



North Eastern Bridge Association

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(Draft)Minutes of NEBA AGM held at Bishop Auckland 19th May 2016

Present : Liz Muir (Vice Chair), Steve Ray (Treasurer), Mary Page (Secretary), David Gold (CTS) Gill Gold (C.S.) Brian Pacey (TS) Tony Watson (Wearside BC) John Dobson (Bishop Auckland BC) together with members of the Association

1. Apologies had been received from: Val Gibson, Norman Gray, Pauline and Nigel Durie, Anne Bell, Elaine Purvis, Bev Godfrey, and Gordon Cockburn.

2. Chairman's Introduction:

The Vice-Chair opened the meeting at 6:30pm and thanked Bishop Auckland BC for agreeing to host the meeting. She pointed out the Chair could not be present at the AGM but had prepared the following report:

"I am sorry that I cannot be with you this year but Julian and I are abroad enjoying a desperately needed holiday. I hope that you have a good AGM and success at bridge afterwards.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Executive Committee, Council, our Tournament Secretaries, Selectors, M.P. Secretary and our CYO for everything they have done this year. In addition Roger Hancock has been helping the Executive and Council think through how we promote bridge in the North East – thank you Roger. And once again Neil Aiston has kept our excellent website running. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts Neil. And I don't want to forget all the teachers, volunteers and club committees who are keeping your clubs going as we all depend on them. It is a long list of thanks but that is because there are a lot of people who, behind the scenes, are keeping bridge going successfully in the North East. It is tempting to take them for granted; I urge you not to. Add your thank you as I know it will be appreciated.

We continue to be represented in the England Bridge Team via Shivam Shah. He played in the U25 Camrose and England won by a mile. Well done Shiv.

We have lost two affiliated clubs this year – Parsons have ceased affiliation and Tynemouth has merged with Whitley Bay taking us to 21 affiliated clubs. Despite this we know that

there are some thriving non affiliated clubs and we continue to try to get to know them better.

66,688 sessions of bridge were played (61,669 last year, 64,035 the preceding year). The executive committee continue to focus on how we can promote bridge via Youth work, publicity, marketing, teaching and making events as attractive as possible to competitors. If you have any idea on how we can do this we would love to hear them.

This has been my last year as Chairman. It has been a privilege to serve you and I thank you all for the support you have given me and the Executive.”

Vice Chair concluded by giving her thanks to the Chair for all her hard work and excellent guidance and support during her time in office. Thank you Val.

3. The Minutes of last year’s AGM were accepted as a true record – proposer John Dobson, seconded Malcolm Dawson. There were no matters arising.
4. The treasurer presented his Report and explained the loss this year was mainly due to the purchase of Bridge Mates and replacement of playing cards for the Congress. Neba has a balance of £11,5K in the Bank plus assets. An increase of 2p in P2P has been approved for this season and the Treasurer stressed that the Congress fixed costs are £8k and urged members to support the Congress to make it a success.

Accounts were accepted by the meeting – proposer Gill Gold, seconded Maurice Wilcox.

5. Election of Officers:

Following officers elected en bloc at the meeting:

Chair	Liz Muir
Vice Chair	Nigel Durie
Treasurer	Steve Ray
Secretary	Mary Page
Assistant Secretary	Pauline Durie
CT Director	Norman Gray
CT Secretary	David Gold
Congress Secretary	Gill Gold

6. No resolutions received from the Clubs

7. Chris Hope re-elected as Auditor

As no other business the Vice Chair presented the trophies to this year’s winners and the meeting closed at 6.55 pm

