



North Eastern Bridge Association

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Draft Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held at Gosforth on Tuesday 17th May 2016

In attendance: Liz Muir (Vice Chair), David Gold (CTS), Gill Gold (CS), Mary Page (Secretary), Steve Ray (Treasurer),

No	Item	Comments	Action
1.	Apologies	Val Gibson, Norman Gray, Pauline Durie.	
2.	Accounts	Treasurer presented Accounts for the AGM and explained loss of £1477 was due to the purchase of Bridge Mates and new cards for the Congress. Budget for 2016/17 shows a profit as no capital expenditure envisaged.	
3.	Congress 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CS advised leaflets will be ready for printing by end May Prizes agreed: Teams: 1st - £40, 2nd £25, 3rd £15 Pairs: 1st - £50, 2nd £40, 3rd £30, 4th £20, 5th £10 Wine prizes for top 3 pairs on Friday plus fastest riser. For Sunday Teams event a split meal break will be introduced to avoid any delays. PD to set up new database for past entries and Secretary to send leaflets to Counties. Secretary also to investigate Mailchip. 	gg gg ng pd/mp
4.	Calendar 2016/17	Calendar approved and has been posted on the website. A few changes were necessary due to room unavailability at Stannington.	
5.	Rules for 2016 Booklet	Current rules have been updated and need to be sent out to all the clubs/website/booklet.	dg/mp
6.	Sub-committee proposals re Inter Club	<p>The sub-committee have proposed to keep the current structure for inter club matches and only Division E will continue to be regionalised. However to try and deal with the problem of long distance travel for matches a new rule has been proposed for next season's matches :</p> <p>"Where the travelling time between the two participating clubs home venues exceeds ONE hour, the AWAY team is entitled to request a "half-way" venue. The HOME team MUST comply if such a request is made. The AWAY team will be responsible for arranging the "half-way" venue, with the room hire costs shared between the two clubs. If the chosen venue is at another NEBA club, the two "visiting" clubs will each pay £5 per team towards the cost of hiring bridge equipment and for the provision of tea/coffee. Both of the visiting teams will provide their own refreshments. The HOME team will be responsible for providing the match boards and bridge stationery."</p> <p>Exec approved both proposals.</p> <p>TS to amend current rules and advise all clubs accordingly.</p>	bp

7.	NGS Grades	CTD advised as Scorebridge was not able to deal with NGS scoring for all teams events we change to the EBU scoring programme EBUScore which is free. Recommendation accepted by the Exec.	ng
8.	Exec Minutes 2.12.15 and 15.2.16.	Minutes approved. No matters arising.	
9.	Council Minutes 16.3.16.	Noted.	
10.	Matters Arising	Sub-committee to review Council Members suggestions for improvements to NEBA. Date of meeting 5.7.16.	Sub- committee
11.	A.O.B.	Secretary raised the issue of engraving costs.	mp
12.	Date of next meeting	3 rd August 2016.	

As no other business meeting closed at 1 pm.