

N.E.B.A. Executive Committee Meeting on Zoom, Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 10a.m.

Present:

Sue Davies (Chair)

Marion Curran (Vice-Chair)

Bill March (Treasurer)

Catherine Farrell (Secretary)

Jill Armstrong (Webmaster)

John Portwood (Chief Tournament Director)

Graham Cox (Inter-club league)

Liz Muir (Congress Secretary)

1. There were no apologies for absence
2. The minutes of the last meeting (the AGM) were accepted as a true record
3. Matters arising – there were some outstanding issues to be resolved which would be covered under this Agenda.
4. The updating of the Constitution as requested by the EBU was discussed and it was decided to form a sub-committee of 3 to look into this. It would consist of Catherine Farrell, Jill Armstrong and a.n.other. Catherine agreed to email Johnathan Lillycrop in his capacity as Chairman of Durham Bridge Club to ask if he would be prepared to join this committee and help us with this task. (Action Catherine)
5. The role of Chief Tournament Secretary is still vacant and upto now nobody has come forward for this important role. It was suggested that Tim Chanter should be contacted and asked if he would be interested in taking on this role (Action Catherine)
6. Starting an online league was discussed as suggested by Liz Muir at the last AGM and it was decided that this was to be encouraged. Liz is going to sort out the details of how it should be run and then Catherine will email the clubs to see if they can put some teams of 4 forward for this. (Action Liz and Catherine)
7. The EBU are wanting to run a 9 High Corwen Trophy (NGS as at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025). This would be online and a qualifier would be run by NEBA on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 run by John Portwood consisting of 24 boards starting at 7p.m. on BBO. Clubs to be emailed to ask their members if they would be interested in taking part. (Action John and Catherine)
8. Executive and Council Meeting – It was decided to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October from 10-11.30am Executive Committee and 11.30-12.30 Council meeting. The items to be covered are the EBU changes to their Articles and

Bye-Laws to be implemented at their AGM on 27<sup>th</sup> November. They will be sending out their proposed new documents by the end of September. Which will be distributed to the Executive Committee and the Council members. They are also organising a series of zoom meeting for shareholders and county reps. To allow time for any matters raised to be addressed. Sue is attending the first meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> October and will update us all at the Executive and Council meetings and Marion is attending on the 11<sup>th</sup> October which is after our meetings and can raise any concerns that we may have. Our meeting will also cover the Constitution, Congress, Current teaching programmes and Club updates.

9. The dates agreed for future meeting upto the AGM.
10. Executive Committee Meeting by Zoom Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to discuss the Congress and progress on other matters that are being implemented.
11. Executive Committee Meeting by Zoom 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025 to prepare for the next F2F Council meeting.
12. Executive and Council Meeting F2F Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025
13. The A.G.M. will be May and held at Wearside Bridge Club . Date to be decided nearer the time.
14. Liz brought us uptodate with the progress for the next Congress. A stand-by pair will be needed in case of a half table on the Saturday and possibly for the Sunday to make up a team. If this is necessary then they would be offered a reduced entry fee as an incentive to offer their services.
15. Jill is in the process of collecting teaching programmes from the clubs and a list of bridge teachers so we can look at current teaching programmes and discuss at the next Council meeting. Tim Chanter has started an online teaching programme and it would be helpful to see how popular these are and whether this is the way forward.

Meeting concluded at 11.35a.m.