

**Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup>  
January 2019 at Chester le Street Cricket Club.**

1. Present

**Officers:** Liz Muir (Chairman), Nigel Durie (Vice-Chair and Hurworth) Steve Ray (Treasurer), Norman Gray (Chief Tournament Director and Cramlington), David Gold (Chief Tournament Secretary), Graham Cox (Inter Club Tournament Secretary) and Adrian Darnell (Secretary).

**Clubs:** Eunice Ferguson (Brunton), Sheena Hudson (Castle Morpeth), Chris Griffiths and Eddie Moore (Middlesbrough), Ann Squires (Durham), Lou Badcock (Bishop Auckland), David Dansie (Ryton), Dick Davies (Morpeth), Tony Watson (Wearside), Gordon Cockburn (Chester-le-Street), Ken Goddard (South Shields).

2. The Minutes of the Meeting of May 9<sup>th</sup> 2018 were approved subject to the change which identified Norman Gray as the Cramlington representative.

3. There were no matters arising

4. Chair's Business; the Chair had no business.

5. Proposals re Inter Club Rules

The Inter Club Secretary introduced two rule changes. From the 2019/20 season:

- (i) 'all will play all' in all Divisions (currently the Rules only require this in Divisions B and lower) and
- (ii) every player must be a member both of the Club they are to represent and NEBA before participating. No player can play for more than one club in a season or for more than one team in the same round.

Both proposals were warmly received with no contrary views expressed.

6. NEBA Finances

The Treasurer reported that the finances, generally, remain in a very healthy state, due in significant part to the continuing success, financially and otherwise, of the NEBA Congress.

It was reported that, as from the 2019/20 season, the Club Membership subscription of the NEBA, currently £5.00, will be eliminated.

It was also reported that the NEBA will reimburse Clubs for the cost of one member per Club who attends all 4 sessions of the upcoming Directors' Course in 2019.

7. Arrangements for the NEBA AGM, 2019

It was reported that the Executive Committee has determined that the current date of the AGM, May 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 as advertised, is not ideal with respect both to the timetabling of NEBA Competitions and to the availability of NEBA Officers.

The Executive Committee recommended that the date be moved to June 14<sup>th</sup>. By reference to the NEBA Constitution, only Council can authorise an AGM later than May 31<sup>st</sup> of any given year.

Council approved the date of Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> unanimously.

8. Matters arising from Clubs

The age limit for 'senior' competitions was discussed.

It was proposed that the NEBA would, with effect from the start of the 2019/20 season, adopt the EBU position, i.e. to be eligible for a Seniors event players must have their 61st birthday or beyond during the calendar year (January-December) of the event. This item will be remitted to the next Executive Committee Agenda.

**Secretary's Note:**

The EBU have adopted the WBF approach and will be raising the age gradually according the following schedule:

- from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018, a Senior player must be aged 61 or older in the year of the Championship in which he [sic] is going to play
  - On 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 this will be raised to 62 years of age
  - On 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 it will be raised to 63 years of age
  - On 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 it will be raised to 64 years of age
  - On 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 it will be raised to 65 years of age
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9. Any other Business

The frequency of Council meetings was discussed.

It was unanimously agreed to retain the current provision of two timetabled Councils per annum

Date of next meetings;

The next Council Meetings are arranged for Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> and November 20<sup>th</sup> 2019.