

NEBA Executive Committee Meeting Wednesday, 12th January 2024 at 9.45 on Zoom

Present:

Sue Davies (Chair)
Bill March (Treasurer)
Catherine Farrell (Secretary)
Jill Armstrong (Webmaster)
David Gold (Chief Tournament Secretary)
John Portwood (Chief Tournament Director)
Graham Cox (Inter-Club League Secretary)

Apologies:

Marion Curran (Vice Chair)

Minutes of the last meeting – These were accepted as a true record

Matters Arising – There were no matters arising

Congress 2023:

This was considered to be a resounding success and enjoyed by everyone. Overall we made a small loss (£335). This was attributed to increased charges by the hotel and reduced numbers attending. There was 1 incident on the Saturday which involved 2 North East players and the TD on the day. It was felt that they had overstepped the mark and broke the BB@B rules in front of visiting opposition. It was decided that Sue (the Chair) will contact the party involved and discuss the matter with them so there is no repetition in the future.

Congress 2024:

It was decided by the committee that we would press ahead with organising another congress this year. The weekend of 1st-3rd November despite another increase in costs. The Secretary, the Chair and the Vice-Chair (if available) will arrange an appointment with the Senior Event Manager at the Delta Marriott to finalise everything.

Handling Enquiries coming into NEBA:

This was decided that the current situation where enquiries come to the attention of the Secretary and the Webmaster were adequate.

Organising online Competitions :

It was decided that Trophies would only be awarded to local participants (if successful) as it was impossible to send out valuable trophies.

NEBA Selection:

Bill March made the point that there had been a breakdown in communication and anyone with concerns about the selection process should contact himself or John Gladders who were the selectors. Jill agreed to put something on the website to direct anyone with queries about the selections to them. Otherwise they were in the dark about any problems arising.

Deane Salver:

It was decided that as this was an online competition it would be opened up to non-NEBA members but they wouldn't qualify for the Trophy if successful. Also as there was no cost of venue to take into consideration the entry fee would be reduced to £5. There was some discussion as to whether this event should be kept as present to mixed pairs only or opened up to all pairs. It was decided to leave things as they are this year and revisit it again after the event at the next meeting.

TD Training:

The Secretary had had an enquiry about TD training . At present there are no plans to hold TD training in this area unless there is more interest shown. These courses are run and organised by the EBU which have a full list of training dates either online or at a venue. It was agreed that NEBA would help subsidize the online course in return for feedback about the course and how valuable they found it.

Finally, it was agreed that the next Executive Committee meeting would be on Wednesday, 20th March 2024 at Chester-le-Street followed by a full Council meeting. The meeting concluded at approximately 12-15p.m.