

N.E.B.A EXECUTIVE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 20TH MARCH 2024 AT CHESTER-LE-STREET CRICKET CLUB AT 10.30A.M.

PRESENT:

SUE DAVIES (CHAIR)

MARION CURRAN (VICE-CHAIR)

CATHERINE FARRELL (SECRETARY)

BILL MARCH (TREASURER)

JILL ARMSTRONG (WEBMASTER)

DAVID GOLD (CHIEF TOURNAMENT SECRETARY)

JOHN PORTWOOD (CHIEF TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR)

GRAHAM COX (INTER-CLUB LEAGUE SECRETARY)

LIZ MUIR (CONGRESS 2024 SECRETARY)

THERE WERE NO APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

AGENDA:

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – These were accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING – Sue thanked Dave Armstrong for facilitating the last zoom meeting in Marions absence.

Liz Muir was co-opted onto the committee as the new Congress 2024 secretary.

There had been a complaint to NEBA after the Deane Salver and the informal approach had been unsuccessful and so Sue had asked Catherine to set up a sub-committee to deal with this. The sub-committee comprised Catherine Farrell, Bill March, Graham Cox and Nigel Durie. A statement from the committee had been read out to the Exec. and Sue asked for her thanks to the committee for all their hard work to be minuted.

CALENDAR AND NEBA EVENTS – There has been problems with some of the competitions – some have been cancelled due to lack of support. Some have had last minute pairs dropping out and then had to be run at a loss. NEBA has lost 1/3rd of its members since Covid so for the time being some competitions will have to go on hold. There is a zoom meeting for the Exec. before the AGM and the calendar for next year will be arranged then and the decision for shelving some competitions will be decided then.

CORWEN TROPHY, GARDEN CITIES AND PACHABO ENTRIES – Garden Cities – Brunton who qualified to play in this event are unable to put a team forward so we are waiting to find out if Darlington who were 2nd are able to attend.

PACHABO – Will be decided who can go forward for this after the Kempson Vases on 20th April 2024.

NBL – Online so no travelling. Presidents Cup – Entering a team. Marion is dealing with the NBL. There is trouble finding a suitable date with the Scottish teams at the present time the proposed date is 1st September. We are hoping to enter 2 teams in the NBL. A team will be selected and clubs are being approached to see if anyone with NGS of 10 or above is interested in playing in a B team.

OUR BOARD BUDDY – Paul Gibbons is looking for co-opted members NGS 9 or below to play in a Corwen Trophy in late 2024/25. This would be online so no travelling.

FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE – Jill who is NEBA representative for this is having a lot of problems with some clubs – emails go unanswered and she has had to ring up a number of clubs. The money collected for the charity to be sent to NEBA and the club would get recognition on the NEBA website. Thanked for their generous contribution but no amounts mentioned.

CONGRESS 2024 – Liz reported that if we get 80 people for the Congress then we would break even. The price works out at £110 for the full Congress. £5 for the Friday night newcomers. Includes a 2 course meal on the Saturday and a Carvery on the Sunday with teas and coffees included during the sessions.

A.O.B. – Sue reported that Catherine and herself had met with Hristo re. his behaviour at the last Congress. He accepted the comments and everything was handled amicably.

It was decided to hold a zoom meeting on Wednesday, 24th April at 10a.m. and the AGM would be held on 31st May at Stannington Bridge Club.

The meeting finished at 11.30a.m. followed by the Council meeting.