NORTHERN BRIDGE LEAGUE SPECIAL MEETING 2021

**Held online on Thursday 22nd April 2021 at 3pm**

**1 Present**

B Kaye (Chairman/Merseyside)

T Ward (Cumbria)

J Smith, J Stanforth (Lancashire)

I Davies, R Lighton (Manchester)

J Hampson (Merseyside)

S Davies, J Staniforth, N Woolven (Yorkshire)

J Ellwood (Westmorland)

**2 Apologies for Absence**

M Rothwell (Cumbria), B Brelsford (Lanacashire)

**3 Agenda**

The meeting was held to decide on arrangements for Online NBL Bridge League later in the year – in particular, County voting method, Adam Wiseberg or Sarah Amos quotations, BBO or RealBridge.

**4a County Voting**

It was agreed on one vote per County on the subsequent decisions. There would be 6 Counties present to vote and no voting input from the 2 non-present Counties (North East & Lincs)..

**4b Management of an NBL Online League Season**

The Chairman outlined the history that Adam Wiseberg had initially offered to take over league running, but that had been declined, so he had given us a quote which had been circulated and approved in principle, but there had been suggestions that we get a second quote from Sarah Amos which had been at a lower cost. Subsequently, Adam had amended his quote to match Sarah’s lower tender. The quotes equally covered the essential requirements. The meeting voted 4 to 2 votes in favour of Adam Wiseberg.

**4c BBO or RealBridge**

There was generally more security and easier management on RealBridge although it was recognised that mainly due to technical difficulties, there could be some players who may be reluctant to use RealBridge. The meeting voted 4 to 2 votes in favour of RealBridge.

**5 Any Other Business**

Stuart had done several projected cost spreadsheets. The following fees were agreed.   
County Fee £20 per team. Money to be sent to Stuart by 31st May 2021

Table Money £3:50 per player (same for Juniors [under 26]?)

**6 Proposed Online NBL League/Dates 2021**

Sat 10th July 2021, Sat 21st August 2021, Sat 18th September 2021, Sat 9th October 2021

The exact composition of Teams is to be finalised but will be based closely on the expected teams in 2020.

**7 Any Other Business**

1. Matches will start at 11:00 (instead of 12:00) with a break of around 45 minutes around 2pm
2. Each player will pay directly for entry to Adam although Counties are free to make their own arrangements and submit to Adam as a County fee.
3. Adam would make arrangements for the website in liaison with Rodney who would translate the main information to the current website.

The meeting ended at 3:30pm. The Chairman thanked Julia Staniforth for operating the meeting on a Yorkshire BC Zoom account.