

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT CHESTER LE STREET CRICKET CLUB
MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2016

Present: Liz Muir (Chair), Nigel Durie (Vice Chair), Steve Ray (Treasurer), Pauline Durie (Assistant Secretary), David Gold (CTS), Gill Gold (Congress Secretary), Dick Davies (Morpeth), Brian Pacey (TS), Ken Spragg (Hartlepool)

Apologies: Norman Gray, Elaine Purvis, John Dobson, Brian Hooper, Mary Page

Finances: Treasurer states nothing significant to report. Results of changes to PTP and increase in entry fees not yet noticeable.

Congress entries important factor in state of finances – encourage entries and NE players should support this event.

Matters raised by clubs: There are detailed minutes of sub-committee meeting to discuss these on NEBA website.

Newcomers pairs to be included in Congress

Charity Sim pairs to be reintroduced. Council decision that the winner will choose which charity will benefit from proceeds

Chairman has sent out first Newsletter which has had some positive feedback

If need a new webmaster then they would need to start from scratch. Chairman has discussed with Neil who is going to carry on with his marvellous work for the foreseeable future.

Congress – early days so not many entries yet. Clubs are asked to publicise at every opportunity and to encourage local players to play even if only in some of the competitions.

Teaching course in the North: SR will find out the cost and aim to look at this for Spring or Summer next year. The previous course at Wearside was very successful and well attended.

Minutes of previous meeting accepted and approved.

Any other business:

LM – Discussion re advertising bridge clubs and classes in local paper, e.g. Northern Echo and Journal. SR to investigate prices. Clubs to be asked to discuss whether they would be willing to contribute towards the cost. NEBA would pay 50%

To have a quarter of a page advert in the journal/chronicle and evening gazette is

£600 inc vat for 2 in each

£1000 inc vat for 4 in each.

Feedback from clubs requested for next council meeting and suggest advertising for September 2017 at the beginning of the season.

Date of next meeting March 2017