

N.E.B.A. Executive Council Meeting on Zoom on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 10.30a.m.

Minutes:

Present:

Sue Davies (Chair)

Marion Curran (Vice Chair)

Catherine Farrell (Secretary)

Jill Armstrong (Web Master)

Graham Cox (Inter-club league)

Helen Wildsmith (co-opted Chief Tournament Secretary)

Liz Muir (Congress Secretary 2024)

Apologies:

Bill March (Treasurer)

John Portwood (Chief Tournament Director)

1. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record

2. Matters Arising – The EBU changes to their Articles and Byelaws were discussed and were on the Agenda for the upcoming EBU AGM. It was decided that we would wait until after the EBU AGM before we started any work on the changes to our Constitution. Liz gave an update on the Congress which is covered in the Agenda.

3. Sue and Marion had both attended pre-AGM Zoom meetings given by the EBU and reported back on the proposed changes to their Articles and Bye-Laws.

4. The Executive Committee then voted for their EBU nominees for 5 places on the board. These were collected by Sue and Marion to be presented at the AGM.

5. Liz reported on the Congress 2024 which had been successful but with some changes for the future. She had expressed disappointment in the food on offer and was going to go back to the hotel with these concerns. She suggested that we had the same type of meal on the Saturday as we have on a Sunday. Also she suggested that we drop the Friday evening pre-congress pairs and just concentrate on the Saturday Swiss Pairs and Sunday Swiss Teams. She was going to discuss this with the hotel and see how much we would save concentrating on a 2 day Congress. We were awaiting the final figures from Bill for the Congress. Liz stated that she would not be the Congress Secretary for 2025 but would be willing to start the ball rolling and help the new Congress Secretary. So we need to find a new Congress Secretary for 2025.

6. Report on the NEBA Matches – The Scottish Match was very successful, the A team lost but the B team won their match and a very pleasant afternoon was had by all.

NEBA had performed very badly in the NBL and dropped from the B Division to the C Division. In the Presidents Cup we were somewhere in the middle. It was decided that we would still encourage players to enter the Tollemache and it would be promoted on the Website inviting people to put their names forward. Starting an online league was overwhelmingly voted in favour.

7. Graham had to make some changes to the Calendar the final of the Chronicle Cup would now be held at Wearside Bridge Club as Whitley Bay had lost their premises. Also the Kempson Vases would have to be moved to the Sunday, again at Wearside.

The Meeting concluded at 12 noon the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025 on Zoom.