

N.E.B.A. Executive Council Meeting on Zoom Wednesday, 24th April 2024 at 10a.m.

Present:

Sue Davies (Chair)

Marion Curran (Vice Chair)

Catherine Farrell (Secretary)

Bill March (Treasurer)

Jill Armstrong (Webmaster)

David Gold (Chief Tournament Secretary)

Graham Cox (Inter-club league Secretary)

Liz Muir (Congress 2024 Secretary)

1. Apologies for absence – John Portwood (Chief Tournament Director)
2. Minutes of the last meeting – These were accepted as a true record
3. Matters arising – There was some discussion re. the Deane Salver Complaint from February. It was agreed that by the next f2f committee meeting the procedure for addressing complaints would be looked into and the process already in place would be checked to see if it could be improved. Garden Cities – Brunton who had qualified to play in this event had been unable to put a team forward and Darlington who were 2nd would now go forward and represent NEBA in this competition. Corwen Trophy – this is still in hand. Pachabo – the winning team from the Kempson Vases have yet to confirm if they will play in this competition.
4. Continuation of Exec. members – David Gold has expressed a wish to stand down at the next A.G.M. he was thanked for all his hard work in the past and now a new Chief Tournament Secretary will be sought.
5. N.E.B.A. competitions – There was a discussion about whether an earlier start time for competitions i.e. 1pm instead of 2pm might encourage more entries so the finish time is earlier giving people more time to get home before nightfall. Also it was asked whether the entry forms could have more information on them . Giving an approx. number of boards , what refreshments are available, tea break or not, approx.. finish time. NBL – Marion confirmed that there was enough for 1 team and possibly 2 if enough interest. The date in September for the Scottish Match to be confirmed. It was also suggested that we

put together a questionnaire for clubs to ask what their members would want from the NEBA competitions that would encourage them to enter.

6. EBU Competitions - The Presidents Cup have until the 21st May to enter. It was noted that the NEBA Gazette cup clashes with the EBU Garden Cities and the Presidents Cup clashes with the Swiss Teams at Brunton.
7. Calendar 2024-2025 – Graham agreed to look into putting a proposed Calendar together for the following year taking into account some of the suggestions put forward by Colin Mitchell at the last Council meeting.
8. Preparation for A.G.M. – This will be held at Stannington Bridge Club on Friday, 31st May 2024 at 6.30pm. Bill was asked to give a short commentary on the Accounts. Jill to give comments on the festival of bridge. Invitation for nominations, and Catherine to inform all members of the forthcoming AGM and any proposals for the agenda need to be submitted at least 7 days prior to the meeting. The proposed agenda would be on the lines of Chairs Report, Treasurers Report, Election of officers, Congress, Festival of Bridge , A.O.B. then finally presentation of trophies.
9. A.O.B. – Suggestions for the next Exec. Committee meeting were to discuss our procedure for complaints. Whether the meeting should be on zoom or f2f. This would be decided after the AGM.

The meeting concluded at 11.30a.m.