

# NCBA Management Committee Minutes of Committee Meeting

11<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Meeting was held via Zoom. Present:

Bill Chadwick (Chair), Rob Miller (Vice Chair), Ross Stacey (Treasurer), Tim Durdin (Secretary), Trevor Thrower (County Selector & EBU Shareholder), Nicki Bainbridge (Heart of England), Graham Dolby (Kettering), Fred Davis (Bourne).

1. Apologies for absence received from: Mark Tilley, Gary Upton, Derek Wright, Brian Harrison
2. Minutes of the previous meeting- *agreed* as a true record.
3. Matters arising, not covered under other agenda items:  
The Chairman has not been able to locate 2 missing trophies.
4. Chairman's Report
  - (a) The May Green Point pairs event at Northampton BC went well, with 30 pairs playing. The Chairman thanked Northampton BC, Nicki, Jim and Ross for their roles in organising, directing, scoring and hosting the event.
  - (b) The County SIMS was held on Monday, with 107 pairs across the County participating. The Chairman thanked Nicki and Rob for their contributions. Money raised will go to Cancer Research.
  - (c) Two County matches have been played vs Herts and Essex. The A team won both matches, B & C teams have won 1 match each. The Napiers have made their debut in the C team.  
The Chairman thanked Trevor.
  - (d) The Broke Cup draw has been made, with 10 teams entered.
  - (e) Gary Upton is organising the County Inter-Club league for Teams of 4.
  - (f) Jane Reeve has resigned as Stamford BC representative. Trevor will act as Stamford rep until another rep is appointed.
5. Treasurer's Report  
Ross circulated his report prior to the meeting. The County is breaking even in the current financial year due to the surplus of £380 from the May GP event.
6. County Calendar  
This has been updated, see <http://tinyurl.com/tk7pv5cs>. There is no room in November calendar for the Eden Cup. This will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> April
7. Competitions report
  - (a) Broke Cup & Betts Bowl      10 teams entered. Draw has been made,
  - (b) Lakeland Trophy              16<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2025. Venue Kettering BC TBC Action: Graham
  - (c) Kettering Trophy              Will try for A "9-high" teams of 4. Entry limited to pairs with max mean NGS of 9.
  - (d) Green-pointed Swiss Pairs    Sat May 17<sup>th</sup> 2025 at Northampton BC. TBC. Action: Ross
  - (e) Geoff Walshaw Cup            No interest in reviving this rubber bridge event
  - (f) Winter League                  No interest in reviving this event
  - (g) Eden Cup                         6<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 on RealBridge
8. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 6pm (Zoom).

9. Any Other Business

(a) Festival of Bridge: Bourne BC has held an Open night, 8 new people. Stamford BC will hold an Open day on Sunday. Fred asked that a Festival review be added to next meeting's agenda.

(b) The EBU is proposing to change the EBU Articles of Association & Bye-Laws at the November 27<sup>th</sup> AGM, which will be a "hybrid meeting", live & Zoom. The proposals will be published in September, with 4 Zoom meetings in October to answer queries about the changes.

(c) Nicky Bainbridge reported that she and David Parry will again stand for election to the EBU board at the AGM. She is seeking the county's support.