



North Eastern Bridge Association

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Draft Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held at Gosforth on Wednesday 3.8.16.

In attendance: Liz Muir (Chair), David Gold (CTS), Gill Gold (CS), Mary Page (Secretary), Steve Ray (Treasurer), Nigel Durie (Vice Chair) Pauline Durie (Assistant Secretary) Norman Gray (CTD)

No	Item	Comments	Action
1.	Apologies	No apologies.	
2.	Reports:		
	Chairman	Chair advised she had made her first official visit as Chair to Morpeth BC and was made to feel very welcome and she was impressed by numbers attending, teaching facilities and friendly atmosphere at the Club.	
	Treasurer	Treasurer submitted accounts for last four month which showed a loss of £1214. Accounts discussed and it was agreed to look at the County Teams costs and direct entry events nearer the end of the financial year.	sr
	CTS	CTS advised he would be preparing invite for the NEL/Kempson Cup to go into the August newsletter and would also be finalizing revised NEBA Rules for the Website/Clubs/Tournament Secretaries.	dg
	CTD	CTD advised Sims Open Pairs at Hepscoth had gone off very well and although numbers were down everyone enjoyed the afternoon. A big thank you to Castle Morpeth/St Georges for hosting the events. MP were awarded at District Level. Licence for 2017 Congress had been granted by the EBU and date for 2018 Congress to be confirmed. CS to check with the Marriott. CC Pairs/CC Teams and Summer Pairs were reduced to one director. CTD to switch to EBUScore for all future events. Training to be provided for all directors. Carry forward rules for Gazette Cups to be changed to comply with EBU recommendations.	gg
	Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEBA email database has been set up using Mailchimp.com • Congress Poster/Leaflets have been sent to YBCA/MCBA/Cumbria/Westmorland/Kendal and Windemere • Poster sent to all clubs for Swiss Pairs event • Statistics for Direct Entries submitted. 	

3.	Sub-committee proposals	<p>Following discussions at last Council meeting on how to improve attendance at NEBA events, the sub-committee are proposing following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Newcomers event to be incorporated in the Congress on the Friday night. Chair to consult with Bridge Teachers. • Bridge mentors – Chair to investigate possible volunteers for members to contact if they have bidding and/or play problems. • Review direct entry competitions at end of this year’s calendar – VC to keep statistics for all events. • CTD to review scoring for the JC Salver to encourage more clubs to participate in CCT/CC Pairs • Replace Swiss teams event which has not been successful with Swiss Aggregate Pairs event – refer to Council • Re-introduce a simultaneous event in aid of charity – refer to Council • Exec to wear name badges for all NEBA events. 	lm lm nd ng mp mp
4.	Congress	CS advised application forms had been sent out to all the Clubs. Leaflets still to be sent to Berwick/East Scotland/past entries.	gg
5.	Exec minutes 17.5.16	Approved. No matters arising.	
6.	A.O.B.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bev Purvis (new EBU Club Liaison Officer) will be visiting NE this winter with a view to visiting non affiliated clubs. • Chair/Vice Chair to attend NCWG Meetings • Chair to attend EBU AGM 23.11.16. Secretary to send proxy to EBU • The EBU proposal to change the EBU Standing Committees to Sub Committees of the Board – Exec voted for Standing Committees to remain as elected officials, not appointed. Chair to advise EBU Chairman. • St Georges Bridge Centre have advised Exec that they will no longer host direct entry events as from next season. 	mp lm
7.	Date of Next Meeting	Council meeting – 5 th September 2016 – 10.30 am. Exec meeting – 2 nd November – 10.00 am.	

As no other business meeting closed at 1.30 pm.