

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 21ST April 2017 at Gosforth

PRESENT: Liz Muir, Steve Ray, Norman Gray, Mary Page, David and Gill Gold, Nigel Durie

1.	Apologies	None
2.	Finance	Treasurer submitted accounts for this year together with 2017/18 Budget. Attached.
3.	NEL/KEMPSON	<p>Due to falling numbers for the Kempson Cup and NE League (only 2 teams entered for 2017) it was agreed to completely change the format of these 2 competitions and introduce a new Competition (NEICKO) based on the EBU Nicko format.</p> <p>Entries will be made via the clubs and cost will be £5 for 1 team and £10 for 2 or more. All rounds to the final stage will be regionalised to minimise travelling. Every team will be drawn in a group of 2 or 3 teams and will be guaranteed at least 2 matches. Final format to be advised once number of teams known.</p> <p>Secretary to advise Club Secretaries of this Competition and posted details on the website.</p>
4.	Calendar 2017/18	Secretary advised the EBU had brought forward the Garden Cities qualifier for next year which means Inter Club 5 date would need to be changed to 15 th April 2018. Revised calendar to be posted on website.
5.	CONGRESS	Congress Secretary to prepare brochure asap to be able to advertise at Harrogate/Scarborough Congresses. Secretary to set up database to send out brochures via email including all other Counties and Scotland.
6.	BOOKLET	Secretary advised Bridge Overseas had agreed to advertise in our Booklet as well as First for Bridge which would reduce the production cost by £200.00.
7.	Exec Minutes	Exec Minutes 11.1.17 and 25.1.17 approved. No matters arising.
8.	Council Minutes	Minutes 21.2.17 noted. Matters arising: Current condition of all NEBA trophies to be investigated.
9.	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All officials willing to stand again next year. Vice Chair to investigate whether anyone from the South would be willing to join the Exec. • CTD/Secretary report submitted • Purchase of new laptop approved.
10.	Next meeting	Provisional date of 23.6.17. 10.30 am at Gosforth agreed. As no other business meeting closed at 1.00 pm.

