require this in Divisions B and lower).
10. **AOB:** there was no AOB.

The next meeting has been arranged for March 13th, as stated in the Minutes of the last meeting. Time and venue to be confirmed.