

**DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER
2017 at Gosforth**

PRESENT: Steve Ray, Norman Gray, Mary Page, David and Gill Gold.

1.	Apologies	Liz Muir and Nigel Durie away on holiday.
2.	Exec Reports	<p>Secretary report submitted (attached). Secretary raised the point of changing the format for next Aggi Pairs event at Wearside. Exec agreed not to run a Swiss Agi but run it with a north/south winner and east/west winner .</p> <p>CTD Report submitted (attached).</p> <p>Finance Report submitted which showed a profit of £1267 up to end September 17. (attached).</p>
3.	CONGRESS	<p>CS advised we currently have 26 Teams and 23 tables for the Saturday Pairs and 16 tables for the Friday evening session. CTD confirmed he had a stand by pair for the Saturday. Not many newcomers confirmed yet, and CS will follow up with the teachers next week as classes had just resumed. CS to collect cups from last year's winners. Prizes agreed. CS chasing up outstanding entry fees as payment is required prior to Congress.</p> <p>CTD confirmed for the Sunday lunch there will be 2 sittings again this year, first at 2pm and second at 3pm as this worked really well last year. Newcomers to join first sitting at 2pm.</p> <p>Van transport arrangements will be as per last year and depending on number of newcomers, more tables/bridge mates may be required. CTD organising.</p> <p>EBU requesting dates for 2019 and CTD to confirm date will remain as per 2017/18.</p> <p>CTD's hotel room booking confirmed with the Marriott and Gill to liaise it should also include breakfast. Meeting arranged for the 29th at the Marriott to finalise payment/arrangements. CS to enquire whether two hot serving tables can be available for Saturday lunch.</p>
4.	NEICKO	<p>15 teams have entered for this new competition which is the qualifier for the Pachabo:</p> <p>Due to the fact that this competition is green pointed, EBU rules state it must be played as a knockout.</p> <p>CTS to do the draw, with initial rounds being split geographically , and</p>

		advise teams accordingly.
5.	Council	It was agreed at last meeting to meet after the Congress to discuss NEBA's finances. Date fixed for 29 th November 2017 and Secretary to advise Club Chairman/Secretary accordingly.
6.	Minutes	Exec Minutes 21.4.17. and Sub Committee minutes 3.8.17. approved.
7.	A.O.B.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ! C. Benneworth's expenses/fee for running 3 seminars regarding new rules approved. ! Cups being held by Fred Robinson (from Ian Rankin) to be returned to NEBA. ! CTD raised the question of Clubs who play bridge more than one evening per week being allowed to play more than one qualifier event. As Chairman/Vice Chairman not present, matter to be raised at next meeting. ! EBU Shareholders Meeting - Treasurer to discuss with Chairman.
8.	Next Exec Meeting	19 th January 2018 tentatively agreed – Secretary to confirm.

As no other business meeting closed at 1 pm.