

North Eastern Bridge Association

Executive Meeting Minutes, June 6th 2018, 10.30 am, Gosforth

Present:

Liz Muir (Chair), Steve Ray, Nigel Durie, Norman Gray, David Gold, Bev Godfrey and Adrian Darnell.

1. Apologies: there were no apologies.
2. Received:
 - a) Minutes of the extraordinary Executive Meeting, held on May 9th.
The Sub-Committee established by that Meeting has not yet met.
 - b) Minutes of last Council Meeting, held on May 9th.
The Minute announcing the next Meeting in November was corrected to a start of 11.00 am (NOT 11.00 pm).
No other matters arising other than item 6 below.
 - c) Draft notes of 2018 AGM, held on May 29th.
No matters arising.
3. The Congress
The leaflet has now been proofed in readiness for publication.
4. Financial matters
The Treasurer spoke to the 2017/18 accounts which had been presented to the AGM and identified the healthy state of NEBA's finances.
It was agreed that Nigel Durie and the Secretary would contact the sponsors of the 2017/18 NEBA Booklet and seek sponsorship for 2018/19.
The possibility of funding of a teaching project (perhaps to train a teacher of teachers) was discussed.
It was agreed that Bev Godfrey would raise the general topic of teaching bridge at the upcoming Northern Counties Working Group (NCWG) (which is to meet on Thursday June 7th) and at the EBU the following week.
It was agreed unanimously that the Congress Secretary should not pay an entry fee for the Congress. For this decision the Chair absented herself.
NEBA hold two current accounts, one at Lloyds' and one at Barclays'. The Barclays' account does not allow on-line transactions.
It was agreed to close the Barclays' account.
It was agreed that the Secretary should become a signatory to the Lloyds' Account.
The pros and cons of NEBA becoming a charity were discussed and, as NEBA is not a subscription organisation and pays no rent for premises, the pros were hard to identify.
It was agreed that NEBA would not at the present time pursue charitable status.
5. Graphic design and process
This matter is now in hand, and David Gold is liaising with Neil Aiston.

It was agreed that copy for posters should be prepared at least one calendar month before the event in question.

6. GDPR

The Secretary circulated a draft *pro forma* to address email addresses on the NEBA website and photographs in the context of GDPR.

It was agreed to simplify the form and ensure it was a simple one-side document.

It was agreed that the Chair would contact competition winners for their permission to publish photographs in the NEBA booklet.

7. Bridge classes

The possibility of NEBA advertising bridge classes in the region was discussed.

It was agreed to establish an audit of 2018/19 classes and return to this issue later.

8. AOB

The NEBA/Scotland match

Arrangements for the Boards, the venue is booked and the Director are all in hand.

It was agreed that the Chair and Secretary would contact Berwick and finalise arrangements.

It was agreed that NEBA would pay for NEBA team's meals.

The meeting closed at 12.15.