



North Eastern Bridge Association

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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT CHESTER LE STREET CRICKET CLUB WEDNESDAY 16TH MARCH 2016

Present: Val Gibson (Chair), Liz Muir (Vice Chair), Steve Ray (Treasurer), Mary Page (Secretary), Gill Gold (CS), David Gold (CTS), Norman Gray (CTD) Elaine Purvis (TS), Anne Bell (TS) B. Pacey (TS) Dick Davies (Morpeth), John Dobson (Bishop Auckland), Catherine Longley (Wearside), Roger Hancock (Durham), Bev Godfrey (St Georges), Ken Spragg (Hartlepool), Brian Hooper and Peter Williams (Darlington).

1. **Improving Communications within the NEBA:**

Presentation by Roger Hancock on behalf of the NEBA proved very successful and suggestions proposed by the Council to be reviewed by the Exec – see attached.

2. **Apologies:** Freda Simpkin, Dave Dansie, Paul Costello, Jocelyn Gordon, Roger Chappel, Gordon Cockburn, Tony Watson, Pauline Durie.

3. **Finance:**

- Increase of 25p for entry fee for NEBA qualifying events approved
- Treasurer advised Council of 2p increase in P2P costs for 2016/17 as detailed in Chairman's letter dated 8th December 2015 to all Club Chairmans.

4. **NEBA Competitions – Chronicle Cup Format:**

CTD proposed that due to the fact that entries were diminishing for the Chronicle Shield and tables would therefore have to be reduced in the Final, the Chronicle Shield be scrapped and we only hold a Chronicle Cup Final of 12 tables playing 46 boards - the Chronicle Shield Trophy being presented to 2nd place. 50% qualifier ratio is applicable for the qualifier/semi final and final events. Council agreed to new format.

5. **Matters raised by Clubs:**

Motion proposed by Darlington BC regarding inter club teams being split geographically was voted against by Council. However discussions did indicate that travelling between clubs did prove to be a problem for some clubs and it was agreed that the sub-committee would meet asap to review this problem. Brian Hooper and Brian Pacey agreed to join sub-committee for these discussions and solution to be in place for start of next season.

6. **Minutes:**

Council Minutes 2.9.15. and Exec Minutes 2.12.15. approved. Matters arising to be discussed at next meeting.

7. **A.O.B.**

- Anne Bell advised she is not able to continue being Congress Secretary for the Chronicle Cup/Kempson Vases events as she is overseas. Elaine Purvis agreed to take over these 2 events.
Anne – Gazette Cups/Summer Pairs/ Club Championship Pairs/Teams.
Elaine – Chronicle Cups/Kempson Vases/all other direct entry events.
Details to be in next year's booklet which Council agreed should continue.
- Regional Support Officers:
Chairman gave a brief explanation of proposal from Northern CWG with regard to appointing a new RSO on a salaried basis initially funded by the EBU with a notional County levy which should average, say £100-£150 per County. Council was not in favour of proposal submitted. Chairman to advise CWG accordingly.

8. **Date of Next Meeting:** September 2016

9. **Presentation of the Dimming Fleming Award:**

This award is presented by the EBU in recognition for long standing services to bridge. Chairman presented the award to our Vice Chairman Liz Muir for her 25 years service to NEBA. Photo on the website.

As no other business meeting closed at 12.30 pm.

