

North Eastern Bridge Association

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held virtually by ZOOM

Friday March 5th 2021 at 1.30 pm

NB to maximise use of the limited time, the Minutes of the previous meeting (December 8th 2020) were not presented to this Meeting but were agreed by common assent.

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

Apologies: Liz Muir (Congress Secretary)

2. Swiss Teams

Agreed

- (i) NEBA will run a Swiss Teams Competition on 18th April 2021 using Real Bridge;
- (ii) the event will start at 11 am and run as 6 x 7 board matches with a break after 3 rounds;
- (iii) the second session will start at 2.30pm;
- (iv) Chris Benneworth will be the Chief Director and will seek assistance from others, depending on the number of teams;
- (v) the maximum number of teams will be 50;
- (vi) a standby team will be established in the event of an odd number of teams (and if they play they will play without charge);
- (vii) 25% of receipts (approximately) will be paid in prizes;
- (viii) each team captain will pay for the team Entry Fee, £48, by BACS.

3. Auditor

Agreed

- (i) many thanks go to Chris Hope who has audited the NEBA accounts for some years but now wishes to stand down;
- (ii) Nigel Durie would approach a named NEBA member to enquire if they would be willing to act as the new Auditor.

[Secretary's Note: the member in question has declined the invitation; this item will become an urgent matter arising at our next meeting]

4. Online Competitions

Agreed

- (i) to invite those NEBA Clubs which are currently operating online to designate a regular Club pairs competition as a Qualifier Heat for the Corwen Competition;
- (ii) heats shall be completed before April 23rd;
- (iii) clubs may use whatever platform they choose;
- (iv) the NEBA final, which will determine the NEBA representatives, will be scheduled for May 9th and will use Realbridge;
- (v) ND will make further investigations re fees to the EBU prior to our making a decision about entry fees;
- (vi) The Curwen Final itself is in the EBU diary for the weekend of June 5th/6th;
- (vii) to defer discussion of other online NEBA competitions to the next Exec Meeting.