

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, held virtually, Wednesday
September 2nd at 10.00 am

1. Present Nigel Durie (Chair), Graham Cox (Inter Club Secretary), Sue Davies (Vice Chair), David Gold (Chief Tournament Secretary), Norman Gray (Chief Tournament Director), Liz Muir (Congress Secretary) and Adrian Darnell (Secretary).

Apologies: Bill March (Treasurer).

2. The Minutes of the May Executive Meeting were received and approved.
3. There were no Matters Arising not otherwise on the Agenda.

4. Matters arising

- (i) Minute 4: The 20/21 interclub competition

Agreed

As an interim substitute for f2f inter Club bridge, the possibility of running the 20/21 season online will be explored. Graham, as Inter Club Secretary, will take the lead this.

- (ii) Minute 5: The Congress 2020

Agreed

That Liz would explore the possibility of hosting a modest (perhaps a half-day pairs event only) congress as an online substitute for the cancelled physical meeting.

- (iii) Minute 5: The Congress 2021

Noted

The Hotel have accepted provisional bookings for early November 2021.

Agreed

We will wait until the end of September 2020 before committing to a date for the 2021 Congress. If a date in November becomes available we will book that; if no date in November is available we will confirm the second weekend of October.

- (iv) Minute 11: NEBA online presence

Nigel reported that there had been little interest from members to run a monthly pairs competition.

Agreed

This idea will not be pursued further.

5. Discipline and Complaints procedure

Reported

The NEBA has received an appeal from a member who wishes to appeal against a disciplinary ruling by their local Club.

Noted

The NEBA Constitution and Disciplinary Procedures are designed to address complaints by members against members arising at NEBA events;

- (i) there is no process within which to consider a member's appeal against a local Club's ruling;
- (ii) many Clubs have Constitutions which identify the NEBA as the route of appeal against a Club ruling.

Agreed

- (i) to address the immediate issue the NEBA will offer to mediate between the parties (if both parties – the member and the Club – agree to this).
- (ii) Adrian as Secretary will bring a paper to the next meeting with some recommendations to formalise the NEBA position re Appeals.

6. The EBU consultation on the vision/mission/values statement

Noted

Counties are asked to provide feedback of the EBU's priorities

Agreed

That we will circulate material to the Clubs after the EBU meeting of County Chairs and Secretaries.