

Bullet points of Meeting held at St Georges 15th February 2016:

In attendance: Val Gibson (Chair) Liz Muir (Vice Chair), David Gold (CTS), Gill Gold (CS), Mary Page (Secretary), Steve Ray (Treasurer), Pauline Durie (Assistant Secretary) and Roger Hancock (Durham BC)

Apologies: Norman Gray

As the proposed Away Day had been cancelled due to lack of numbers, it was agreed that Roger would do a one hour presentation at next Council Meeting 16th March 2016.

Points raised:

- Secretary advised of 2 complaints from Don Reid (Brunton) and Neil Aiston re NGS scoring not being done for NEBA events. CTD to investigate and respond.
- Ray Green had sent in formal complaint regarding revised format for Chronicle Cup. It was agreed as no official notification had been advised to the members this year's event would run as outlined in the booklet. Further events would be reduced to 6 tables for the Final playing 44 boards and 11 tables in the Shield playing 42 boards. (Amended at Council Meeting).
- Annual meeting between Club Chairman and Secretaries suggested might have some merit
- Secretary to investigate whether Bridge Webs could be used as a tool to communicate to members or whether EBU could facilitate emailing all members.
- Agreed to set up a Database for all events to monitor attendance
- All members of the Exec to produce a role description for the job/s
- To encourage attendance at Council meetings, try and make agenda more relevant by leaving previous minutes and action points to the end
- Importance of Website was emphasised as strong marketing tool – secretary to have a lead role here is ensuring website kept up to date
- Secretary to investigate advertising for all NEBA events in local newspapers
- Congress – CS to discuss with Neil Aiston regarding producing Congress Brochure
- Exec wanted to facilitate Council to be more proactive, raise issues and do everything we could to facilitate a good attendance at Council meetings.