

## North Eastern Bridge Association

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held virtually by ZOOM

June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021

NB to maximise use of the limited time, the Minutes of the previous meeting (March 5) were not presented to this Meeting but were approved by common consent.

1. Present: Nigel Durie (Chair), Graham Cox (Inter Club Secretary), Sue Davies (Vice Chair), David Gold (Chief Tournament Secretary), Bill March (Treasurer), Liz Muir (Congress Secretary), John Portwood (Chief Tournament Director) and Adrian Darnell (Secretary).

2. NEBA Congress 2021

### **Noted**

- (i) there is an imperative for a decision this week whether to go ahead with the hotel Booking for November 2021;
- (ii) if we confirm the booking we then become liable to pay the hotel almost £6,000, regardless of the number of participants;
- (iii) if we cancel the booking by Friday June 25<sup>th</sup> we lose only the deposit of £300;
- (iv) it is difficult to gauge the level of interest amongst NEBA members for a face-to-face congress and it is unlikely that significant numbers of out-of-region players would attend this year;
- (v) there remains significant uncertainty with regard to HMG regulations and recommendations which may be in force in the Autumn, and this adds another layer of complexity.

After discussion it was

### **Agreed unanimously**

- (i) it would be imprudent to risk the NEBA's financial reserves by proceeding with a f2f Congress in 2021;
- (ii) the 2021 Congress will be run as an online event;
- (iii) the company IBEX will be approached to run the Congress;
- (iv) Liz Muir is to contact IBEX to determine their level of service and prices;
- (v) Liz Muir will also seek to make a provisional booking for a f2f Congress in 2022.

### **[Secretary's Notes:**

**IBEX have provided all the necessary details and it has been agreed (by email) to contract IBEX to run the 2021 Congress;**

**The 2022 Congress is now booked for November 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>]**

3. Online Competitions

**Agreed** to hold an Executive Committee meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 9.15 to discuss the arrangements for NEBA competitions for the 21/22 season.