

Minutes of the Meeting of the NEBA Executive Committee

11th January 2017

Present: Liz Muir (Chair), Nigel Durie (Vice Chair), David Gold (Chief Tournament Secretary), Gill Gold (Congress Secretary), Steve Ray (Treasurer), Norman Gray (Chief Tournament Director), and Mary Page (Secretary) via Skype

Congress 2016: The Treasurer reported that The Congress made a loss of approximately £400 this year, due to declining numbers attending.

The CS reported that all feedback received this year was positive. Previous problems at meal times have all been addressed and the whole weekend ran extremely smoothly. The Newcomer's event was extremely successful.

In preparation for our next Congress, the Secretary is to set up a database of all those who attended this year, and previous years, with a view to contacting them in advance of next year's event. The entry form will be put in the website in a prominent position much earlier next year.

Congress 2017: Both the Congress Secretary and Treasurer had attended a meeting at the Marriott Hotel. The Marriott could not reduce their costs, but had come up with some suggestions. However, it was felt there would be no savings unless we only ran the Congress on Saturday and Sunday. Various options were discussed, but it was decided to hold a further meeting solely to discuss the Congress. This meeting will take place in 25/1/17.

The Secretary will contact the Yorkshire Bridge Association's Secretary, to ensure that the dates of their Inter-Cities competition does not clash with the Congress. Also, check Scottish calendar dates as our Congress always seems to clash with the Highland Congress at Aviemore.

Draft Calendar: with the exception of finalising the date of our Congress, the latest draft was accepted.

Complaint Received from Middlesbrough B.C.: The complaint received from Middlesbrough Bridge Club, re. Rule 19 of the Inter-Club competition, was discussed at length, with no final conclusion. It was decided to refer this to the forthcoming meeting of Club Chairmen and Secretaries on the 21st February 2017.

A list of clubs which are amenable to hosting half way venues will be made available. Clubs are reminded that it is the onus of the away team to arrange a mutually acceptable venue, not the Tournament Secretary.

Conduct Sub-Committee: The Conduct Sub-Committee have nothing further to report in the complaint received last year, and has concluded that the matter has been satisfactorily resolved.

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Matters Arising: None

Any Other Business:

- EBU P2P form has been completed and posted.
- The Secretary has received concerns from the Web Master that we are not sufficiently website aware. The Chair reminded us that each member of the Exec has a responsibility to report any item of news relevant to the NEBA. In future, to be included in the list of duties of Tournament Directors in charge of an event, is to invite a player to write a report of the event, highlighting its success. The Web Master will be invited to attend a meeting of the Executive in the summer, when he is not as busy with other matters.
- The Treasurer again raised concerns regarding NEBA finances and decisions have to be made with regard to County Teams' entries, hotel expenses and other matters. It was agreed matter to be raised at Chairmen and Secretaries meeting. Secretary and Chairman to discuss the agenda for this meeting, and get it sent out as soon as possible.

Date of Next Meeting: 25/1/17

Meeting closed at 12.30